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OU to pay tribute to exceptional nurses

Oakland University will honor eight nurses who exemplify the work of Florence Nightingale, the British woman who in the mid-1800s created the nursing profession, at the Nightingale awards Thursday, May 10.

This year marks the 13th anniversary of the event, in which OU recognizes registered Michigan nurses for excellence in areas of nursing practice.

The recipients of this year's awards are Kathleen Ryan, RN, MSN, of Southfield, Nursing Administration award, Providence Hospital; Margaret Nelson, RN, APN, MSN, Nursing Education award, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Oakland; Adeline Laforet, RN, of Farmington Hills, Nurse Entrepreneurship award, Health Care Professionals; Barbara Harlow, RN, BSN, of Novi, Home Care award, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers; Kathleen Dawson, RN, of Rochester Hills, Long-term Care Practice award, Shelby Nursing Center; Wendy Goldberg, RN, MSN, NP, of Bloomfield Hills, Nursing Practice award, Henry Ford Health System; Shaké Ketefian, EdD, RN, of Ann Arbor, Nursing Research award, University of Michigan; Stephanie Wilson, RN, BSN, of Auburn Hills, Oakland University Alumni award, William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Each recipient receives \$1,000 and a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale. The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Troy Marriott Hotel. For more information, call (248) 370-4065.

This year's keynote speaker is State Representative Gilda Jacobs. Jacobs, a Huntington Woods Democrat, was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1998 and again in 2000. She is the first woman to serve as House Democratic floor leader, where she coordinates all legislative activity for the House Democratic Caucus and participates in strategy sessions with other members of the House Democratic leadership team.

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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