

NURSES OF INFLUENCE AWARDS

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Awardees

BACKGROUND

The UW School of Nursing is proud to honor our community's outstanding nurses and nursing leaders. Our Nurses of Influence Awards affirm the strong bonds between the UW School of Nursing and our community partners and acknowledges the many ways the profession of nursing improves health and touches lives. You can view our [2023 Nurses of Influence Awardees by visiting this page](#), or view all [past awardees here](#).

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Distinguished Alumni Award**
Recognizes a UW School of Nursing alum whose career in nursing exemplifies excellence in clinical practice, leadership in professional organizations, outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the community. Only UW School of Nursing graduates are eligible for the Distinguished Alumni Award.
- **Distinguished Researcher Award**
Recognizes an individual whose research, professional achievements and cumulative contributions have brought personal distinction, enhanced the profession, improved the welfare of the general public and brought honor and prestige to his or her field.

Distinguished Practitioner Award

Recognizes a nurse who demonstrates excellence in nursing care, serves as an advocate for patients, families, and/or communities, makes a recognizable difference through his or her practice and embodies the essence of the nursing profession.

- **Distinguished Diversity Advocate Award**
Recognizes a nurse who advocates for the needs of underrepresented populations and communities; encourages dialogue and reflection regarding societal power imbalances; and demonstrates leadership in promoting diversity in nursing.
- **Distinguished Advocate, Administrator, Leader**
Recognizes an individual who demonstrates excellence in nursing advocacy, patient advocacy, administration and leadership; serves as a champion for the nursing profession, actively seeks to improve nursing management, administration and goes above and beyond across the nursing practice continuum.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**
The Lifetime Achievement Award is a prestigious award selected by the UW School of Nursing's Executive Dean. The recipient of this award demonstrates remarkable leadership and commitment to the nursing field and has proven their passion and devotion throughout their life and career.

Past Nurses of Influence Awardees

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

2004	Rebecca Kang
2005	Kathleen Dorcy
2006	Deborah Martin
2007	Mary Salazar
2008	Judith Huntington
2009	Cynthia Hecker
2010	Vickie Ybarra
2011	Donna Gerity
2012	Mady Murrey
2013	Sallie Davis Kirsch
2014	Ruth Fletcher Benfield
2014	Carolyn Chandler Main
2016	Louise Kaplan
2017	Sam Miller
2018	Karalee Hatch Sutterlin & Pamela Cipriano
2019	Elizabeth Bridges
2020	Jose A. Pares-Avila
2021	Joycelyn Thomas
2022	Deanna Iwamoto
2023	Jesus Reyna

DISTINGUISHED PRACTITIONER AWARD

2009	Leslie Elder
2010	Kiki Van Zandt
2011	Emily Butler
2012	Charles Moody
2013	Laurie Soine
2014	Randy Eveland
2015	Pamela Stitzlein Davies
2016	Shannon Fitzgerald
2017	Jean Blue
2018	Sarah Rawlins
2019	Sarah Devine
2020	Patricia Blissitt
2021	Kristen Childress
2022	Frankie Manning
2023	Carla Jolley

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2012	Margaret Hollinger
2018	Doris Carnevali
2021	Rep. Eileen Cody

DISTINGUISHED ADVOCATE, ADMINISTRATOR, LEADER AWARD

2016	Saibo Tunkara
2017	Jayne Kaulzloric
2018	Barbara Trehern
2019	Sofia Aragon
2020	Katie Johnson & Lois Schipper
2021	Anne Hirsch & Sue Birch
2022	Louise Peterson
2023	Samara Hoag

DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD

2004	Elaine Larson
2005	Karen Schepp
2006	Kathryn Lee
2007	Elaine Thompson
2008	Donna Berry
2009	Carol Landis
2010	Pamela Mitchell
2011	Marilyn Dodd
2012	Cynthia Dougherty
2013	Frances Marcus Lewis
2014	Lynn Reinke
2015	Karen Thomas
2016	Brenda Zierler
2017	Margaret Wallhagen
2018	Betty Bekemeier
2019	Teresa Ward
2020	Debra Ridling
2021	Mayumi Willgerodt
2022	Frances Marcus Lewis
2023	Marqaret Heitkemper

STRICKLAND DISTINGUISHED DIVERSITY ADVOCATE AWARD ^D

2013	Victoria Fletcher
2014	SON Diversity Awareness Group
2015	Carolyn June Strickland
2016	Eleanor Marsh
2017	Ekene "Kennie" Amaefule
2018	Caroline Chow
2019	Enedina Dumas
2020	Frankie Manning
2021	Keondra Rustan
2022	Butch de Castro
2023	Muriel G. Softli