New River Nursing Students Participate in Nurse Unity Day at the Legislature

[Summersville, WV] A delegation of students and faculty from the New River Community and Technical College School of Practical Nursing participated in the West Virginia Nurses Association Nurse Unity Day at the Legislature on Feb. 25.

The group included 11 students from New River's Nicholas County Campus and the nursing program's Pocahontas County cohort. The students were accompanied by faculty members Rebecca Legg, RN, BSN, instructor on the Nicholas County Campus in Summersville; Julia McDade, RN, BSN, Pocahontas County cohort instructor; and Joyce Egnor, RN, MSN, director of the New River School of Practical Nursing.

The theme of this year's event was "Nurses: Leaders in Health Reform."

Activities included a panel discussion of health reform initiatives moderated by Delegate Barbara Hatfield, RN; a presentation on "The Scope of Nursing Practice" by Pamela Alderman, chair of the WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses; and a presentation entitled "Documenting How Nurses Make a Difference: NDNQI (National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators) and New Frontiers in Quality Care" by Mary Fanning, director of nursing administration for WVU Hospitals.

The students also participated in a march to the Capitol, observed part of a senate session and learned about the nursing field and employment opportunities from
exhibiting vendors. The trip also gave the students a chance to enjoy some informal
time with fellow students and faculty members. The students were enthusiastic about
both the content of the presentations and the opportunity to spend time with New River
colleagues.

“The panel discussions and presentations were very informative. The vendors
were very helpful and answered student questions well. Our students were very
professional in appearance and behavior. We are so proud of them,” Joyce Egnor
commented.

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Photo Caption: New River Community and Technical College representatives participating in
Nurse Unity Day in Charleston included first row (kneeling) left to right Amber Boggs, Kristina
Tenny, Rebecca Legg, RN (instructor), Karen Rogers, Temper Hancock; Holly Mullins;
second row (standing) left to right Julia McDade, RN (instructor), Melonie Gibson, Michelle
Workman, Steven Dent, Luchanne Rockhold, Millie Bailes, Hollie Goldizen, Lori Simmons,
Jessica Kiss, Jenny Irvin, Linda Dickens and Joyce Egnor, RN, (instructor).