



Thursday, April 6, 2000

Oakland University to pay tribute to exceptional nurses

Oakland University will honor eight Michigan registered nurses for excellence in areas of nursing practice at the Florence Nightingale awards ceremony May 10.

The event, in its 12th year, was established to honor nurses who exemplify the work of Florence Nightingale, the Briton who in the mid-1800s created the nursing profession.

The recipients of this year's awards are Karen Allen, Ph.D., RN, FAAN of St. Joseph, Nursing Administration award, Andrews University; Elaine S. Horowitz, RN, BSN of Huntington Woods, Nursing Education award, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers; Gail Brown, RN, CDMS, CCM, SDA of Southfield, Nurse Entrepreneurship award, Brown Rehab Management & Brown Review Management; Kathleen McKay, RN, BSN of Woodhaven, Home Care award, Henry Ford Home Health Care; Carol Armstrong, RN of St. Clair Shores, Long-term Care Practice award, DMC Nursing Centers West; Carmen Buch, RN, OCN of Sterling Heights, Nursing Practice award, William Beaumont Hospital, Troy; Ann L. Horgas, Ph.D., RN of Detroit, Nursing Research award, Wayne State University, Institute of Gerontology, College of Nursing; Denise Bortolani-Rabidoux, RN, BSN of Bloomfield Hills, Oakland University Alumni award, Evangelical Homes of Michigan.

Each recipient receives \$1,000 and a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale.

This year's keynote speaker is former State Representative Maxine Berman. Berman was a State Representative for 14 years and is noted for many achievements in the Legislature. She is most known for her legislation related to breast cancer, including laws to require informed consent for women with breast cancer, mandating insurance coverage be offered and, in 1989, a bill that made Michigan the first state in the country to require accreditation of mammography facilities.

In 1997, she began her own business, Capitol Strategies Inc., which emphasizes advocacy training and political consulting. She also is the executive director of the Women's Health Network of Michigan and director of the Michigan Menopause Action Team, both organizations that she helped found.

The awards ceremony, which is open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Tickets are \$60. For more information or for tickets, call (248) 370-4065.

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution of higher education located in suburban Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 109 bachelor's degree programs and 63 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society, Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, and Nursing.

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