

OU recognizes outstanding nurses at the 32nd annual Nightingale Awards

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This year's Nightingale Awards event was celebrated virtually on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

The celebration included a pre-award show, networking mixer and livestream viewing of the awards program.

Watch the Nightingale Awards show [here](#).



The Nightingale Awards virtual event recognized 2020 being designated the “International Year of the Nurse” and also commemorated the 200th birthday of Florence Nightingale. Through generous individual donations along with support from their Board of Visitors, Oakland University School of Nursing has created a Nightingale Legacy Scholarship to be introduced this year. This endowed scholarship will be awarded annually to nursing students who display the pioneering spirit of Florence Nightingale.

This year's top nurses in Michigan come from a variety of clinical roles and settings and were recognized as exceptional in their various nursing roles. Each of the 11 Nightingale Award winners received a check for \$1,000, a solid bronze statue of Florence Nightingale and a Nightingale ceremonial pin. Runners-up received a commemorative plaque and Nightingale ceremonial pin. Nominees were nominated by their peers, supervisors and patients in recognition for their superior nursing expertise.

The 2020 Nightingale Awards Presenting sponsor is Ascension Health, the Platinum sponsor is J&B Medical Supply Co. and Gold sponsors are Henry Ford Health System and Beaumont Health.

For more information on the event, please contact Kate Lionas in OU School of Nursing at (248) 342-9024 or by email at nightingale@oakland.edu.

2020 Nightingale Award Winners and Runners Up:

Advanced Practice Nursing

Winner: Madonna Ladouceur, Huron Valley Sinai Hospital

Runner-Up: Patricia Klassa, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital



Madonna Ladouceur

Patricia Klassa

OU School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni

Winner: Christina Boyland, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak

Runner-Up: Kelley Wilson, Karmanos Cancer Institute



Christina Boyland

Kelley Wilson

Excellence in Education

Winner: Delicia Shimkoski, Hutzel Women's Hospital

Runner-Up: Suzanne Purvis, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak



Delicia Shimkoski

Suzanne Purvis

Excellence in Research

Winner: Toni Glover, Oakland University School of Nursing

Runner-Up: Lindsay Pemble, Beaumont Hospital, Wayne



Toni Glover

Lindsay Pemble

Emerging Nurse Leader

Winner: Derek Cousino, Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn

Runner-Up: Laura Ashburn, Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi



Derek Cousino

Laura Ashburn

Executive Administration

Winner: Anne Stewart, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak

Runner-Up: Julie Nemens, Detroit Medical Center



Anne Stewart

Julie Nemens

Nursing in the Community

Winner: LaTosha Whaley-Lawrence, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak

Runner-Up: Susan Martinez, Oakland County Health Division



LaTosha Whaley-Lawrence

Susan Martinez

Post-Acute Care & Specialty Nursing

Winner: Paula Levesque, Beaumont Health

Runner-Up: Kimberly Jarvis, McLaren Macomb



Paula Levesque

Kimberly Jarvis

Staff Nurse (2)

Winner: Kate Wagner, Detroit Medical Center, Harper Hospital

Winner: Christine Diatto, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak

Runner-Up: Alexis Zynda, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak

Runner-Up: Marisa Chen, Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi



Kate Wagner

Alexis Zynda



Christine Diatto



Marisa Chen

People's Choice Award

Winner: Vanessa Sesi, Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren Campus

Runner-Up: Christiane Champagne, Residential Home Health



Vanessa Sesi



Christiane Champagne