

## NEWS RELEASE

Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia

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### NNPBC RECOGNIZES NURSING AWARD RECIPIENTS

VANCOUVER, BC – The Association of Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia (NNPBC) is honoured to recognize the recipients of the 2024 Nursing Awards of Excellence. This year's award categories recognize individuals and teams for their excellence and contributions to nursing practice, education, advocacy, research, innovation, and leadership; as well as new categories including outstanding patient-centered care, champion of nursing for supporting nursing excellence, and an award for planetary health, jointly offered by NNPBC and the Canadian Association for Nurses of the Environment BC Chapter (CANE-BC).

NNPBC will formally recognize award recipients at the Nursing Awards of Excellence Gala on January 9, 2025, alongside special guests including partners in health, provincial government, and nursing colleagues.

2024 Nursing Awards of Excellence recipients:

Sally Thorne, RN PhD DSc (Hon) FAAN FCAHS FCAN CM *Lifetime Achievement*

Suzanne Horn, RN *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Barbara Ann Nielsen, MScN NP(F) *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

PICC Opportunities for Kids (POKe) and Pediatric IV Outpatient Therapy (PIVOT) *Outstanding Patient-Centered Team*

Jill Mahy, RN MSN *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Manuela Reekie, BSc BSN MN RN *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Natasha Prodan-Bhalla, DNP BScN MN NP(A) *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Michele Anne Trask, MPH DNP RN FCAN EDAC CHE *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Helen Brown, PhD RN *Excellence in Advancing Nursing Knowledge & Research*

Leah Lambert, RN PhD *Excellence in Advancing Nursing Knowledge & Research*

Alix Arndt, BA MA *Champion of Nursing*

Jennifer Buck, DNP *Excellence in Nursing Advocacy*

Jag Tak, LPN *Excellence in Nursing Advocacy*

Scott M. Beck, MSN MPH RN *Innovation in Nursing*

Nikki Rose Hunter-Porter (Stuxstews), RN MN *Indigenous Health Leadership*

Barbara J Astle, PhD RN FCAN FAAN *NNPBC & CANE-BC Joint Award for Planetary Health*

Kevin Hare, MBA BSN RN *NNPBC & CANE-BC Joint Award for Planetary Health*

Manveer Cheema, RPN *Rising Star*

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