

Message from the Chair

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

COUPN is pleased to honor seven award recipients in the areas of teaching and student excellence, collaborative education, and contribution to nursing education by agency and preceptors.

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.



Catherine Tompkins
Chair, COUPN

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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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Fifth Annual
**COUPN Awards
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**Wednesday, April 25, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**89 Chestnut Residence & Conference
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Toronto, Ontario**



**Celebrating Excellence
in Nursing Education
and Scholarship**

Award for Excellence in Collaborative Education

Kathy Cummings has made a significant contribution to the Durham College/University of Ontario Institute of Technology Collaborative BScN Program. Her enlightened and enthusiastic approach to teaching and her genuine regard for her students helps them transition from novice students into professional practice. Her commitment to excellence and creativity has resulted in improvements to the program, ensuring the best possible experience for her students.

Excellence in Teaching Award

Jacqueline Choiniere, Assistant Professor at the York University School of Nursing, is a nurse educator, coach, and guide, whose dedication to the field of nursing is evident in her students' enthusiasm for her classes. Her teaching philosophy and belief that context matters and that assumptions should be challenged has broadened her students way of thinking, challenging them to understand the value of nursing in a global context and to embrace the study of topics that would have otherwise been overlooked.

Preceptor Recognition Award

Vivian Recollet brings a wealth of experience to her role as a Registered Nurse in the Special Needs Program at the Native Men's Residence and as a preceptor to nursing students. As the only nurse on staff at the Men's Residence, Vivian has a broad range of duties, and at the same time seeks to mentor nursing students in this important area of community nursing practice. She is an excellent role model, and is passionate about her work.

Award for Excellence in Professional Nursing Practice at the Undergraduate Student Level – Compressed Program

Aleshia Denny has shown a wealth of character traits that exemplify commitment to excellence in nursing practice through her many activities at the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing at Western University. From organizing a speaker series dealing with Aboriginal health, to volunteering for the provincial election, she has demonstrated her strong leadership skills. Her passion, competence and commitment to her chosen field were displayed during her classes where she added thoughtful and meaningful dialogue to discussions, and in her honours' standing in the Program. With the goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner and an interest in rural communities, Aleshia will be a welcome addition to the nursing profession in Ontario.

Award for Excellence in Professional Nursing Practice at the Undergraduate Student Level – 4 Year BScN Program

Sarah Haliburton has shown great initiative during her time at the McMaster University School of Nursing. She is the recipient of a prestigious international placement developing nutritional education programs in Kolkata, India, contributing greatly to the Kolkata clinic. This experience formed the background for well-received discussion on cardiovascular disease and cultural dietary practices within the Indian population. Her aptitude for teaching benefits her role as student ambassador with the Centre for Leadership and Learning, where she assists in workshops for faculty. Throughout her academic accomplishments Sarah also manages to maintain her position as a varsity athlete, garnering athletic awards and scholarships.

Doctoral Dissertation Award

The 2012 COUPN Doctoral Dissertation Award is only one of many awards that **Kimberley Widger** has received in recognition of her outstanding work as a doctoral student at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto. She was the recipient of a Fellowship from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) in support of her doctoral studies, which examines the quality of paediatric end-of life care from the parents' perspective. Most recently she has been awarded a three-year CIHR Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

Agency Recognition Award

Lakeridge Health Corporation has been an integral component of the Durham College/ University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Collaborative Nursing Program since its inception in 2003. As the principal clinical placement partner for the program, Lakeridge has worked hard to ensure that nursing students doing their practicums at its four sites - Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville and Port Perry - have the best possible experiences. In addition to the support received by students, Lakeridge offers encouragement and assistance to nurses who wish to develop their mentorship skills as preceptors, further demonstrating its commitment to nursing excellence.