



Welcome to NANP's 2022 HEALCon!

NANP is excited and proud to have you join us at our 18th Annual Conference and our FIRST in-person conference since 2019 – what an event to celebrate!

I would like to personally welcome each of you and give you an idea of what you can expect and what we hope to achieve over the next few days.

As part of the celebratory exuberance we are all feeling, especially our hard-working conference team and conference planning committee members, we thought we would try a slight redesign to our event by adding some new elements.

First, we added a half-day of informative workshops for all of you by starting this year's event on Thursday afternoon. Nothing beats a few hours more of added networking, education, and exhibitor time.

We have added a special table near the Registration Desk this year where you can meet Laura Waldo, our Legislative Affairs Specialist. Laura will be available to discuss how to work safely in your state and within your scope of practice. So stop by with your list of questions, and I promise you will walk away with clarity and direction.

Also, the online app we used during our 2020 virtual conference was a smashing success, so we will be using it again this year to help you navigate the itinerary, lectures, exhibitors, and of course, participate in important online chat topics. Please download the HEALCon app to your mobile device to get started (see you there!).

Some of the most popular highlights of our past conferences will be included this year as well:

-) An opening meditation conducted by our Board Member, Kerry McClure
-) Two yoga sessions (Saturday and Sunday) led by Neeta Merchant and Roseanne Romaine
-) An incredible lineup of exhibitors for you to explore
-) A packed Poster Session that recognizes scientific innovation among Holistic Nutrition Professionals (HNPs)
-) Our totally fun Saturday evening after-party, hosted by Energetic Health Institute, with a lively Motown theme

Possibly most important is the time you will have during our holistic, Chef-prepared meals to mingle, network, relax and reflect on everything going on around you.

Before I close, I would like to thank each of you for attending HEALCon this year. When you join us at these events, you do so with your expertise and experience in tow, from which others can benefit. With your vision, knowledge, and wherewithal, you help pave the way for our organization and the other HNPs who follow in your footsteps. You are our greatest asset, and we couldn't be prouder of the work you do each day.

Throughout this conference, I ask you to be engaged, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of NANP.

My personal respect, gratitude, and thanks go out to all of you.

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