

COUPN Awards 2008

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the inaugural Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing Awards Ceremony. We are gathered to celebrate the hard work, innovation and passion of faculty members, students and those who support Ontario's university programs in nursing.

COUPN is pleased to honor ten award recipients in the areas of teaching excellence, teaching innovation, student excellence, and contribution to nursing education.

Thank you for taking the time to join us today to celebrate the spirit and accomplishments of nursing educators, students and supporters and to recognize the achievements of these leaders in nursing education.



Kileen Tucker-Scott
Chair, COUPN

The COUPN Awards Selection Committee would like to thank those who submitted nominations; the level of excellence demonstrated by all the nominees was exemplary.

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**Celebrating Excellence
in Nursing Education
and Scholarship**

Award for Teaching Innovation

Karen Poole, Director of the Lakehead School of Nursing and Associate Professor, and **Patricia Sevean**, Associate Professor subscribe to the ideology that education should be emancipating or liberating for the learners and infuse the learner with the energy to pursue an idea wherever it leads. Professors Poole and Sevean strive to develop innovative teaching strategies that engage students in the learning process and inspire them to take charge of their own learning.

Teaching Excellence Award

Carol Fine is a professor at the Ryerson School of Nursing and plays a significant role in promoting baccalaureate nursing education for post diploma nurses. Ms. Fine supports an environment that respects the differences among the post diploma BScN students, and building strong student nursing leaders. Ms. Fine is a strategic, well-informed, evidenced-based thinker whose scholarship, mentorship, and advocacy for nursing will impact wherever she is involved.

Masters Student Award of Excellence

Linda Muraca, a Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto Masters Student, demonstrates outstanding potential to contribute significantly to the nursing community and enhance nursing knowledge. Linda is a talented clinician and scholar who demonstrates excellence in working with women who frequently experience health care as marginalizing and insensitive.

Award of Excellence in Professional Nursing Practice – Undergraduate

Alexandra Harris is a fourth year student at Queen's University School of Nursing. Alexandra maintains a consistently strong average, assumes key leadership roles in the School of Nursing. Ms Harris demonstrates a sound knowledge base, and a collaborative attitude.

Andrea Monahan is an undergraduate student in the University of Ottawa/ Algonquin nursing program. Andrea demonstrates a self-directed, professional and enthusiastic approach to learning and nursing. Andrea demonstrated leadership in planning a forum on "Student Action for Global Development".

Doctoral Dissertation Award

Dr. Faith Donald completed her PhD at McMaster University's Faculty of Nursing in 2007. Dr. Donald's thesis focused on NP-MD collaboration in long-term care settings. Dr. Donald has been disseminating the results of her research by presenting the findings at numerous provincial, national and international meetings. Dr. Donald has submitted one manuscript for publication and is preparing at least two others on the project.

Agency Recognition Award

Kingston General Hospital, represented by **Eleanor Rivoire**, Vice President Patient Care Programs and Chief Nursing Executive, has created an outstanding learning and professional practice environment for nursing students. Nurses at all levels of this institution have embraced the educational mandate and integrate it into their everyday practice.

Strategic Contribution to Nursing Education

Barbara Gough is a Senior Policy Advisor at the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and has made significant impact on nursing education in her extensive knowledge of nursing education issues, her skill in knowledge exchange and translation, and her unequivocal commitment to affect broad ranging change. Ms. Gough has been instrumental in moving a number of initiatives forward that have strengthened nursing education. Always accessible, Ms. Gough's working relationships have been characterized by trust, collegiality and a strong grasp of the issues.

Preceptor Recognition Award

Judi Wilson has been a preceptor for the University of Windsor's nursing students for at least 15 years, and is well respected by both students and faculty. Ms. Wilson is a role model who demonstrates commitment to nursing and nursing education. Ms. Wilson is able to bring the best out in students.