Virginia Nurses Foundation Announces 2014 Award Recipients

Richmond, VA - The Virginia Nurses Foundation (VNF) announced the recipients of annual awards honoring those in the Commonwealth who made special contributions to the nursing profession. Winners were announced at the annual VNF Gala, held at the Jefferson Hotel on September 27, 2014. Jeffrey S. Cribbs, president and chief executive officer of the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation, served as honorary chair and gave keynote remarks.

Denise Daly Konrad, current director of strategic initiatives and policy at the Virginia Health Care Foundation and former director of the Nurse Leadership Institute, was recognized with the Friend of Nursing award for her dedication to furthering the leadership skills of nurses throughout Virginia.

"Nurses need to be empowered to lead from the bedside to the boardroom, and Denise has been instrumental in creating the framework for nursing leadership development in our state," said Dr. Shirley Gibson, president of the Virginia Nurses Foundation.

Dr. Lauren Goodloe received the Virginia Nurses Association's highest award, the Nancy Vance award. Established in 1948, this award is presented to a nurse in Virginia who demonstrates character above reproach and unusual qualities of unselfishness in service. Dr. Goodloe, who was sworn in as president of the Virginia Nurses Association on September 26, 2014, currently serves as the director of medical nursing and geriatric services and administrative director of nursing research at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center and assistant dean for clinical operations at Virginia Commonwealth University School Of Nursing.

"Dr. Goodloe is a consummate professional who has demonstrated her passion, skill and courage in delivering and advocating for quality nursing and healthcare for the past 33 years," said Jay Douglas, executive director of the Virginia Board of Nursing.

The VNF Gala was sponsored and supported by many Virginia hospitals and health systems. Bon Secours Virginia was the Gala’s Diamond sponsor. Platinum sponsors included Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Richmond Memorial Health Foundation, Riverside Health System, James Madison University, University of Virginia Medical Center, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Sentara Healthcare, HCA Capital Division, and Centra Health. The Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners was the Gala’s Bronze sponsor.

Also honored at the Gala:

- **Winners of the 2014 Magnet Consortium Award for Magnet Excellence in Clinical Nursing:**
  - Natalie Drawdy, Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center
  - Hollie Moneyhan, Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital
  - Sarah Frazier, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke Campus
  - Tamara Bryant, Centra Health Lynchburg General Hospital
  - Lyn Rose Calderoni, Centra Health Virginia Baptist Hospital
  - Deb Leser, Inova Fair Oaks Hospital
  - Marcia DePolo, Inova Fairfax Hospital
  - Aurora Newcomer, Inova Loudoun Hospital
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Marsha Lewin, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital
Kimberly Nelson, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center
Sheri Harsanyi, Virginia Hospital Center
Regina Cooley, Winchester Medical Center

• Winners of the 2014 Virginia Nurses Foundation Leadership Excellence Awards
  o Nursing Administration – Marie Duffy, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
  o Nursing Education – Karen Rose, University of Virginia School of Nursing
  o Nursing Research – Linda Bullock – University of Virginia Health System
  o Nursing Informatics – Tammy Kemp, Carilion Clinic
  o Frontline/Staff Nurse – Darlene Salvani, VCU Medical Center
  o Emerging Nurse Leader – Michelle Keesling, LewisGale Hospital Pulaski

• Winners of the Virginia Nurses Foundation JoAnne Kirk Henry Nurse Leadership Scholarship
  o Renee Hammel, Crossover Ministry
  o Christine Wagler, Harrisonburg Community Health Center

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About the Virginia Nurses Foundation
For more than a century, the Virginia Nurses Association (VNA) has been dedicated to nurses and nursing. Building a legacy of giving of our early pioneers, VNA established the Virginia Nurses Foundation (VNF) to continue programs of support and innovation for nurses and nursing in the Commonwealth. VNF supports the 100,000+ registered nurses across the Commonwealth by providing nursing scholarships and working to improve the health of all Virginians by advancing the future of nursing.