

*2009 Tennessee Nurses Association  
Annual Awards Luncheon  
Photo Album*

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Chattanooga, TN**

*All 2009 TNA Annual Convention photos were taken by Jim McCarter, husband of TNA member Connie McCarter, Memphis. TNA sincerely appreciates Jim volunteering his time, expertise, and camera equipment this year to take all official TNA photos during Convention! Jim also took numerous photos during last year's Convention. Excellent work!*

***TNA Special Lifetime Achievement Award***



*Ann P. Duncan, MPH, RN, of Franklin, is the recipient of the TNA Special Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes a retired TNA member who has demonstrated excellence or outstanding contributions to nursing and TNA, continued participation in TNA and nursing, and achieved state and/or national recognition by the profession. This award is given by the TNA Board of Directors.*



## ***TNA Outstanding Member Award***



*La-Kenya Kellum, MSN, RN, NE-BC, of Memphis, received the TNA Outstanding Member Award. This annual award is presented to the TNA member whose contributions most closely reflect the mission and goals of TNA and the nursing profession. The recipient of this award demonstrates professional leadership and service to TNA/ANA at district, state, or national levels, promotes TNA membership and political activity of nurses, represents TNA and the nursing profession through media channels, health organizations, business or government agencies, and initiates and supports programs and activities which promote nursing and TNA.*

*La-Kenya Kellum, the incoming District 1 President, is presented red roses by outgoing District 1 President Diane Ruppel, MS, RN, APRN, BC.*



## ***TNA Awards for Nursing Excellence***

*These annual awards recognize outstanding performance in multiple areas of nursing practice. Nominees may be selected from the areas of nursing education, direct care, advanced practice, and nursing administration.*

*Selection criteria is specific to the major area of practice, but reflects outstanding performance in these areas: promoting and maintaining excellence in professional practice; commitment to the nursing profession and TNA; contribution to professional development of other nurses (publications, presentations, research); leadership which improves the quality of nursing care (education, administration, etc.); and professional and community service.*

*This year, TNA presented the Award for Nursing Excellence to winners in the three areas of Nursing Education, Advanced Practice and Direct Care.*

*TNA Award for Nursing Excellence in Nursing Education*



*Ellen Drummond, MN, RN, of Johnson City, received the TNA Award for Nursing Excellence in Nursing Education.*

*TNA Award for Nursing Excellence in Advanced Practice*

*Cathy Forbes, MSN, RN, APRN, BC, of Kingsport, received the TNA Award for Nursing Excellence in Advanced Practice.*



*TNA Award for Nursing Excellence in Direct Care*

*Cindy Aragam, MSN, MHA, RN, of Johnson City, received the TNA Award for Nursing Excellence in Direct Care. (No photo available)*

### *TNA Professional Promise Award*



*Lacey L. Mangum, BSN, RN, of Knoxville, received the TNA Professional Promise Award. This annual award recognizes a recent graduate (within first year) and new member of TNA who demonstrates qualities of "professional promise" in the areas of consistent attendance and contributions at the District level; commitment to excellence in nursing practice; and collegial and mentoring relationships.*

### *TNA Outstanding Legislator Award*

*Rep. JoAnne Favors, MS, RN, of Chattanooga, received the TNA Outstanding Legislator Award. This award recognizes an outstanding legislator who has demonstrated support of the TNA legislative agenda and the nursing profession, and promoted legislation which enhances adequate and safe nursing care and healthcare for the people of Tennessee. Favors serves as Representative of District 29, part of Hamilton County.*



*Rep. Favors received flowers from District 4 President Lena Patterson, MSN, RN, APRN, BC, CCNS, on behalf of the members of District 4, the hosting District for the 2009 TNA Annual Convention.*

### *TNA Outstanding Employer Award*



*Accepting the 2009 TNA Outstanding Employer Award for Baptist Hospital in Nashville are, from left, Kathleen Hirsch, MSN, MBA, CEN, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President for Patient Care Services; and Fran Coffland, MSN, RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Critical Care. This award recognizes a health care agency, school of nursing or other employer demonstrating commitment to nurses and nursing excellence.*

### *TNA Deans and Directors Award*

*Ruth Elliott, EdD, RN, accepted the TNA Deans and Directors Award for Tennessee Wesleyan College–Fort Sanders Nursing Department, from Laura Beth Brown, MSN, RN, outgoing TNA President. Tennessee Wesleyan is the recipient of the TNA Deans and Directors Award for the seventh consecutive year. Now in its eighth year, this award is given annually to Deans and Directors of any nursing program with 100% faculty membership in the Tennessee Nurses Association. Both the Dean and the faculty members have demonstrated the value and importance of membership in their professional organization, the Tennessee Nurses Association.*



### ***TNA Presidents Membership Award***



*Jennie Walls, MSN, RN, APRN, BC, District 5 President, accepted the TNA Presidents Membership Award. District 5 had a 9% increase in membership. This award is given to the TNA District Association with the highest percentage of growth based on the percent increase from the previous year.*

### ***TNA Friend of Nursing Award***

*This award recognizes an individual or group that has demonstrated excellence or outstanding contributions to nursing and to the Tennessee Nurses Association, and contributions may be professional, monetary, or literary. This year, two Friends of Nursing Awards were given by TNA.*

*The HCA Foundation of Nashville, and the Memorial Foundation of Hendersonville, Tenn., each received the 2009 Friend of Nursing Award. (No photos available)*

### ***John W. Runyan Jr. Community Service Award***

*Patricia Vanhook, PhD, RN, FNP, CNRN, of Johnson City, received the John William Runyan Jr. Community Nursing Award, given annually by the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's College of Nursing. The award is presented each year to a nurse who makes outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of health in the community. This award is not a TNA award, but TNA offers the UT Health Science Center the opportunity to present the award during the TNA Awards Luncheon. (No photo available)*