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**Personal Statement:**

I was first introduced to the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) when I began my PhD program at Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in 2008. I was both intrigued and intimidated. I was intrigued by the breadth and depth of information being showcased during the conference. I was intimidated by the level of knowledge and research skills that the members possessed. During my academic journey to obtain a PhD, I comprehended the significance of the creation of new nursing knowledge for the profession. I gained an appreciation for the need to disseminate that knowledge to advance the science of nursing and ultimately transform practice. I also began to gain confidence in my ability to join and contribute to the work of those participants I encountered at my first MNRS conference. In 2017, as a PhD (c), I joined the Program Planning Committee (PPC) to become actively involved in MNRS. In my time on the PPC I have chaired the subcommittee on competitive symposiums and preconference workshops. As chair elect for the 2023 conference, I have the opportunity to engage more deeply with MNRS members as well as gain a deeper appreciation for the work of the Board. The chance to fully engage with MNRS has fueled my desire to lead in the organization and support the work of MNRS to drive the creation and dissemination of new knowledge through support of nursing scholars of all levels and ultimately impact the individuals, families, and communities we care for. The sustainment and growth of MNRS is dependent on the ability to engage and support members in their journey to develop and disseminate knowledge through research. While as a nurse scientist I respect the wisdom of senior researchers, I also understand the need to support the growth and work of newer nurse scientists to ensure the legacy of MNRS. I also see opportunities for synergistic relationships in translational research through partnerships with both PhD and DNP prepared leaders. I am committed to using my spirit of inquiry, innovative vision, attention to detail, and collaborative focus to support the mission, vision, and strategic goals of MNRS.

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