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Nurse Practitioners and Advocates Honored During National AANP Conference

LAS VEGAS (June 22) – Nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner advocates, recipients of the prestigious State Award for Excellence, were honored on Wednesday, June 22 at an awards ceremony and reception held during the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 26th National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence, founded in 1991, recognizes a nurse practitioner (NP) in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice, research, nurse practitioner education or community affairs. In 1993, the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate was added to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing the awareness and acceptance of the NP.

Awards are presented by individual states to their recipients at various venues throughout the year. NP and NP advocate winners for the year are then recognized during AANP's national conference.

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) is the oldest, largest and only full service national professional organization for nurse practitioners (NPs) of all specialties. Through individual and group memberships, AANP represents the interests of approximately 140,000 nurse practitioners in the country. AANP continually advocates for the active role of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered and personalized healthcare. For more information, visit www.aanp.org. To locate an NP in your community, go to npfinder.com.

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Editors Note: see attached list of winners.

2011 State Award Winners

Alabama

Nurse Practitioner: Haley Hoy
Advocate: Lori Lioce

Alaska

Nurse Practitioner: Susan L. Sanders
Advocate: Cheryl Easley

Arizona

Nurse Practitioner: Janeen Dahn
Advocate: Thomas Greenwood

Arkansas

Nurse Practitioner: Susan B. Patton
Advocate: B. Darlene Byrd

California

Nurse Practitioner: Ronnette Daulton
Advocate: Kristy Wiese

Colorado

Nurse Practitioner: Terri Squires
Advocate: Charlie Hebler

Connecticut

Nurse Practitioner: Theresa Conroy
Advocate: Anu Walaliyadda

Delaware

Nurse Practitioner: Jean Gallagher
Advocate: Veronica Wilbur

District of Columbia

Nurse Practitioner: Heidi Maloni
Advocate: Peter J. Levin

Florida

Nurse Practitioner: Patricia A. Perry
Advocate: Sen. Michael S. Bennett

Georgia

Nurse Practitioner: Debbie Gunter

Hawaii

Nurse Practitioner: Kathy Sassi
Advocate: Kenneth Andrus

Idaho

Nurse Practitioner: Heather Healy
Advocate: Douglas Hill

Illinois

Nurse Practitioner: Peter J. Kale
Advocate: Sue Clark

Indiana

Nurse Practitioner: Elizabeth O'Neil
Advocate: Mark E. Douglas

Iowa

Nurse Practitioner: Nicolle Lea Amos
Advocate: Sen. Tom Harkin

Kansas

Nurse Practitioner: Jackie Jorgensen
Advocate: Rep. James Morrison

Kentucky

Nurse Practitioner: Michael Wayne Rager
Advocates: Jane Kirschling
Suzanne S. Prevost

Louisiana

Nurse Practitioner: Sattaria Smith Dilks

Maine

Nurse Practitioner: Elizabeth Duke
Advocate: James A. Raczek

Maryland

Nurse Practitioners: Elaine M. Crain
Susan Delean-Botkin
Lorraine Diana
Sandra M. Nettina
Shirley A. Devaris
Advocate:

Massachusetts

Nurse Practitioner: Jean Rogers

Michigan

Nurse Practitioner: Nancy M. George
Advocate: Rep. Lesia Liss

Minnesota

Nurse Practitioner: Nancy C. Grandt
Advocate: Maria Ruud

Mississippi

Nurse Practitioner: Gena Anne Vail
Advocate: Jackie Marie Williams

Missouri

Nurse Practitioner: Delilah Pennington
Advocate: Jane M. Alley

Montana

Nurse Practitioner: Patricia Carrick
Advocate: Kenneth Smoker, Jr.

2011 State Award Winners

Nebraska

Nurse Practitioner: Kelly A. Fields
Advocate: Steven J. Saathoff

Nevada

Nurse Practitioner: Denise Ogletree McGuinn
Advocate: Sen. Sheila Leslie

New Hampshire

Nurse Practitioner: Kristine M. Ziemba

New Jersey

Nurse Practitioner: Theresa M. Campo
Advocate: Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo

New Mexico

Nurse Practitioner: Joyce Powers
Advocate: Kate Goldblum

New York

Nurse Practitioner: Jamesetta A. Newland
Advocate: Steven L. Kelley

North Carolina

Nurse Practitioner: Bobby Lowery
Advocate: Jill R. Engel

North Dakota

Nurse Practitioner: Kris Todd-Reisnour
Advocate: Rhonda L. Ketterling

Ohio

Nurse Practitioner: Mary Jane Maloney
Advocates: Sen. Scott Oelslager
Rep. Lynn R. Wachtmann

Oklahoma

Nurse Practitioner: Lisa Dautenhahn
Advocate: Deborah Booton-Hiser

Oregon

Advocates: Gary Laustsen
Marie Napolitano

Pacific U.S. Territories

Nurse Practitioner: Cynthia J. Gantt
Advocate: James V. Finch

Pennsylvania

Nurse Practitioner: Anastasia M. Gray
Advocate: Lorrie Borrell

Puerto Rico

Advocate: Carmen T. Lopez Rodriguez

Rhode Island

Nurse Practitioner: Cheryl A. Fitzgerald
Advocate: Marie Ghazal

South Carolina

Nurse Practitioner: Judith Marie Zink
Advocate: Andrea Murphy

South Dakota

Nurse Practitioner: Ruth Galbraith

Tennessee

Nurse Practitioner: Kimberly Ferguson
Advocate: Carole R. Myers

Texas

Nurse Practitioner: Susan Chaney
Advocate: Samuel J. DeMaio

Utah

Nurse Practitioner: Julie P. Balk
Advocate: C. Steven Fehlauer

Virginia

Nurse Practitioner: Beverly Bayer
Advocate: Shirley Gibson

Washington

Nurse Practitioner: Darrell Owens
Advocate: Douglas E. Coon

West Virginia

Nurse Practitioner: Dorothy (Dody) Crowell
Advocate: Sen. Jeffrey V. Kessler

Wisconsin

Nurse Practitioner: Karen Ivantic-Doucette

Wyoming

Nurse Practitioner: Cathy Fliris
Advocate: Sen. Charles K. Scott