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## **NB Nurses Celebrate Six Outstanding Colleagues**

FREDERICTON, June 3 2015 – Nominated by their peers and recognized by the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB), six outstanding nurses will be honored at an awards banquet this evening at the Delta Hotel Fredericton in conjunction with NANB's 99<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Invitational Forum.

"NANB's Awards Banquet provides nurses across the province an evening to celebrate and acknowledge the exceptional quality of health services nurses deliver to New Brunswickers every day," says Darline Cogswell, President of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick. "From an Entry-Level Nurse Achievement Award to Excellence in Clinical Practice Award, all recipients have strived to improve health care delivery and promote public health awareness."

### **Entry-Level Nurse Achievement Award**

Stephanie Baptiste, RN, Moncton, is this year's Entry-Level Nurse Achievement Award recipient. She is described as a rising star and a future role model. Even though she is an entry-level nurse, her colleagues highlight the quality of her therapeutic relationships with patients and her attentiveness to maintaining good professional relationships with other members of the health care team..

Stephanie has been a registered nurse since 2013. She obtained a bachelor of nursing degree from the Université de Moncton in 2012 and currently works as a nurse on the orthopedics, otorhynolaryngology and plastic surgery unit at the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Center. .

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### **Award of Merit: Nursing Practice**

Recipient of this year's Award of Merit: Nursing Practice, Léoline Héту, RN, Dieppe, is described as a role model and someone who is passionate about her profession and concerned with providing care that is centered on the population she serves.

Léoline holds a bachelor of nursing degree from the Université de Moncton and has been a registered nurse since 1975.

During her long and rich career, Léoline has practised nursing in various first-line care settings. She has been bedside nurse in the coronary intensive care unit, nurse in a pediatric practice, then nurse in a pediatric care unit. She has also worked in the burnt unit, in hemodialysis, in infant-maternal care and in psychiatry. While working at the psychiatric care unit, she was a clinical instructor for students from the Université de Moncton nursing school.

### **Award of Merit: Administration**

Although Monique Cormier-Daigle, II, from Moncton, has excelled in all nursing areas, we mostly want to highlight her leadership qualities this evening by making her the recipient of this year's Award of Merit : Administration.

Monique has been a registered nurse since 1975. She started her career as a bedside nurse in a hospital setting and in public health in urban and rural regions. She then went on to teaching and a position as assistant professor at the Université de Moncton nursing school. She was also director of education and research in nursing care and department head for professional development at the Beauséjour Regional Health Authority. Monique was involved in several research projects and various published articles. She is currently regional director for skills development at the Vitalité Health Network.

### **Award of Merit: Education**

What sets apart the contribution of Lucie-Anne Landry, II, from Dieppe, as an educator is her team spirit and her commitment to innovation in an evolving

learning environment. Being actively involved in the development of a new teaching approach and new learning material for the reconfiguration of the baccalaureate of nursing program at the Université de Moncton, she is this year's recipient of the Award of Merit: Education.

Lucie-Anne has been a registered nurse for a dozen years, after obtaining a baccalaureate in nursing in 2003 and a master's degree in nursing in 2008, both from the Université de Moncton. Lucie-Anne has devoted most of her professional life to educating future Francophone nurses New Brunswick by teaching at the Université de Moncton.

#### **Award of Merit: Research**

This year's Award of Merit: Research is presented to Kathryn Weaver, RN, PhD, Mactaquac, Associate Professor with the Faculty of Nursing at the University of New Brunswick.

Dr. Weaver's nomination clearly exemplified all the criteria for this award and highlighted her dedication to excellence in the conduct and dissemination of research and the fostering and mentoring of new nursing scholars.

Dr. Weaver's program of research has centered on eating and identity issues experienced by women and ethical leadership in nursing. From this work she has developed a mid-range theory of women's recovery from anorexia nervosa and a model of ethical sensitivity. These are both widely cited, but more importantly they are being used in practice and are being tested in further research.

Dr. Weaver's work has won numerous grants both provincially and nationally. She has also had the distinct honor of being recognized as a Harrison McCain Foundation Young Scholar for her studies on vulnerable populations.

#### **Excellence in Clinical Practice Award**

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Shari Watson, RN, Smithfield, recipient of this year's Excellence in Clinical Practice Award, is seen as a positive role model who is a sought after mentor and is seen as an advocate for patients and her colleagues. She has created and maintains a closed social networking group titled 'Bedside Nurses Making a Difference'.

She is a life-long learner who began her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse. While working in the Emergency Room at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, she completed her Bachelor of Nursing at the University of New Brunswick.

Shari was nominated for her excellent assessment skills and for providing exceptional evidence- informed care, but what everyone believes makes her shine is the quality of the relationships she has with her patients. Shari excels in the delivery of person centered care, working with the whole person and addressing not only the physical needs of clients but their unique emotional, social and spiritual health challenges.

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