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## **AANP Receives Top Honors from Texas Public Relations Association**

AUSTIN (Feb. 10) -- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and GCI Public Relations received three top honors from the Texas Public Relations Association (TPRA) for the 2005 ***Celebrate 20/40*** Campaign.

The campaign, commemorating the 20-year history of AANP and the 40-year history of the nurse practitioner role, received the **TPRA Silver Spur Award**. The Silver Spur Award recognizes the finest work produced each year by public relations professionals throughout the state of Texas. The campaign is comprised of a Wall of Fame exhibit, a documentary and a commemorative booklet.

One of the components of the campaign, *The First 40 Years*, is a documentary that looks at the development of the role as seen through the eyes of those who were there at the beginning as well as those currently practicing and students studying to become nurse practitioners. The documentary received the **TPRA Best of Texas Award** – the highest honor in the category.

*Nurse Practitioners – Celebrating excellence in healthcare, practice, education and research* – a commemorative booklet, is a pictorial journey through 40 years of nurse practitioner history. The booklet received the **TPRA Best of Texas Merit Award**.

“We are so pleased that the Texas Public Relations Association recognized our work in such a meaningful way,” said Judith Dempster, DNSc, FNP, FAANP, Executive Director of AANP. “Working as a team, GCI Public Relations and AANP Communications Director Nancy McMurrey told the NP story in an upbeat and informative manner. It is a job well done and enthusiastically received by our members.”

The awards will be presented on February 25 during the annual TPRA conference.

AANP was founded in 1985 and is the oldest, largest and only full-service national professional organization for nurse practitioners of all specialties. With nearly 20,000 individual members and 100+ group members, AANP represents the interests of approximately 90,000 nurse practitioners around the country. AANP continually advocates for the active role of nurse practitioners as providers of high-quality, cost-effective and personalized health care. For more information about AANP, visit [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org).

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