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Nurse Practitioners and Advocates Honored during National AANP Conference

PHOENIX (June 23) – Nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner advocates, recipients of the prestigious State Award for Excellence, were honored on Wednesday, June 23 at an awards ceremony and reception held during the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 25th National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

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

AANP, the oldest, largest and only full-service national professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties, represents the interests of 140,000 NPs in the U. S. Created in 1985 to provide NPs with a unified way to network and to advocate for NP issues across all specialties at the local, state, and national levels, AANP has continually served as a major resource for NPs, their patients and other healthcare consumers, to promote excellence in practice, education and research; to provide legislative leadership to advance health policy; to establish healthcare standards and to advocate for access to high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, and patient-centered healthcare. For more information, visit www.aanp.org. To locate an NP in your community, go to www.npfinder.com.

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Editors Note: see attached list of winners

2010 State Award Winners

Alabama		Idaho	
Nurse Practitioner:	Carol M. Stewart	Nurse Practitioner:	Cherese R. Severson
Advocate:	Michael S. Saag, MD	Advocate:	Keith E. Davis, MD
Alaska		Illinois	
Nurse Practitioner:	Kathryn Sexson	Nurse Practitioner:	Theresa Maria Boley
Advocate:	B. J. Coopes, MD		
Arizona		Indiana	
Nurse Practitioner:	Lissa M. Benson	Nurse Practitioner:	Sydney E. Ehmke
Advocate:	Frank Armao, MD		
Arkansas		Iowa	
Nurse Practitioners:	Suzanne Trussell	Nurse Practitioner:	Charlotte M. Kelley
	Candace D. Welcher	Advocate:	Timothy Quinn, MD
Advocate:	Marlene M. Bransky, MD		
California		Kansas	
Nurse Practitioner:	Patti A. McCluskey-Andre	Nurse Practitioner:	Karen Hayes
Advocate:	Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod	Advocate:	Ricardo F. Patron, MD
Colorado		Kentucky	
Nurse Practitioner:	G. Ladean Cross	Nurse Practitioner:	Brian R. Burkhardt
Advocate:	Fran Ricker	Advocate:	Debra K. Moser
Connecticut		Louisiana	
Nurse Practitioner:	Mary Leahy	Nurse Practitioner:	Andy Austin
Advocate:	Susan Lloyd Yolen	Advocate:	Rep. Thomas "Tom" Willmott
Delaware		Maine	
Nurse Practitioner:	Christopher Zebley	Nurse Practitioner:	Nancy J. Fishwick
Advocate:	Senator Bethany Hall-Long	Advocate:	Christine Kuhni
Florida		Maryland	
Nurse Practitioner:	Kim Curry	Nurse Practitioner:	Susan Delean-Botkin
Advocate:	Thomas E. Teufel, MD	Advocate:	Rep. Sue Kullen
Georgia		Massachusetts	
Nurse Practitioner:	Lynn Waits	Nurse Practitioner:	Dr. Margaret A. Fitzgerald
Advocate:	Wallace Duncan, MD	Advocate:	Senator Edward Kennedy
Hawaii		Michigan	
Nurse Practitioner:	Pualani Gandall-Yamamoto	Nurse Practitioner:	Connie Knapper
Advocate:	Diana V. Shaw	Advocate:	Heather Scott

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Minnesota

Nurse Practitioner: Melody J. Angell
Advocate: Linda L. Lindeke

Mississippi

Nurse Practitioner: Lisa Byrd
Advocate: Kristi Henderson

Montana

Nurse Practitioner: Paul Coats
Advocate: Deanna Babb

Nebraska

Nurse Practitioner: Sandra Borden
Advocate: Stephen Budd, MD

New Hampshire

Nurse Practitioner: Deborah A. Sampson
Advocate: Senator Lou D'Allesandro

New Jersey

Nurse Practitioner: Keith Claffey
Advocate: Richard J. Scott, MD

New Mexico

Advocate: Sarah L. Baron, MD

New York

Nurse Practitioner: Susan A. Bruce
Bruce S. Zitkus
Advocate: Margaret (Peg) O'Donnell Dolan

North Carolina

Nurse Practitioners: Tom Bush
William Michael Scott
Advocate: Joanne S. Stevens

North Dakota

Nurse Practitioner: Beverly Greenwald
Advocate: Biron Baker, MD

Ohio

Nurse Practitioner: Keeley Harding
Advocate: Rebecca J. Shaw

Oklahoma

Nurse Practitioner: Margaret Lorimor
Advocate: Benny Vanatta

Oregon

Nurse Practitioner: Pam DeVisser
Advocate: Senator Ron Wyden

Pennsylvania

Nurse Practitioner: Suzanne R. Langner
Advocate: Mona M. Counts

Rhode Island

Nurse Practitioner: Diane Gerzevitz
Advocate: Peter Fontaine

South Carolina

Nurse Practitioner: Laura Dillon

South Dakota

Nurse Practitioner: Paula Zuccaro

Tennessee

Nurse Practitioner: Kathleen Roberts
Advocate: Carol Thompson

Texas

Nurse Practitioner: Peggy P. Francis
Advocate: Rep. Wayne Christian

Utah

Nurse Practitioner: Ann Maruri

Vermont

Nurse Practitioner: June M. Benoit
Advocate: Mary L. Botter

Virginia

Nurse Practitioner: Carola Bruflat
Advocate: Sandra W. Ryals

Washington

Nurse Practitioner: Deonne Brown Benedict
Advocate: Lorna L. Schumann

West Virginia

Nurse Practitioner: Denise Lucas
Advocate: Senator Roman W. Prezioso, Jr.

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Wisconsin

Nurse Practitioner: Christine R. Shaw

Wyoming

Nurse Practitioner: Ann Marie Hart

Advocate: Phyllis R. O'Connor