



Distinguished Alumni Awards

CUSONAA & CUPHSONAA GUIDELINES & NOMINATION FORM

Columbia University School of Nursing

Alumni Reunion

May 2, 2014

Distinguished Alumni Awards:

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented at Alumni Reunion on May 2, 2014. Those chosen come from nominations made by alumni and faculty and presented to the Distinguished Alumni Awards Committee for review and recommendation. The committee is co-chaired by a board member from both CUPHSONAA, Inc. and CUSONAA.

To nominate a candidate for an award, please complete the nomination form (page 5) by **February 3, 2014**. Kindly include a detailed description of your nominee's accomplishments, attach supporting documents as outlined on attached pages.

The nomination should include your candidate's resume and up to three letters of support, if possible. All documents should highlight and help explain how your candidate meets the general and specific award criteria. The information submitted will be the basis for award selection. If you use additional pages, please put the name of the nominee in the upper right corner of each page.

Awards can be given for the following categories:

1. Award for Nursing Practice
2. Award for Nursing Research
3. Award for Health Policy
4. Award for Nursing Education
5. Award for Nursing Administration
6. Award for Distinguished Career in Nursing
7. In Memoriam for Lifetime Achievement
8. Neighbors Humanitarian Award
9. Honorary Award

Depending on the award category, candidates can be an alumnus, non-alumnus or an organization. Self-nominations are welcomed. (An alumnus may nominate more than one candidate).

Once completed, the nomination packet will not be returned to the nominator.

Nominators whose candidates were not selected in the previous year are invited to resubmit their candidate(s) and update their materials in subsequent years.

Please email or fax your nomination materials to Larin Smith at lns2129@columbia.edu or (212) 342-1909 or email or fax them to Denise Ewing at admin@cuphsonaa.org or (914) 481-5788. All nomination materials are due by **February 3, 2014**.



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The Candidate:

1. Must have graduated from Columbia University School of Nursing* under any one of its previous program titles (i.e.: The Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses; The School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital; The Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University).

*unless being nominated for Honorary Award category

2. Has not received a previous Distinguished Alumni Award.
3. Is not a current member of the Awards Committee and/or the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association.
4. Is viewed as an excellent nurse by peers.
5. Has functioned as a mentor in facilitating the growth and future development of nurses within the profession.

Specific Candidate Criteria:

Award in Nursing Practice

Purpose: To recognize and honor a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing practice.

The candidate:

1. Has consistently demonstrated excellence in the practice of the art and a science of professional nursing.
2. Is viewed as an exemplary nurse by clients/patients/families and colleagues.
3. Has made unique contributions to nursing practice and patient care.

Award for Nursing Research

Purpose: To recognize and honor a nurse alumnus who has established excellence in nursing research.

The candidate:

1. Has demonstrated expertise in research, research design, instrumentation, statistics and related areas.
2. Has been actively involved in the conduct, completion and reporting of research studies which, through the candidate's efforts in publication and presentation, has made a contribution to nursing.
3. Is recognized as an educator, mentor, or facilitator in guiding and supporting others, either by assisting in the conduct of the candidate's research activities, or their own research activities (i.e. graduate students, other nurse researchers, staff nurses).
4. Has used, through research sound and scientific research findings in practice that have led to significant changes in the clinical nursing practice at the unit, service, institutional, regional or professional levels.



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Award for Health Policy

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The candidate:

1. Has developed health policy which promotes the health of the consumer and the advancement of the nursing profession.
2. Has fostered the political and legislative effectiveness of nurses.
3. Has promoted the public recognition of nursing as a scholarly discipline by using findings as a foundation for legislative and regulatory policies and procedures.

Award in Nursing Education

Purpose: To recognize and honor a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing education and professional development.

The candidate:

1. Has been recognized for excellence as an inspiring teacher by students and colleagues.
2. Has demonstrated expertise in education, curriculum design, innovative teaching methodologies, assessment and evaluation.
3. Has made a significant contribution to the field through research, publication, presentations or other recognition(s).

Award in Nursing Administration

Purpose: To recognize and honor a nurse alumnus who has exhibited excellence in nursing administration.

The candidate:

1. Has been recognized by colleagues for leadership in nursing administration.
2. Has used creative approaches that have positively influenced health care at the institutional, local, regional, national or international levels.
3. Has been recognized by colleagues for demonstrating the skills, attitudes, knowledge and the intangible qualities of a leader in nursing administration.
4. Created a high quality practice environment that recruits and retains nurses to function effectively as professional nurses within their institutional settings.



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Award for a Distinguished Career in Nursing

Purpose: To recognize and honor a nurse alumnus who has a distinguished career in nursing.

The candidate:

1. Has been recognized as an outstanding nurse who has made continuing contributions in nursing during his/her career.
2. Meets all the criteria in at least two or more of the specific awards categories in the fields of nursing education, nursing practice, nursing administration, nursing research or health.

In Memoriam for Lifetime Achievement:

Purpose: To recognize and honor a deceased alumnus for Lifetime Achievement in nursing.

The candidate:

1. Met the specific criteria in any of the awards categories for a distinguished career in nursing, nursing education, nursing practice, nursing administration, nursing research or health policy.

Neighbors Humanitarian Award

Purpose: To recognize and honor an alumnus who has exhibited outstanding service to humanity.

The candidate:

1. Has been recognized as a remarkable humanitarian offering dedicated service to others.
2. Has volunteered to provide sustained and dedicated service to others in need.
3. Has cared for others without regard for compensation, recognition or personal gain.
4. Has promoted public recognition of nursing as a human service profession through her/his efforts.

Honorary Award

Purpose: To recognize and honor an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the Alumni Association, the School, and/or the profession.

The candidate:

1. Made a significant contribution or rendered distinguished service to the Alumni Association, the School of Nursing or the profession that enhances its image and enables it to meet its vision, mission and goals at local/regional/national and international levels.



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Nominee information:

Nominee: _____

Please indicate category of award for which you are nominating: _____

[Nursing Practice; Nursing Research; Health Policy; Nursing Education; Nursing Administration; Distinguished Career in Nursing; In Memoriam for Lifetime Achievement; Neighbors Humanitarian; or Honorary (for non-alumni nominees)]

Nominee

Address: _____

Nominee email: _____

Nominee phone: **(H)** _____ **(C)** _____ **(W)** _____

Person submitting nomination:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: **(H)** _____ **(C)** _____ **(W)** _____

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