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OU pays tribute to exceptional nurses

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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 were 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 received \$1,000 and a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale.

This year's keynote speaker was state Representative Gilda Jacobs of Huntington Woods.

Jacobs, a 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. In this capacity, 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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