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NURSING P.I.E.R.

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Conference 2025

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LYNN MALERBA, DNP, RN

Chief, Mohegan Tribe &
US Treasurer, 2022-2024



This second annual one-day event brings together nursing professionals, educators, researchers and innovators to explore and discuss the evolving landscape of nursing in the 21st century.

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Nursing P.I.E.R. *Agenda*

08:00am -
08:45am

**Registration & Morning
Refreshments**

08:45am -
09:00am

Opening Remarks

Dr. Karen Daley, Dean, The Dr. Susan L. Davis, RN
& Richard J. Henley College of Nursing

09:00am -
10:00am

Keynote Address

Lynn Malerba, DNP, MPA, RN
Chief, Mohegan Tribe &
US Treasurer, 2022-2024

10:00am -
10:15am

Poster viewing / Break

10:15am -
11:30am

CNE/CNO/COO Panel

Moderated by Dr. Tina
Loarte-Rodríguez

11:30am -
12:30pm

**Lunch, Poster viewing,
SimLab Tours**

12:30pm -
01:45pm

**Nursing
Hackathon**

01:45pm -
02:45pm

PIER Talks 1 (4 speakers)

02:45pm -
03:00pm

Poster viewing / Break



03:00pm -
04:00pm

04:00pm -
04:30pm

PIER Talks 2 (4 speakers)

**Closing Ceremonies,
Awards Presentation,
and Evaluation**

Dr. Cynthia O'Sullivan

Master of Ceremonies

Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Global Nursing
The Dr. Susan L. Davis, RN & Richard J. Henley College of Nursing

Distinguished Panelists



Dr. Susan Davis
Managing Partner, Healthcare
Strategic Solutions



Dr. Karen Daley, Dean,
The Dr. Susan L. Davis,
RN & Richard J. Henley
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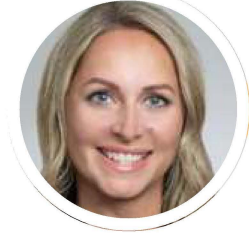
Dr. Anna Cerra, CNO
YNHH Greenwich Hospital



Dr. Ellen Komar, CNE
Stamford Health



Liz Longmore, COO
Stamford Health



Christina McCulloch, President-
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Sarah Matney, CNO
Connecticut Children's



Michelle Robertson, COO
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Northwell



Dr. Ena Williams, CNE
Yale New Haven Health



Dr. Lynn Malerba
Chief, Mohegan Tribe &
US Treasurer, 2022-2024



Dr. Tina Loarte-Rodríguez
(Moderator)
Executive Director, The Connecticut
Center for Nursing Workforce

Distinguished P.I.E.R. Talk Speakers

(in alphabetical order)

Aisha Chahal, EdD, RN
Navninder Kaur, EdD, CMSRN, RN
Western Connecticut State University

Category: Revolutionizing nursing education

Abstract Title: Comparing standardized patient with manikin to teach cultural concepts to nursing students

Joseph Fetta, PhD, RN, CNRN
Quinnipiac University

Category: Artificial intelligence in nursing education

Abstract Title: From concept to care: Empowering student nurses to solve wicked problems with AI

Andrea Elise Flannery, DNP, FNP-BC
Northwell Health-South Shore University Hospital

Category: Translating research into practice

Abstract Title: Implementing STOP-BANG screening for obstructive sleep apnea in primary care: A quality improvement initiative

Susan A. Goncalves, DNP, MS, RN-MEDSURG-BC, GERO-BC
Sacred Heart University

Category: Strengthening the nursing workforce

Abstract Title: Engaging the four generations of nursing: Strategies for a multigenerational workforce

Cheryl Green, PhD, DNP, RN, LCSW, CNL, CNE, ACUE, MAC, FAPA
Yale New Haven Health- Bridgeport Hospital

Category: Nursing leadership in action

Abstract Title: Targeting talent at the time of hire and beyond: The art of succession planning

Millie Hepburn, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, SCRNP
Sacred Heart University

Category: Advancing nursing research

Abstract Title: Advances in interprofessional education across the spectrum of healthcare: Lessons learned and next steps

Christina Lewis BSN, RN,
Kathrine Zimmermann BSN, RN, PCCN, &
Caroline Giunta MSN, RN, PCCN
Northwell Health - South Shore University Hospital

Category: Nurses as innovators

Abstract Title: Early mobilization of hospitalized patients: A nurse-led, QR code-driven approach

Karen Mulvihill DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ACHPN, FPCN
Nuvance Health, part of Northwell Health

Category: Expanding nursing practice

Abstract Title: Advance care planning in primary care: A quality improvement pilot project



Podium

Nursing P.I.E.R. Conference Poster Presenters

(in alphabetical order)

John Brennan, DNP, RN, CPHQ

Quality and Safety Nurse

Yale-New Haven Health - Bridgeport Hospital

Abstract Title 1: Impact of an intravenous (IV) team on central line associated blood stream infections (CLABSI)

Abstract Title 2: Reducing blood culture contamination rates through the use of a dedicated intravenous (IV) team

Abstract Title 3: Contamination to clarity: Reducing blood culture contaminations by implementing an initial specimen diversion technique

Abstract Title 4: Utilizing technology to change practices & reduce falls

Christine Dunning, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, CCE, CBC

Clinical Professional Development Educator

Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital

Abstract Title 1: LAST Stop - Local anesthesia systemic toxicity collaborative education

Abstract Title 2: Night educators light the way: Building confidence, resiliency & competence in novice nurses

Christie Falcone, BSN, RN

Associate Clinical Professional Development Educator

Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital

Abstract Title: Standardizing clinical judgment evaluation in the Emergency Nurse Residency Program

Nicole Geiger, MSN, RN, NP-BC, CPN, C-EFM

Clinical Professional Development Educator

Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital

Abstract Title: Cross-training a perinatal Float Team

Cheryl Green, PhD, DNP, RN, LCSW, CNL, CNE, MAC, FAPA

Off-Shift Nurse Admin. / DNP Chair

Yale New Haven Health / Abilene Christian University

Abstract Title: When caring goes haywire: The Hollow Theory on Bullying in Nursing

Mary Judson, MSN, RN, CCRN, NP-BC

Nursing Professional Development Specialist

Yale New Haven Health - Bridgeport Hospital

Abstract Title: Empowering excellence: Nurse educator-led CCRN study group

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to tackle pressing challenges in
through innovative thinking
ogy. This event, part of the broader
Conference, encourages
urses, nurse tech experts
critical solutions
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Marguerite A. Lawrence, DNP, FNP-BC, PHCNS-BC, MA
Associate Clinical Professor
Sacred Heart University

Abstract Title: Can you hear me now? The use of audio and visual announcements to increase instructor social presence in an online asynchronous graduate nursing course

Marguerite A. Lawrence, DNP, FNP-BC, PHCNS-BC, MA
Associate Clinical Professor
Jeannette Barrows Koziel, DNP, MSN, APRN, NPC
Assistant Clinical Professor
Jenna Bauer, DNP, FNP-BC
Assistant Clinical Professor
Erin Sherman, DNP, FNP-BC
Adjunct Faculty
Sacred Heart University

Abstract Title: Empowering digital pedagogical change: The role of course champions in online education

Deborah Morrill, EdD, MS, RN
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Southern Connecticut State University

Abstract Title: Beyond the checklist: Enhancing clinical judgment through scenario-based lab learning

Maureen Munson, MSN, RN, CEN
Senior Director for Patient Care Services
Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital
Abstract Title: Discovery mission: Launching the "RN Galaxy" program

Blaise Nieve PhD, PhD, RN, CMSRN, NEA-BC
Clinical Nurse IV
Duke University Hospital
Abstract Title: Path analysis of intent to stay among Filipino nurses in the United Kingdom

Shannon Pranger, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, CNE, CHSE
Clinical Assistant Professor
Sacred Heart University
Abstract Title: Increasing empathy in undergraduate nursing students by using a corrections facility clinical experience



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Gabriella Romeo-Diabola DNP, FNP-BC

Northwell Health Physician Partners - Southshore University Hospital

Kathleen Shurpin, PhD, ANP-C, NPP

Program Director, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Stony Brook School of Nursing

Abstract Title: The impact of a transitional care intervention on medication adherence, health-related quality-of-life, and hospital readmissions.

Melissa Scollan-Koliopoulos, EdD, DNP, FNP, PMHMP, CDCES

Associate Professor/Assistant Director

Sacred Heart University

Abstract Title: The impact of a transitional care intervention on medication adherence, health-related quality-of-life, and hospital readmissions.

Alba Thomas, MSN, RN, CV, NPD-BC

Nurse Educator

Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital

Abstract Title: Forging futures: Academic partnership and clinical collaboration

Gladys Vallespir Ellett, PhD, RN, IBCLC

Assistant Professor

Quinnipiac University School of Nursing

Abstract Title: Connect, inspire, and support: An innovative pre-immersion program designed to enhance student retention and success

Casey Veneziano, BSN, RN

Clinical Professional Development Educator

Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital

Abstract Title: When two become one: Merging ASC and PACU into the Surgical Services Unit

Meghan Walter, MSN, RN

Director, Clinical Professional Development

Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital

Abstract Title: Mock it 'till you make it!

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