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Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC

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NNPBC HONOURS EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

BURNABY, BC – The Association of Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC), the professional association representing all four nursing designations, is delighted to honour the 20 exceptional individuals who have demonstrated excellence in nursing practice including 'rising stars' in the profession, lifetime achievement, research, advocacy, innovation, administration, education, and leadership at the 2022 Nursing Awards of Excellence.

"We are so excited to be able to host these 20 exceptional nurses, their families, colleagues, and special guests for our first in-person event since 2019. The opportunity to host the Nursing Awards of Excellence represents a way for us to give back to and recognize the exceptional work that nurses do each day. Nurses go above and beyond no matter where they work and are the backbone of health care. Being able to say a public thank you to the 20 recipients is a way to recognize the commitment nursing professionals have to their work, patients, clients, and communities." said Sherri Kensall, NNPBC Board Chair.

At the in-person event all four nursing designations in British Columbia (Licensed Practical Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, and Registered Psychiatric Nurse), will be recognized for their unique and essential roles in the health system.

"It is no secret that this event is a favourite for the Association and our staff team to host. Each year we are humbled by the calibre of nominations, inspired by the incredible accomplishments of these nurses, and thrilled to be able to create a special and memorable night for the recipients and honoured guests. Congratulations to each recipient and thank you for your exceptional contributions to health and wellness." said Alix Arndt, NNPBC Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Nursing Awards of Excellence recipients for 2022:

Sheila D. Early, R.N., B.Sc.N. *Lifetime Achievement*

Colleen Varcoe, PhD, RN *Lifetime Achievement*

Grant McCullough, RN *Excellence in Nursing Administration*

Laura L. Struik, PhD, RN *Excellence in Advancing Nursing Knowledge & Research*

Elizabeth M. Saewyc, PhD, RN, FSAHM, FCAHS, FAAN, FCAN *Excellence in Nursing Advocacy*

Bonnie Catlin MScN *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Rishma Chooniedass, MN, RN *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Leslie Kim Daly, RN, PhD *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Fairleth McCuaig, DNP, NP(F) *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Crystal Adams, LPN *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Yandi Kwa, MSN, NP(F) *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Rose Melnyk, St'uxwtéws, BScN, MN *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Amanda Lavigne, RPN, BScPN *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Kaylin Nicolson, RN BScN (C) *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Sophie Perrault, LPN *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Ruth Ringland NP(F) *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Carol A. Wilson, BSN, RN *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Michelle Carter RN, MSN, BSN, BSc *Innovation in Nursing*

Balbir Gurm, RN, EdD, Fellow Canadian Academy of Nursing *Innovation in Nursing*

Erin Bryant, MSN, BSN, RN *Rising Star*

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