



New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards

The New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards is a statewide program to recognize and honor nurses for excellence in nursing practice. Awards are presented in 21 nursing specialties. The premier award is the New Mexico Distinguished Nurse of the Year Award, presented to an individual whose practice exemplifies the best of the nursing profession.

Also honored are the Nursing Legends of New Mexico - nursing leaders whose lifetime achievements have significantly contributed to the nursing profession. The Touch a Life Award provides patients and families an opportunity to recognize nurses who have touched their lives. Each honoree will receive an award designed especially for this event by Laguna/Zuni artist De Haven Solimon Chaffins. Over 700 New Mexico nurses have been honored since the awards' inception.

Awards will be presented at a black-tie dinner and award ceremony Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo. Last year's event was a huge success, with nearly 200 nominees and over 750 people in attendance. Our goals for the evening are not only to announce the award winners, but to also host an elegant evening celebrating the nursing profession.

The New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence

Proceeds of the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards and Silent Auction go to support the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence (NMCNE). The NMCNE is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization whose primary focus is strengthen and grow the nursing workforce in New Mexico.

Advocating for nursing education, supporting nurse recruitment and retention through professional development, and recognizing nurses are the primary goals of the NMCNE. Major NMCNE programs include the Nightingale Scholarships for nursing students at all levels of nursing education, the Clinical Teaching Institute for nurses' professional development, and the Nursing Excellence Awards. The NMCNE also works to develop and coordinate a statewide nursing data set to ensure an accurate, factual picture of nursing in New Mexico.

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