

# Press Release



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## **Nurse Practitioners and Advocates Honored during National AANP Conference**

NASHVILLE (June 19) -- Nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner advocates, recipients of the prestigious State Award for Excellence, were honored on Thursday, June 18, at an awards ceremony and reception held during the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 24th National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

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, other than nurse practitioners, 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. Nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner advocate winners for the year are then recognized during AANP's annual national conference.

The AANP was founded in 1985 and is the oldest and largest full-service national professional organization for nurse practitioners of all specialties. With approximately 28,000 individual members and 145 group members, AANP represents the interests of more than 125,000 nurse practitioners around the country. AANP continually advocates for the active role of nurse practitioners as providers of high-quality, cost-effective health care. For more information about AANP, visit [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org).

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Editors Note: see attached list of winners

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## 2009 State Award Winners

### **Alabama**

Nurse Practitioner: Robin Lawson  
Advocate: Alan Heins

### **Alaska**

Nurse Practitioner: Sally L. Coburn  
Advocates: Senator Lisa Murkowski

### **Arizona**

Nurse Practitioner: Angela K. Golden  
Advocate: Congressman Raul M. Grijalva

### **California**

Nurse Practitioner: Vicki Houle  
Advocate: Edward Hernandez

### **Colorado**

Nurse Practitioner: Peggy Vernon  
Advocate: Marcia Gilbert  
Taynin K. Kopanos

### **Connecticut**

Advocate: Audrey Wasik

### **Delaware**

Nurse Practitioner: Vilma M. Davis  
Advocate: Adrienne Woods

### **District of Columbia**

Nurse Practitioner: Laura Worby  
Advocate: Karen V. Scipio-Skinner

### **Florida**

Nurse Practitioner: Linda Roemer  
Advocate: M. Christopher Saslo

### **Georgia**

Nurse Practitioners: Karen Schwartz  
Representative Debbie Buckner

### **Hawaii**

Nurse Practitioner: Christa Braun-Ingllis  
Advocate: Keith Stephenson

### **Idaho**

Nurse Practitioner: Margaret Henbest  
Advocate: Louis Schlickman

### **Illinois**

Nurse Practitioner: Marie Lindsey  
Advocate: Bridget Cahill

### **Indiana**

Nurse Practitioner: Carol S. Burns  
Advocate: Representative Peggy Welch

### **Iowa**

Nurse Practitioner: B. L. "Nick" Burnett  
Advocate: Margaret Schilling

### **Kansas**

Nurse Practitioner: Jill Brandt  
Advocate: Elaine Harrington

### **Kentucky**

Nurse Practitioner: Dianne Glenn-Birkhead  
Advocate: Senator Jerry Rhoads  
Tommy Thompson

### **Louisiana**

Nurse Practitioner: Sophia L. Thomas  
Advocate: Patience Moreno

### **Maine**

Nurse Practitioner: Alfreda Moulard

### **Maryland**

Nurse Practitioner: Lorraine Diana  
Julie A. Stanik-Hutt

### **Massachusetts**

Nurse Practitioner: Allison Barker Morse  
Advocate: Jennifer M. Callahan

### **Michigan**

Nurse Practitioner: Maureen Chrzanowski  
Advocate: Thomas Simmer

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### **Minnesota**

Nurse Practitioner: Patricia Troskey  
Advocate: Mary Chesney

### **Mississippi**

Nurse Practitioner: Virginia Lee Brothers Cora

### **Missouri**

Nurse Practitioner: Kathleen Haycraft  
Advocate: Representative Kenny Jones

### **Montana**

Nurse Practitioner: Patricia Oriet  
Advocate: Teresa K. Henry

### **Nebraska**

Nurse Practitioner: Kristine Turner Story  
Advocate: Lynne Anderson

### **Nevada**

Nurse Practitioner: Sheryl M. Giordano  
Advocate: John Fildes

### **New Hampshire**

Nurse Practitioner: Gene Harkless  
Advocate: Representative Laurie A. Harding

### **New Jersey**

Nurse Practitioner: Joan Raike  
Advocate: Donna M. Scagliuso Chesek

### **New Mexico**

Nurse Practitioner: Keri Clapper  
Advocate: Kirby Gabrys

### **New York**

Nurse Practitioner: Tammy Austin-Ketch  
Advocate: Seth M. Gordon

### **North Carolina**

Nurse Practitioner: Linda L. Steele  
Advocate: Kenneth Melton

### **North Dakota**

Nurse Practitioner: Billie Jo Madler  
Advocate: Senator Judy Lee

### **Ohio**

Nurse Practitioner: Louann Bailey

### **Oklahoma**

Nurse Practitioner: Cynthia N. Sanford  
Advocate: Stanley Schwartz

### **Oregon**

Nurse Practitioner: Helen Welch  
Advocate: Tracy Klein

### **Pennsylvania**

Nurse Practitioner: Joan M. Latsko  
Advocate: Ann L. O'Sullivan

### **Rhode Island**

Nurse Practitioner: Anne Neuville  
Advocate: Sylvia Weber

### **South Carolina**

Nurse Practitioner: Debra Gibbs  
Advocate: Jeanne Ward

### **South Dakota**

Nurse Practitioner: Billie Hague

### **Tennessee**

Nurse Practitioner: Gary Crotty  
Advocate: Cheryl C. Stegbauer

### **Texas**

Nurse Practitioner: Jean G. Gisler  
Advocate: Manuel M. Quinones, Jr.

### **Utah**

Nurse Practitioner: Karlen E. Luthy  
Advocate: Representative Bradley Last

### **Vermont**

Nurse Practitioner: Deborah Kutzko  
Advocate: Bill Keogh

### **Virginia**

Nurse Practitioner: Teresa Owens Gardner  
Advocate: Leslie Herdegen Rohrer

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### **Washington**

Nurse Practitioner: Marli W. Parobek

Advocate: Robert B. Hopp

### **West Virginia**

Nurse Practitioner: Elizabeth Baldwin

Advocate: Dan Foster

### **Wisconsin**

Nurse Practitioner: Shiphrah Williams-Evans

### **Wyoming**

Nurse Practitioner: Nancy Jane Potter

Advocate: Lou Mollenkopf