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## ***ST. LOUIS MAGAZINE* ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 2013 EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARDS**

April 26, 2013 – ST. LOUIS, MO – *St. Louis Magazine* is pleased to announce the winners of the 2013 Excellence in Nursing Awards. At a reception Thursday, April 25, at the Kemp Auto Museum, *St. Louis Magazine* Editor-in-Chief Jarrett Medlin and *St. Louis At Home* and *St. Louis Family* Editor-in-Chief Christy Marshall presented awards to 63 finalists. The overall winners in each category were announced for the first time at the reception. KPLR-TV anchor Christine Buck served as the evening's guest speaker.

*St. Louis Magazine's* Excellence in Nursing Awards included 18 categories: Acute Care/General Medicine; Cardiovascular; Community/Ambulatory Care; Educator; Emergency Department; Hospice/Home Health/Palliative Care; Intensive Care; Management/Nurse Executive/Clinical Leader; Medical-Surgical Nursing; Neurology/Psychology/Behavioral Health; Oncology; Orthopedics; Pediatrics (Neonatal); Pediatrics (Non-Neonatal); Research; School; Senior Services; and Women's Health. "We hope these awards shed light on a vital part of St. Louis' healthcare community," says Editor-in-Chief Jarrett Medlin. "Hopefully, in recognizing the region's most outstanding professionals and telling some of their incredible stories, it will inspire future nurses."

*St. Louis Magazine* received more than 200 nominations for the awards contest. Those nominations were evaluated by a selection committee, which chose the finalists. The selection committee of the 2013 Excellence in Nursing Awards included Karen Daley, President of the American Nurses Association; Karen Drenkard, Executive Director of the American Nurses Credentialing Center; Lora Lacey-Haun, Dean of the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Nursing; Anne Heine, Instructor of Clinical Nursing at the Sinclair School of Nursing at the University of Missouri in Columbia; Jill Kliethermes, CEO of the Missouri Nurses Association; Bonnie Niebuhr, CEO of the American Board of Nursing Specialties; and Diane Twedell, Chief Nursing Officer of Mayo Clinic Health System, Southeast Minnesota Region.

In addition to the Excellence in Nursing Awards presentation, Dr. Marty Spies, Professor and Faculty Chairperson of Chamberlain College of Nursing, presented an award to each winner who received a perfect score from the selection committee. The five nurses who received perfect scores included Dana Aronin of Pediatric Care for Kids (Pediatrics—Non-Neonatal); Margaret Benz of Saint Louis University School of Nursing (Community/Ambulatory Care); Barbara Logue of Barnes-Jewish Hospital (Cardiovascular); Mary Mehegan of St. Louis Children's Hospital (Intensive Care); and Eileen Steiniger of Esse Health (Community/Ambulatory Care).

The overall winners in each category are profiled in a 10-page feature in the May issue of *St. Louis Magazine*, which was unveiled at the awards reception. The issue hits subscribers' mailboxes April 26 and newsstands May 3. *St. Louis Magazine's* fourth annual Excellence in Nursing Awards reception was held at the Kemp Auto Museum in Chesterfield. The event was presented by Chamberlain College of Nursing and support was provided by Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Siteman Cancer Center, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College, Mercy, Saint Louis University Hospital, Saint Louis University School of Nursing, SSM Health Care—St. Louis, St. Louis Children's Hospital, and Weinhardt Party Rentals.

### **The 2013 Excellence in Nursing Award Recipients:**

#### **Acute Care/General Medicine**

***Winner***

Linda Black, Washington University School of Medicine

***Finalists***

Kimberly McGrath, Mercy Hospital St. Louis

Julie Spencer, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College

#### **Cardiovascular**

***Winner***

Barbara Logue, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

***Finalists***

Margaret Emmert Capriglione, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Rinnah MacVittie, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Lisa Murphy, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

#### **Community/Ambulatory Care**

***Winner (Tie)***

Margaret Benz, Saint Louis University School of Nursing

Eileen Steiniger, Esse Health

***Finalists***

Pat McCloskey, St. Luke's Hospital

Stacy Pokorny, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis Children's Hospital

#### **Educator**

***Winner (Tie)***

Verna Hendricks-Ferguson, Saint Louis University School of Nursing

Jean Huelsing, Living Well Foundation

***Finalists***

Mary Lee Barron, Saint Louis University School of Nursing

Bernadette Henrichs, Washington University School of Medicine, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College

Joanne Langan, Saint Louis University School of Nursing, SSM St. Clare Health Center

#### **Emergency Department**

***Winner***

Helen Sandkuhl, Saint Louis University Hospital

***Finalists***

Lynn Goodlet, Progress West HealthCare Center

Paula Malone, Progress West HealthCare Center  
Lisa Schneider, SSM St. Joseph Health Center

### **Hospice/Home Health/Palliative Care**

#### ***Winner***

Benita Austin, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

#### ***Finalists***

Linda Poth, Nurses & Company

Heather Stock, SSM St. Clare Health Center

### **Intensive Care**

#### ***Winner***

Mary Mehegan, St. Louis Children's Hospital

#### ***Finalists***

Sarah Koch, Missouri Baptist Medical Center

Barbara Miller, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis Children's Hospital

### **Management/Nurse Executive/Clinical Leader**

#### ***Winner***

Diana Kraus, St. Louis Children's Hospital

#### ***Finalists***

Colleen Becker, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Marianne Fournie, Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital

Terri Morris, Esse Health

Victoria Peck, Washington University School of Medicine

### **Medical-Surgical Nursing**

#### ***Winner***

Meranda Scherer, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

#### ***Finalists***

Kara Bonnell, Missouri Baptist Medical Center

Cheryl Boone, SSM St. Mary's Health Center

Robyn Myers, Washington University School of Medicine

### **Neurology/Psychology/Behavioral Health**

#### ***Winner***

Cassandra Ward, Washington University School of Medicine

#### ***Finalist***

Teresa DeGuire, SSM St. Joseph Health Center

### **Oncology**

#### ***Winner***

Robert Parker, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center

#### ***Finalists***

Jennifer Kloth, Comprehensive Cancer Care

Reida McDowell, Washington University School of Medicine, Siteman Cancer Center

### **Orthopedics**

#### ***Winner***

Jacob Kliethermes, Mercy Hospital St. Louis

#### ***Finalists***

Jamie Menendez, Washington University School of Medicine  
Stacy Weisguth, Missouri Baptist Medical Center

#### **Pediatrics—Neonatal**

***Winner***

Catherine Dill, Missouri Baptist Medical Center

***Finalists***

Jillian Barron, SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center  
Donna Kaempfe, St. Louis Children's Hospital

#### **Pediatrics—Non-Neonatal**

***Winner***

Dana Aronin, Pediatric Care for Kids

***Finalists***

Mandy Drozda, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis Children's Hospital, Esse Health  
Tammy Heffner, St. Louis Children's Hospital  
Margaret Ann Shaner, St. Louis Children's Hospital  
Julie Stumpf, St. Louis Children's Hospital

#### **Research**

***Winner***

Karen Balakas, St. Louis Children's Hospital

***Finalists***

Norma Metheny, Saint Louis University School of Nursing  
Lee Smith, Saint Louis University School of Nursing

#### **School**

***Winner***

Kathleen Wallace, Parkway School District

***Finalist***

Kathy Beezley, Affton School District

#### **Senior Services**

***Winner***

Sister Mary Elizabeth Voss, Mother of Good Counsel Home

***Finalists***

Patricia Kabambe, Parkwood Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, RSP Senior Living Communities  
Lee Vance, Marymount Manor Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, RSP Senior Living Communities

#### **Women's Health**

***Winner***

Sue Muehling, Missouri Baptist Medical Center

***Finalists***

Danielle Frueh, Memorial Hospital (Belleville, Ill.)  
Julie Schweitzer, Women's Care Specialists  
Darla Wertenberger, St. Luke's Hospital

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