

NURSING CELEBRATION 2014

NOMINATE OUTSTANDING REGISTERED NURSES FOR NURSING CELEBRATION 2014

Dear Nursing Supporter:

District 9 of the Texas Nurses Association is accepting nominations for **Nursing Celebration 2014!**

This annual event, now in its 24th year, honors exceptional nurses in the District 9 area (Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker and Waller counties).

We invite you to nominate registered nurses who have made an outstanding contribution to the profession---staff nurses, educators, managers, practitioners, community nurses, and school nurses.

Any registered nurse currently licensed in the state of Texas and working as an RN in District 9 is eligible. Anyone may nominate a registered nurse; however, self-nominations are not eligible.

Send nominations to:

*Nursing Celebration 2014 Nominations
Texas Nurses District 9 Foundation
2370 Rice Boulevard, Suite 109
Houston, TX 77005-2699*

May scan entire signed application and e-mail to tna9@tnadistrict9.com.

Nominations must be received in the TNA D9 office by **September 15, 2014**.

We thank you for your support and encouragement and applaud your efforts to recognize individuals who give so much to others.

For further information, please call the TNA District 9 office at (713) 523-3619 or email at tna9@tnadistrict9.com.

Sincerely,

The Nursing Celebration 2014 Nominations Committee

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NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Send a *narrative* of two (2) typed pages (or less) describing how your candidate has excelled in each of the following areas: Professional Practice; Role Modeling; Quality Health Care; Commitment to the Profession.
- Entries of more than two (2) pages will not be considered.
- Entries must be typewritten in print no smaller than size 12 font.
- Submit two (2) copies of the narrative, one with the candidate's name and institution, and one without any identifying information of nominee, nominator or institution.
- Selections will be made by blind review of the narratives.

Identify *specific* examples of the criteria that reflect behavior above and beyond a job description. You may include additional examples of achievements under "Other." **Address as many of the listed criteria as possible**, with emphasis on those characteristics that make your candidate unique.

EXHIBITS EXPERTISE IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Include:

- Certification or special award in a specialty area
- Initiations of policy changes
- Participation in community clinical projects
- Advanced education in a specific specialty area
- Sharing of knowledge through inservices, etc.
- Planning and implementation of research
- Development of protocols, guidelines or projects
- Other

SERVES AS A PROFESSIONAL ROLE MODEL

Include:

- Active participation in professional associations, on committees, etc.
- Mentoring other nurses in professional practice
- Presentation at state and national conferences
- Consultation with other professions and agencies
- Serving as a spokesperson for professional nursing
- Serving as an adjunct faculty member or preceptor
- Policy development
- Publishing in professional journals
- Other

CONTRIBUTES TO THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE

Include:

- Advocates for patients or students
- Improvement of health care or educational delivery systems
- Changes in policy based on research
- Political action to support quality health care or education
- Enhancement of patient access to care or student access to education
- Development and maintenance of high standards
- Chair or member of institutional committees
- Outcomes evaluation
- Other

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DEMONSTRATES COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION OF NURSING

Include:

- Consultation for groups regarding issues and health care or education delivery
- Mentoring nurses for leadership in nursing organizations
- Representation of nursing at local, state, and national levels
- Representation of nursing on community boards (e.g. school boards)
- Other community, school, church activities

Please provide the following information about your nominee:	
Name of Nominee	
Nursing Credentials	
Area of practice	
Years in nursing	
Current position	
Name of institution in which employed	
Initial degree	
Highest degree	
Current address	
Current City	
Current Zip	
Current phone #: Work	
Current phone #: Home	
Email:	
Signature of Nominee*:	
Printed Name of Nominator: <i>(please print legibly)</i>	
Phone # and Email of Nominator:	
*Signature indicates that the nominee has read and agrees with the content of the letter. Winning nominees will need to submit a 100 word (or less) bio and will have their photo taken by the Celebration photographer.	