

Nomination Form



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
College of Nursing

Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award 2014

TO THE NOMINATOR:

This nomination packet may be used to nominate any USC Nursing graduate who the nominator believes exemplifies contributions to the nursing profession as outlined in the criteria below. Please follow all of the instructions. The nominator may mail or email all of the information to the College of Nursing at the address found at the end of this form. Please include all additional materials required and submit the completed packet prior to the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be received at the College of Nursing by May 20, 2014.

Criteria for Selection of Award Recipient

The qualified Nominee is an alumnus of University of South Carolina-Columbia, USC Lancaster or USC Salkehatchie campuses' College of Nursing's academic program(s). The alumnus maybe nominated if he/she:

1. Significantly or uniquely contributes to the nursing profession through (30 points):
 - (a) clinical practice
 - (b) education and teaching
 - (c) administrative organizational leadership
 - (d) research contributions
 - (e) writing and publishing
 - (f) healthcare system changes and/or innovations
2. Demonstrates leadership in (24 points):
 - (a) professional nursing organizations
 - (b) community affairs
 - (c) mentoring/precepting to assist in the development of others
3. Positively promotes and advances the nursing profession in (16 points):
 - (a) practice settings
 - (b) community
 - (c) outreach efforts through volunteerism
 - (d) exemplary personal integrity and character
4. Recognizes and can define his or her own contribution to the overall practice of nursing as described in Criteria 1 (20 points)
5. Articulates how the USC College of Nursing education has benefitted/impacted his or her own personal and professional career (10 points).

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Nominee Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Professional Credentials: _____

Current Position / Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Please submit nominations by May 20, 2014

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THE NOMINATOR MUST SUBMIT:

1) Nominator's answers to the three (3) criteria for selection (1 - 3)

(MS Word, up to 2 pages total, standard margins, font size ≥ 10 pt.)

2) Nominee's answers to two (2) criteria for selection (4 - 5)

(MS Word, one page total, standard margins, font size ≥ 10 pt.)

3) Nominee's most recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)

4) Up to three (3) letters of recommendation/support

(MS Word, one page per recommendation, standard margins, font size ≥ 10 pt.)

Blind Review Process:

Please note that each nominee will be reviewed by the Selection Committee in a blind review process. Please omit the nominee's name in answers to each criteria selection and in the Nominee's answer to each criteria selection. The name of the nominee will be masked from the CV.

NOMINATED BY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known the nominee and in what capacity?

Please mail the nomination packet to:

**Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award 2014
Selection Committee
College of Nursing
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208**

If you have any questions concerning this application, please call Diane Scott at (803) 777-3468, or email Scottdh@mailbox.sc.edu.

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Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award

History of the Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award:

The USC College of Nursing, in collaboration with USC Alumni Association and the Alpha Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, established the Outstanding USC Nurse Alumnus Award in 1988 to recognize excellence in our graduates. Each year, the new award winner is recognized and presented a plaque during the Viana McCown Alumni Reunion in the Fall.

Information on Selection Process

A **Blind Review Process** is used to evaluate Nominees for the annual Outstanding Nurse Alumni Award. All identifying information is removed from each individual nominee's information/materials prior to distribution to the multiple reviewers on the Selection Committee. The committee will rate each nomination following the specific selection criteria outlined on the first page of the nomination form and point values are assigned to determine whether the candidate meets, exceeds, or substantially exceeds each criterion. The rating will determine the award recipient.

The Selection Committee is composed of the following representatives:

- Chair of the Alumni Committee of the College of Nursing Partnership Board, or designee
- Other Appointed Representative(s) of the Alumni Committee
- Representative(s) from Alpha Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, and/or
- Representative(s) from College of Nursing Faculty
- Previous Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient(s)

Tips for Completing a Successful Nomination

- A. *Closely follow Criteria for Selection of Award Recipient (page one) of the nomination form to best address the nominee's qualifications and attributes. Specific examples/citations that support the nominee's contributions to nursing and that distinguish her/him as an outstanding alumnus of the University of South Carolina College of Nursing are encouraged and essential to the unbiased selection process. (See attached examples)*
- B. *Omit the nominee's name in answers to criteria for selection (1-3) and in the nominee's answers to criteria for selection (4-5)*
- C. **Check List**
 - Answer all questions on the nomination form.*
 - Submit all required areas for the nomination.*
 - Follow requirements for page restriction and font size.*
 - Omit name of Nominee in Criteria for Selection*
 - Cite specific examples in your answers and address as many of the areas defined in the Criteria for Selection as possible.*

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Please give specific examples that support the nominee's contributions to nursing and that distinguish her/him as an outstanding alumnus of the University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Refer to the Criteria for Selection of Award Recipients and to "Tips for Completing a Successful Nomination."

Brief examples of specific answers to Criteria for selection:

1) Describe significant or unique contributions the nominee has made to the nursing profession.

***EXAMPLE:** The Nominee is a nationally recognized expert in the field of Occupational Health Nursing and Health and Productivity in the workplace. She has had in-depth experience in design, implementation and evaluation of strategic global occupational health, wellness and worker's compensation programs at Visteon, Monsanto & Baxter and various healthcare organizations. As Director of Integrated Health & Productivity at the Hershey Company in Hershey, PA, she leads the company's efforts at promoting fitness & wellness throughout the organization including chairing the "Wellness Everyday Team" and being responsible for 3 fitness centers.*

2) Describe the nominee's leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations, and/or assistance to others in the growth and development of these areas - (mentoring/precepting).

***EXAMPLE:** The Nominee has served on local, state, and national offices for the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) and was Steering Committee Chair of the Council of Nurse Leaders. She is recognized nationally and internationally as a lecturer on health and productivity, business skills, wellness and fundamentals of occupational health nursing, having spoken at AOHC, ASE, SEAK, and at ICOH in Singapore and Brazil.*

3) Describe how the nominee positively promotes and advances the nursing profession in the community through volunteerism and/or outreach efforts.

***EXAMPLE:** Throughout her career, the Nominee has served in roles as a public servant. She has been a judge for "Let's Get Real" High school Competition (Hershey, PA) in 2007, a Planning Committee member for the March of Dimes "Bid for Bachelors" event, on the Planning Committee for Pee Dee's Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, she is currently a volunteer in the Children's Miracle Network Chocolate Miracle 5K Run/Walk in Hershey, PA, she is a judge for the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania Annual Awards, (etc.)*