

# Press Release



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

National Harbor, MD (June 28) -- Nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner advocates, recipients of the prestigious State Award for Excellence, were honored on Saturday, June 28 during the annual meeting and at a reception held during the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 23rd National Conference at the Gaylord on the Potomac Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD.

The State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence, founded in 1991, recognizes a nurse practitioner (NP) in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice, research, NP education, or community affairs. In 1993, the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate was added to recognize the efforts of individuals, other than NPs, 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. NPs and NP advocate winners for the year are then recognized during AANP's annual national conference.

The AANP was founded in 1985 and is the oldest, largest and only full-service national professional organization NPs of all specialties. AANP represents the interests of the more than 125,000 NPs around the country. AANP continually advocates for the active role of NPs as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, and personalized healthcare. For more information about AANP, visit [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org).

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Editors note: List of awardees attached

2008 State Awards Information

Alabama

NP: Debby McBride

Advocate: Senator Wendell Mitchell

Alaska

NP: Connie Judd

Advocates: Governor Sarah Palin  
Fred Pearce

Arizona

NP: Rose Saltclah

Advocate: Patricia Kappas-Larson

California

NP: Karen "Sue" Hoyt

Advocate: Marlene Brewster

Colorado

NP: Lana Geier

Advocate: Marion Thornton

Connecticut

NP: Kathy Grimaud

Delaware

NP: Janice Heinsen

Advocate: M. James Lenhard

District of Columbia

NP: Sadie M. Henry

Florida

NP: Mary Wyckoff

Advocate: Andrea Hackel

Georgia

NP: Debra Fingles

James F. Lawrence Jr.

Hawaii

NP: Terri Zucchero

Advocate: Senator Daniel Inouye

Idaho

NP: Barbara Roberts

Advocate: Vince Serio

Illinois

NP: Patrice Murray

Indiana

NP: Susan Lee

Advocate: Janet M. Bingle

Iowa

NP: Jennifer Achenbach

Advocate: Joseph E. Hoagbin

Kansas

NP: Kaylee E. Watkins

Advocate: Martha L. Hurley

Kentucky

NP: Julie A. Marfell

Advocate: Senator Gary Tapp

Louisiana

NP: Lucie J. Agosta

Advocate: Gail Poirrier

Maine

NP: Terry Marley-DeRosier

Advocate: Pamela Cahill

Maryland

NP: Cathy Sue Chapman

Massachusetts

NP: Jennifer Emerson

Michigan

NP: Diana Marble

Advocate: Arthur Riba

Mississippi

NP: Caryl D. Sumrall

Missouri

NP: Debra Simpson Scheel

Montana

NP: Paul Coats

Advocate: Patricia Wise

Nebraska

NP: Margaret Hoffman Goedert

Advocate: Jeff Jacobs

New Hampshire

NP: Carol Hordis

Advocate: Jeff Bostic

New Jersey

NP: Katen Moore

Advocate: Jennifer Winell

New Mexico

NP: Karen DeGenevieve

Advocate: Twana Sparks

New York

NP: Kathleen Shurpin

North Carolina

NP: Donna F. Gill

Advocate: Michael H. Thomason

North Dakota

NP: Cheryl Rising

Ohio

NP: Christine Williams

Advocate: Cheryl Gregg

Fahrenheit

Oklahoma

NP: Deborah Booton-Hiser

Advocate: Senator Nancy Riley

Oregon

NP: Marguerite Smith

Pennsylvania

NP: Jody Hill

Advocate: Mary Brennan Wirshup

Rhode Island

NP: Clarisse Dexter

Advocate: Joan Teno

South Carolina

NP: Julie Nunemaker Eggert

Advocate: Jerry Ferlauto

South Dakota

NP: Carol Borg

Advocate: Lucille Birkholtz

Tennessee

NP: John Michael Briley

Texas

NP: Teresa Dickey

Utah

NP: Ronda Miller-Ernest

Advocate: Laura Poe

Virginia

NP: Sallie Eissler

Washington

NP: Becky Blodgett

Advocate: Mark T. Murphy

West Virginia

NP: Joyce Knestrick

Advocate: Kenneth Allen

Wisconsin

Advocate: Vicki Dallmann-Papke

Wyoming

NP: Virginia Conley

Advocate: Kurt Johnson