



NURSING STUDENTS FOR CHOICE

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Photo caption: NSfC students at the CLPP 2012 annual conference *From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom.*

Nursing Students for Choice

is a collaborative, nationwide organization that works to promote women's health and reproductive rights



Summer 2012 Newsletter Note from the President

Hello summer! How did you get your news about the Supreme Court upholding Obamacare? Was it from the Affordable Care Cat, explained by scenes from The O.C., or was it simply gratitude-flavored? We at NSfC shared a great link from Jezebel on our Facebook page about how the ruling will affect vaginas everywhere. We are beyond excited about what this means for reproductive health care.

On campuses, our chapters are reporting bigger years than ever. At Yale, NSfC members successfully pushed for multiple curriculum reforms, including the incorporation of hands-on MVA training for WHNP students and inclusion of misoprostol in the RN pharmacology class. At Johns Hopkins, student members in an obstetrics class sensed a lack of abortion care education, and in response organized presentations scheduled immediately after class time. Even without the faculty support for inclusion, these post-class sessions had a great turnout.

We saw master's programs at two universities face the threat of closure, but come out on top. NSfC helped spread the word to get signatures for the petition to save the master's nursing program at UC-San Francisco. Read more in this newsletter about how the University of Washington Nurse Midwifery Education Program was saved in part from a strong student response in mobilizing the community.

The transformation coming down from DC and all around the U.S. will amplify what we're accomplishing right now as well as increase the impact of what we're up to next in every campus chapter and throughout the nation.

Thank you for your continued support of NSfC!

Yours in Choice,
Erika M. Staub RN, PHN

What We've Been Up To

We've been busier than ever at National NSfC!



Board members Erika Staub and Becky McIntyre

We've had great opportunities to get the word out about NSfC.

Board members Jacqui Quetal and Erika Staub had speaking engagements early this year: Erika was the keynote speaker at the Annual Western Mass Roe v. Wade event and Jacqui spoke and introduced Carol Joffe at the Emergency Medical Assistance fundraising event in Florida.

In addition to attending annual conference for several years and being active within the board, we're excited about our continued efforts to further develop the Professional Student Coalition for Reproductive Justice (PSCRJ).

NSfC had an article featured in On The Issues magazine about NSfC and the importance role that nurses play in healthcare. Read it at <http://www.ontheissuesmagazine.com/cafe2/article/201>.

Finally, we're eager to report that our increased support from foundations has brought us closer than ever to be ready to hire a much-needed staff person.

We've supported a lot of students to be able to attend key conferences.

NSfC was a conference sponsor and brought 14 students from 3 schools to Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program (CLPP) in Amherst Mass in April.

In April, NSfC brought 15 students from 5 schools to the annual NAF conference where we had an exhibit table and sold buttons.

We attended the Clinicians for Choice Day. We're excited to report that CFC is up in membership and up in popularity! There was a strong representation of Advanced Practice Clinicians and students who want to expand their scope of practice and improve health care for women.

We encourage APC's and APC bound students to join. Learn more about Clinicians for Choice at www.prochoice.org/cfc/about_cfc.html.



Focus on a Chapter: Johns Hopkins University Nursing Students for Reproductive Health and Justice

NSfC spends a few minutes with former Johns Hopkins chapter leader Allison Rapp, who will start work this fall as an RN in New York City.

When was this chapter founded?

March 2011

How many students are in this chapter?

Last year we had about a dozen active members who attended monthly meetings and helped to organize events. There are a huge number of students on our listserve who are interested in staying informed and attending events.

What key activities did your chapter participate in?

During the 2011-2012 academic school year, NSRHJ brought in two guest speakers, advocated for curriculum changes to cover family planning and abortion, established a patient support program with the abortion services at a local hospital, tabled at various events, and collaborated with other reproductive rights groups in the public health school, medical school, and community on events. As part of the patient support program, interested NSRHJ members attended a two-hour training then were able to provide support for patients before, during, and after abortion procedures.

Did your group face any resistance from faculty and/or students when you worked to advocate curriculum changes?

Our group was met with resistance from the faculty based on time constraints and the argument that abortion is not covered on the NCLEX. To fill in the gaps in the curriculum, our group brought in two speakers this year to present talks on "Abortion Myths and Realities" and "The Roles of Nurses in Abortion Care". Faculty and students have been very supportive of these events. Both talks had an overwhelming attendance by faculty and students and were followed by engaging and productive discussions.

How has the national NSfC has been able to support the JHUNSRHJ?

The umbrella NSfC organization has been very supportive of the JHU chapter. They are always enthusiastic about and supportive of our work, eager to connect us with helpful resources, and provide materials for tabling.

Any tips for other NSfC chapters?

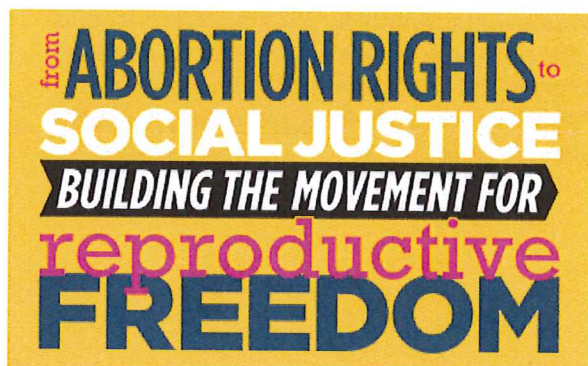
I think it's important to remember that simply being a presence in our schools is so important. Don't be afraid to advertise your events. Simply by hanging flyers around the school advertising a lecture on abortion and talking about abortion in the context of the legal medical procedure that it is, we are helping to destigmatize and demarginalize abortion.



UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. LOUIS, MO - NOVEMBER 10 and 11, 2012



November 9-11, 2012. Save the date for the annual **Medical Students for Choice** meeting in St. Louis Mo. Lectures and interactive workshops include: abortion and family planning, hands-on training in reproductive health skills, international family planning, and advocacy and activism.

NSfC has been bringing students to MS4C since 2007! We want to bring 35 - 40 students to this conference and will cover registration and housing and provide a travel stipend. Email Erika at EMStaub5171@gmail.com to get on the list.

www.ms4c.org

April 12 -14, 2013. Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program (CLPP) conference is looking for student, community, and academic activists to propose workshops and presentations for their 2013 conference. CLPP's annual conference brings together activists and academics from across the U.S. and the world to provide timely and relevant ideas and information that inspire and support thought, reflection, growth, and collaboration across communities and generations. This is a great opportunity for all NSfC members. Proposals are due **September 17**. Learn more about how to submit a proposal.

<http://clpp.hampshire.edu/conference>

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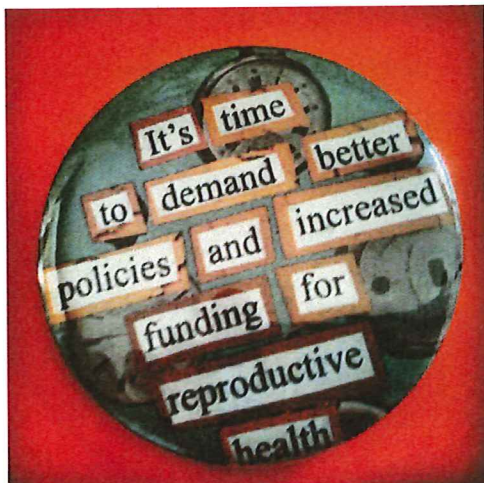
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The University of Washington Nurse Midwifery Education Program - SAVED!

Tara Cardinal, RN, BSN, MN updates NSfC on how the health community stood up to save this important program.



As many of you know, the School of Nursing faculty voted to eliminate the Nurse Midwifery, Neonatal and Perinatal programs during a meeting called over the holiday break last December. I am delighted to share that a swift student response led to a mobilization of the community, professional organizations and legislators. A petition was started on change.org that secured the attention of administration within the university, media, legislators and the community as it garnered over 4,400 signers! The state affiliate and national American College of Nurse Midwives lent their full support as they realized immediately the negative impact the loss of this quality education program would have on the maternal and child health status of this region and nationally.

Students organized lobby days, two of them coinciding with those of the Midwives of Washington State and with the Washington State Nurses Association. Both of these organizations made the closure of this program

one of their top issues to discuss with legislators! These collective efforts encouraged the Provost to appoint an interim-dean - who then organized an internal review committee. Ultimately, the multidisciplinary committee determined that the programs should not be eliminated but acknowledged that they, along with the rest of the school, would experience changes.

Thank you all for your incredible support - we couldn't have done it without you! You affirmed that the woman-centered high-touch, low-cost midwifery care is an essential component of reducing our nation's high maternal and infant mortality rates and critical in our collective march forward toward health reform. You demonstrated with your voices that the loss of these programs directly correlated to a depreciation of the health and well being of women, infants, families and communities of Washington State, the WWAMI region and beyond. Collectively, your message that how well we care for women and children reflects who we are as a society came across loud and clear.

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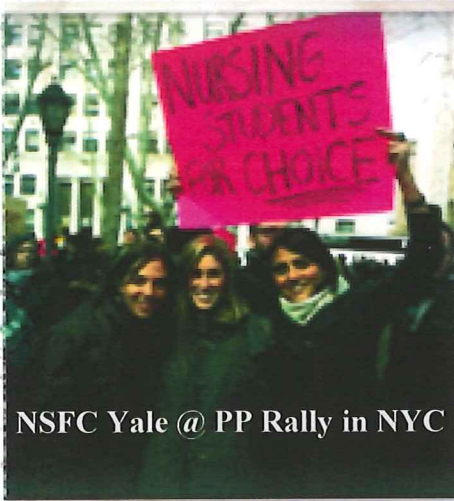
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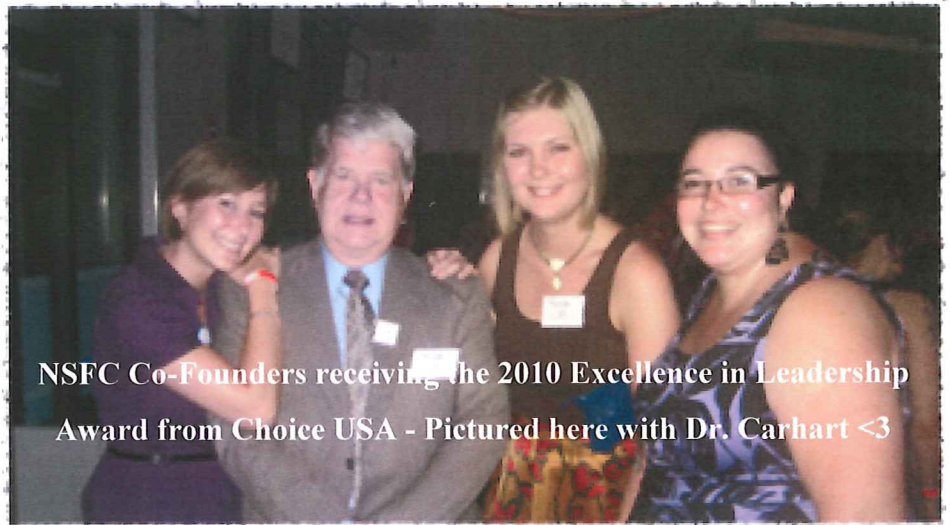
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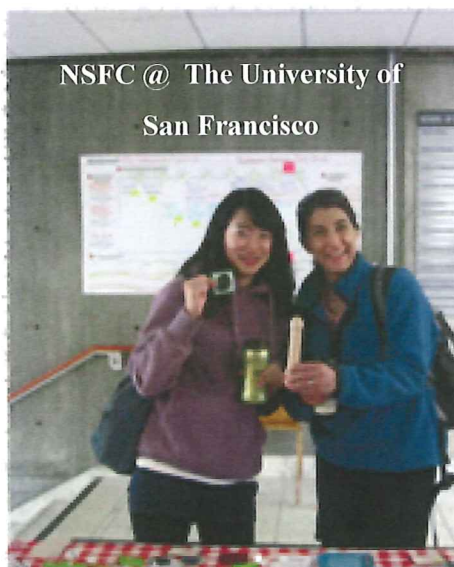
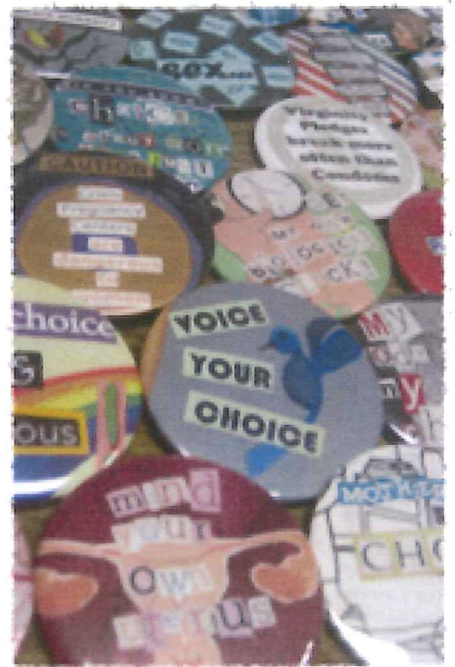
NSFC Yale @ PP Rally in NYC



NSFC Co-Founders receiving the 2010 Excellence in Leadership Award from Choice USA - Pictured here with Dr. Carhart <3



NSFC members at the 2010 MS4C conference in Lombard, Illinois



NSFC @ The University of San Francisco

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We are looking for nursing students who are interested in careers in reproductive health and want to bring pro-choice activism to their campuses! NSFC continues to outreach to students across the country with the help of our generous supporters. To find out how to join or donate, visit our website.

www.nursingstudentsforchoice.org

