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SON seeks Nightingale Award nominees

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Oakland University's **School of Nursing** is seeking nurses who provide exemplary, compassionate care, solve health care problems and display leadership skills as nominees for the 15th annual Nightingale Awards for Nursing. Eight awardees will be honored at a dinner awards ceremony Thursday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn Conference Center, 34911 Van Dyke Ave., in Sterling Heights.

Each award winner receives a \$1,000 cash award, bronze Nightingale statue and a Nightingale pin. Finalists receive a plaque and a Nightingale pin.

"This is the only award in the state for nurses that is initiated by nurses or nursing colleagues as well as judged by nurses or those in the health care profession," said OU Nightingale Awards Coordinator Joann Burrington. "It's become prestigious because it's peer-generated and peer-judged. And we are the only ones in the nation to offer such an award on an annual basis."

A nominations selection committee made up of nurses from area hospitals and health care agencies that represent all areas of nursing practice selects the award winners. Nominees must be currently licensed nurses who are employed as a registered nurse in Michigan. Nominations are accepted in eight different categories:

- Administration – models innovative leadership and management in the health care service;
- Education/Research – demonstrates innovative educational activities and/or contributes to quality patient care through research;
- Entrepreneurship/Case Management – demonstrates excellence in an innovative nursing practice site or case management;
- Home Care – delivers innovative humanistic nursing care in a home-related setting;
- Long-Term Care/Rehabilitation – demonstrates effective humanistic nursing care in a long-term facility;
- Staff Nurse Practice – demonstrates excellence in direct patient care delivered in a hospital, clinic and/or sub-acute care facility;
- Advanced Nurse Practice – NP and/or MSN or higher degree and demonstrates excellence in patient care;
- Distinguished Alumni Award – graduate of OU nursing program who has made significant contributions to nursing.

The award is named in honor of Florence Nightingale, who is considered to be the founder of modern nursing. She believed nursing activities were to be based on passion, observation and experience as well as statistical data, knowledge of cleanliness, nutrition, clean environment and administrative skills.

Nightingale's philosophy is reflective of the beliefs held by OU's School of Nursing, that nursing and nurses are integral to facilitating the health and well being among all people and their communities.

Nomination forms are available on the **School of Nursing** Web site and must be mailed no later than Feb. 14. For more information, contact the School of Nursing at (248) 370-4065.

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