The College of Mount St. Joseph, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, has provided quality nursing education for over eight decades. The Mount’s rich heritage in educating and fostering the development of nursing leaders gives evidence of its continuing commitment to prepare women and men for leadership roles in nursing for the third millennium. In an effort to recognize these outstanding nursing leaders, the College of Mount St. Joseph has established the annual Leadership in Nursing Awards.

Five awards will be presented: Distinguished Nurse Administrator, Distinguished Nurse Educator, Distinguished Nurse Researcher, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and Alumni Nurse Leader. Throughout your career you have encountered leaders in the field whose hard work and vision merit recognition. Please join with the College of Mount St. Joseph in honoring these leaders of our profession.

ELIGIBILITY
The nominee should be a Tri-State resident for all awards except the Alumni Nurse Leader who can reside anywhere. The nominee should have a history of enhancing the image of professional nursing, providing service with respect for human dignity and the uniqueness of others, and promoting the scholarly activities and professional development of self and others. Please note the criteria for each award. To be eligible, the winner must be available to receive the award the evening of the event.

NOMINATIONS
Nominations may be made by any registered nurse. To be considered, nominations must include the following: a completed nomination form; a nomination narrative typed or printed legibly; and a current curriculum vita of the nominee. An individual may be nominated for one of the following categories:

1. Distinguished Nurse Administrator
2. Distinguished Nurse Educator
3. Distinguished Nurse Researcher
4. Lifetime Achievement in Nursing
5. Alumni Nurse Leader

DEADLINE
Nominations for the Leadership in Nursing Awards must be faxed, emailed or postmarked no later than Monday, July 1, 2013.

SELECTION
A selection committee will conduct a blind review of all nominations received. Nominations will be rated in categories based on the criteria. All nominees will be notified of the outcome.

AWARDS PRESENTATION
The winners of the awards will be honored and receive a specially designed crystal etching at the Leadership in Nursing Awards event. Names of the winners will also be engraved on a permanent plaque displayed at the College of Mount St. Joseph. The winners must be present at the event to receive their award.
The Nursing Leadership Awards are based on the premise that a nurse leader enhances the image of professional nursing, has a positive value orientation and promotes the professional development of self and others as evidenced by maintaining competence in nursing and responding to challenges with innovative approaches. Leadership can be measured in many different ways. The following criteria are used in determining award recipients. Award recipients are eligible for each award only once.

**DISTINGUISHED NURSE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Award Criteria**

The recipient of the Distinguished Nurse Administrator Award is recognized for outstanding leadership and management skills within the field of nursing administration, has a minimum of a BSN and is presently employed in the field of nursing administration.

- Promotes a positive workplace through collaboration, respect and support of colleagues.
- Assists colleagues to grow professionally and personally within the profession.
- Considers the welfare of clients, colleagues and the organization in matters affecting employment and practice.
- Effectively maintains delivery of quality nursing care through proactive responses in the management of health care delivery.

**DISTINGUISHED NURSE EDUCATOR**

**Award Criteria**

The recipient of the Distinguished Nurse Educator Award is recognized for commitment to academia and the advancement of nursing knowledge; is presently employed in a nurse educator position and holds a master’s or doctoral degree.

- Advances nursing knowledge through research, publications and/or presentations.
- Employs creative and innovative teaching strategies, responding to the needs of a diverse learner population and promoting high levels of competence.
- Collaborates with clients and health care professionals to enhance wellness.
- Demonstrates commitment to community service through active involvement.
DISTINGUISHED NURSE RESEARCHER
Award Criteria

The recipient of the Distinguished Nurse Researcher Award is recognized for significant research activities which have positively affected nursing practice, has a master’s or doctorate degree in nursing and demonstrates recent involvement in research endeavors related to nursing.

- Encourages the development and effective use of nursing research among individuals practicing nursing.
- Disseminates research results through presentations and/or publications.
- Receives funded support from local, regional and national agencies.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN NURSING
Award Criteria

The Lifetime Achievement in Nursing Award recognizes a nurse leader whose career has significantly affected nursing, health care and the community, who has a BSN or equivalent degree, and has practiced nursing for 25 yrs. or more.

- Has demonstrated a proactive response to health care needs.
- Has demonstrated resourcefulness and creative approaches to implement change.
- Has demonstrated significant achievement in improving nursing and health care.

ALUMNI NURSE LEADER
Award Criteria

The Alumni Nurse Leader Award recognizes an alumnus who earned a nursing degree at the College of Mount St. Joseph a minimum of 5 years ago. The nominee is a leader within any health care setting. In addition to peer nomination for this award, self-nomination is accepted with an accompanying letter of recommendation from a nurse colleague.

- Has contributed to promoting a positive image of the nursing profession.
- Has upheld the values of compassion, caring, and human dignity.
- Has demonstrated significant achievement in improving nursing and health care.
College of Mount St. Joseph
Leadership in Nursing Awards Program
Nomination Form
(Please type or print)

NOMINATOR
Name_________________________ Home Telephone________________________
Home Address____________________________ City/State/ZIP__________________
Employer____________________________________________________________
Address____________________________ City/State/ZIP_____________________
Preferred E-mail Address________________ Work Telephone____________________

I certify that the nominating information I am submitting is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
(Signature)____________________________________________________________________________________

Please mark only one nomination category:
___Distinguished Nurse Administrator   ___Lifetime Achievement in Nursing   ___Distinguished Nurse Researcher
___Distinguished Nurse Educator       ___Alumni Nurse Leader

NOMINEE
Name_________________________ Home Telephone________________________
Home Address____________________________ City/State/ZIP__________________
Employer____________________________________________________________
Address____________________________ City/State/ZIP_____________________
Preferred E-mail Address________________ Work Telephone____________________

Position_____________________________________________________________________________________

NOMINATION NARRATIVE

If you prefer not to use the electronic nomination option, please type or print your nomination narrative on additional sheets of paper. Address each bullet of the AWARD CRITERIA listed on previous pages for the individual you are nominating. Include specific examples of how the nominee meets the criteria. Please do not mention either the name of the nominee or place of employment in the narrative. The nominator’s narrative is a significant part of the selection process.
Nominators should submit a current curriculum vita of the nominee with the nomination form and nomination narrative.

Nominations must be faxed, emailed or postmarked by Monday, July 1, 2013 and submitted to:
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