



# member SPOTLIGHT



## Dr. Donna Havens RN

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The love and support of family is the underpinning of a life dedicated to the pursuit of increasing the nursing professions' body of knowledge. The joy that comes with, "seizing the happy moments," is the personal mantra of Dr. Donna Havens. It is this joy that shines through in speaking with Dr. Havens regarding her career contributions and the presentation she has prepared as a keynote speaker for ALSN's 2020 conference.

As an early careerist, Dean Havens understood the importance of ALSN's mission. She held office; always working to connect educator and practitioner in their quest for nursing leadership research with practical applications. She is proud of where the organization is today; specifically, its robust membership and contributions to the caring sciences. Placing

thoughts into action, she and her colleagues have embarked on a research study fondly nick-named, C.H.A.M.P.S. The study will help identify current workforce challenges, and perhaps describe what the nursing workforce of the future might look like.

Dean Havens was honored to accept the invitation to address the ALSN conference. This is a key note speaker that you will not want to miss. She is a nursing treasure. Her open-hearted demeanor will capture your attention, but it is the wisdom that she imparts that will keep you wanting to hear more. In step with the conference theme, "**A Look Back to Move Forward**," her keynote will seamlessly connect nursing in the 1820's with nursing in the 2020's. **Spoiler alert** - think about Florence, sharing her infection control wisdom; hygiene, handwashing, and fresh air. Now think about the importance of respiratory hygiene, hand-washing and social distancing in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Havens expressed that The Year of the Nurse and Midwife, was the perfect time to honor these truths.

If there is a silver lining to the pandemic, Dr. Havens believes it is "people finally understanding what nurses do. It is a perfect time to determine what "right looks like!" Dr. Havens encourages us to share the positive organizational scholarship that is happening in nursing across the world. Her presentation will inform, but also promises to instill pride in being an ALSN member. Dean Havens, has made significant contributions to the nursing profession as nurse, professor, dean and scholar. Come listen and share in the joy!



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