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LOUISIANA NURSES FOUNDATION CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AT 22nd ANNUAL NIGHTINGALE AWARDS AND GALA

BATON ROUGE – On September 16, Louisiana Nurses Foundation hosted more than 600 nurses and supporters from all over Louisiana at its 22nd annual Nightingale Awards and Gala. The annual event recognizes the achievements of nurses, hospitals, and nursing programs across the state in a variety of categories.

“With more than 60,000 nurses in Louisiana, these individuals and organizations represent the best in our profession,” said Ahnyel Burkes, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association and Louisiana Nurses Foundation. “We are so thankful for all of our sponsors and partners, especially our Benefactor Sponsor LCMC Health, that make this event memorable.”

The 2023 Nightingale Award winners are:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of the Year

Sherry Rivera
LSU Health Sciences Center

Clinical Nurse Educator of the Year

Lauren Holmes
Woman’s Hospital

Contribution to Quality Award

Nicole Jones
East Jefferson General Hospital

Rookie of the Year

Shelbi Taylor
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

Registered Nurse Mentor of the Year

LaQuana Davis
University Medical Center

Clinical Practice Nurse of the Year

Shelly Sanders
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

Nursing Administrator of the Year

Cheri Johnson
Woman’s Hospital

Outstanding Community Achievement by a Registered Nurse

Clelie Dugan

St. Tammany Parish Hospital

Nursing Educator of the Year

Susan Steele-Moses

Northwestern State University

Nursing School Administrator of the Year

Kendra Barrier

LSU Health Sciences Center

Registered Nurse of the Year

Bridget Morales

Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

Nursing School of the Year – Undergraduate Degree Programs

University of Louisiana at Lafayette LHC Group - Myers School of Nursing

Nursing School of the Year – Graduate Degree Programs

Southern University School of Nursing

Outstanding Employer or Facility of the Year (Other Than Hospital)

Louisiana Healthcare Connections

Hospital of the Year (60 beds or fewer)

The Spine Hospital of Louisiana

Hospital of the Year (61 beds to 160 beds)

Ochsner Medical Center Baton Rouge

Hospital of the Year (161 beds or greater)

Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center

Hall of Fame Inductees

Wendi Palermo

Valerie Schluter

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About the Louisiana Nurses Foundation

Since 1986, the Louisiana Nurses Foundation has served as the research, education, and charitable entity of the Louisiana State Nurses Association. The primary focus of the Foundation is to promote professional nursing through academic scholarships and professional development, recognizing nursing accomplishments, and supporting nurses through the Nurse Relief Fund and Recovering Nurse Program. More information about the Foundation can be found at <https://www.lsna.org/>.