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## Oakland University to Recognize Prestigious Nurses at 30th Annual Nightingale Awards

Oakland University's School of Nursing and its Board of Visitors are celebrating 30 years of honoring Michigan's top nurses at its annual [Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence](#).<sup>®</sup>

The only event of its kind in the state, this prestigious awards ceremony will be held on May 10, 2018 at the [San Marino Club](#) in Troy.

The awards were created to spotlight nurses from a variety of clinical roles who go above and beyond in their care for their patients and their families.

More than 700 nurses, physicians and administrators, as well as family members and nursing supporters will attend this year's awards ceremony.

This esteemed event includes an elegant sit down dinner and fish-bowl style raffle. Raffle winners have the opportunity go home with a 40" Smart TV, golf and spa certificates, a trip to Chicago and other unique packages. Fox 2 News anchors [Roop Raj](#) and [Amy Andrews](#) will once again co-emcee this year's awards ceremony.



Each of ten winning recipients receives a check for \$1,000, a solid bronze statue of Florence Nightingale and a special Nightingale ceremonial pin. Runners-up each receive a commemorative plaque and Nightingale ceremonial pin. Nominees were nominated by their peers, supervisory friends and patients in recognition for their superior service and expertise.

The 2018 Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence<sup>®</sup> is presented by Beaumont Health. Other sponsors include: Ascension Health, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Detroit Medical Center, St. John Providence Medical Staff, Nexteer Automotive, McLaren Oakland & McLaren Macom and PSJ Anesthesia.

For more information, or for tickets to the event, please contact August Gunderson in the School of Nursing at (248) 364-8725, via email at [nightingale@oakland.edu](mailto:nightingale@oakland.edu) or visit [oakland.edu/nursing/nightingale](http://oakland.edu/nursing/nightingale).

### **2018 Award Winners**

#### ***Advanced Nurse Practice & Research***

Winner: Mary Jo Smith, St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor  
Runner Up: Makenzie Thimm, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence

#### ***Distinguished Alumni***

Winner: Kristen R. McGrath, Beaumont Health – Royal Oak  
Runner Up: Katie Hoxie, Beaumont Health – Royal Oak

#### ***Excellence in Education***

Winner: Kino Xandro Anuddin, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence  
Runner Up: Antionette A. Trevino, Beaumont Health

#### ***Emerging Nurse Leader***

Winner: Michele Rausch, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland  
Runner Up: Faith Aven Straton, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence

#### ***Executive Administration***

Winner: Marilyn S. Begle, Beaumont Home Health Services  
Runner Up: Kathy M. Brubaker, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea

#### ***Nursing in the Community***

Winner: Diane Zalecki Bertalan, HAVEN of Oakland County  
Runner Up: Mary Ann Ryan, HOPE Recuperative Care Center

#### ***Post-Acute Care & Specialty Nursing***

***Staff Nurse (2 awardees)***

Winner: Sabrina M. Zott, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

Winner: Deborah White, McLaren Oakland

Runner-Up: Maria Borri, Beaumont Health – Royal Oak

Runner-Up: Lisa M. Hill, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence

***People's Choice Award***

Winner: Leesa J. Jones, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence

Runner-Up: Krystal L. McNamee, Henry Ford Health System – Detroit

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