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OU to pay tribute to exceptional nurses

Oakland University's **School of Nursing** will honor eight nurses who exemplify the work of Florence Nightingale, the Briton who in the mid-1800s created the nursing profession, at the Nightingale awards Thursday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn Conference Center.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the event, in which OU recognizes registered Michigan nurses for excellence in areas of nursing practice.

This year's recipients include:

- Linda Harden, RN, MSN of Canton, who won the Nursing Administration Award, Henry Ford Medical Group.

- Remedios Solarte, RN, MSN of Troy, who won the Nursing Education/Research Award, Oakland Community College.

- Connie Parliament, RN, BSN, CNRN of Ortonville, who won the Case Management/Nurse Entrepreneurship Award, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland.

- Sally Raxter, RN, BSN of St. Clair Shores, who won the Home Care Award, Henry Ford Home Health Care.

- Judith Yrjanainen, RN, BSN of Clarkston, who won the Long-Term Care/Rehabilitation Practice Award, Crittenton Hospital Medical Center & RehabCare Group.

- Patricia Preston RN, BSN of Wyandotte, who won the Staff Nurse Practice Award, Oakwood Healthcare System.

- Linda Vanni RN, MSN, CS of Huntington Woods, who won the Advanced Practice Nursing Award, Karmanos Cancer Institute.

- Sandra Szekely, RN, BSN of Trenton, who won the Distinguished Alumni Award, Oakwood Healthcare System.

Each recipient will receive $1,000 and a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale. For more information or for tickets to the event, contact Joann Burrington at (248) 370-4065 or **burringt@oakland.edu**.

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