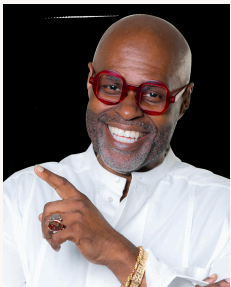


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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Leven "Chuck" Wilson, MSW

The Value of Thank You

Leven "Chuck" Wilson is an accomplished and credentialed mental health professional with experience in the diverse areas of behavioral therapy, community engagement, social justice and crisis management. Combining his background as a social worker, he addresses wellness and wellbeing, including its impact on mental health.



SPEAKER

Nathan Paul, EMT-B

Working with Workplace Violence

My name is Nathan Paul. I am a 15-year veteran of the St. Patrick Hospital Security Department. Within the Security Department, for 10-years I have been a certified Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor. When I'm not working, I'm likely to be fishing on any of our awesome rivers or backpacking to an alpine lake.



SPEAKER

Curt Swenson

Embracing Personal Accountability

Curt Swenson, CEO at FutureSYNC, International, is a certified Master Trainer & Facilitator, Master Coach, and Instructional Development expert. Curt and his wife, Ann, have five children, and are proud grandparents. They are very proud to call Montana home and enjoy playing in the outdoors and traveling as much as possible.



SPEAKER

Laura Irvin, MHL, BSN

Assessing AI's Influence in Healthcare

Laura has extensive experience as an RN, with a diverse background that spans multiple healthcare settings. Since co-founding LCI, Laura has earned a Master's degree in Health Leadership and has developed a passion for Nursing Professional Development. Her work has afforded her a unique perspective on the integration of technology systems, project management, and NPD practices.

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SPEAKER

Carrie Miller, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE-A, IBCLC,FAAN

What is Your "Next" in
Simulation- Based
Learning

Carrie Miller Ph.D., RN, CNE, CHSE-A, IBCLC, FAAN graduated with her BSN from Oregon Health Sciences University in 1991, her MSN-ED from the University of Phoenix in 2006, and her Ph.D. from Washington State University in 2013. Dr. Miller has published in several peer-reviewed journals and contributes to simulation science by offering her expertise as a peer reviewer for several journals focusing on simulation and maternal/newborn content. Dr. Miller is active in the International Nursing Association Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) through her work on the Education Committee and the INACSL Simulation Education Program (ISEP). Dr. Miller has created the Washington State Simulation (WSSP) task force. WSSP provides simulation expertise to the Washington Board of Nursing and simulation centers across Washington state to provide simulation faculty development on best practices.



SPEAKER

Addie Kelly, BSN, RN

Implanted Cardiac
Devices

Addie Kelly has been a Registered Nurse in the Cardiology Device Clinic since 2017. She specializes in the management and care of patients with pacemakers, ICDs, and diagnostic devices. With a strong focus on patient education and device monitoring, Addie has developed expertise in ensuring optimal device function and improving patient outcomes through consistent follow up and support.



SPEAKER

Brenda Donaldson, BAN, RN, NPD-BC

Empowering Patients:
Strategies to Enhance
Health Literacy &
Understanding

As a graduate of Carroll College, Brenda has practiced for 38 years in a variety of roles in the nursing profession. To remain engaged in her profession, she has changed her focus in nursing practice every 10 years to include Med/Surg, Interventional Radiology, Endoscopy, Perioperative, and Nursing Professional Development. She obtained board certification with each specialty change. Currently, Brenda is serving as a Professional Development Specialist for the Montana Nurses Association

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SPEAKER

**Emily Schmidt,
BSN, RN,
CAVRN, SANE**

From Bedpans to
Bandwidth: The Virtual
Nursing Revolution

Emily has been a dedicated nurse for 14 years. Throughout her career, she has assisted with developing the Certified Acute-Care Virtual Registered Nurse (CAVRN) examination, contributed to the creation of innovative virtual care delivery models, designed and implemented an effective orientation process for new and experienced staff, and has provided insight about virtual nursing via podcasts and articles.



SPEAKER

**Ashley Fry,
DNP, APN,
AGACNP-BC,
ACHPN**

Understanding End-of-
Life Options in Montana

Ashley Fry is the Director of Clinical Advocacy at Compassion & Choices. She is an active hospice and palliative care nurse practitioner in Colorado Springs, CO. She has over 15 years of nursing experience including work in home hospice, inpatient hospice, inpatient palliative care and intensive care. She holds board certification as an adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner and as an advanced certified hospice and palliative nurse.

SPEAKER

**Pamela Brown,
RN, CHPN**

Understanding End-of-
Life Options in Montana

Pamela Brown went to nursing school at the age of 60 to pursue a career in geriatrics and hospice after caring for her father at the end of his life. She was an auctioneer for Sotheby's and a small business owner in her prior careers