

Nomination Form



Outstanding Nurse Alumna Award 2012

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 April 20, 2012.

Criteria for Selection of Award Recipient

The qualified Nominee is an alumna of **any** University of South Carolina-Columbia campus, College of Nursing's academic program(s) and:

1. Significantly or uniquely contributes to the nursing profession through clinical practice, education and teaching, administrative leadership, research, writing, publishing, and/or healthcare innovation.
2. Demonstrates leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations, and in growth and development of others in these areas.
3. Positively promotes and advances the nursing profession in the community through volunteerism and/or outreach efforts.
4. Recognizes and defines their own contributions in a meaningful way and can articulate the benefits of their USC nursing education.

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 April 20, 2012

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THE NOMINATOR MUST SUBMIT:

- 1) Nominator's answers to the three (3) Qualification Questions**
(MS Word, up to 2 pages total, standard margins, font size \geq 10 pt.)
- 2) Nominee's answers to two Essay Questions**
(MS Word, one page total, standard margins, font size \geq 10 pt.)
- 3) Nominee's most recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
- 4) Up to three (3) letters of recommendation/support**

BLIND REVIEW PROCESS:

Please note that each nominee will be reviewed by the Selection Committee in a blind review process. The name of the nominee will be masked from the CV. Please omit the nominee's name in answers to each Qualification Question and in the Nominee's own answers to the two Essay Questions.

NOMINATED BY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail the nomination packet to:

**Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award 2012
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 advancingleadership@sc.edu.

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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."

A selection committee will conduct a BLIND REVIEW of the nominees. Please omit the nominee's name from your answers.

QUALIFICATION QUESTIONS (for Nominator):

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

- 1)** Describe specific significant or unique contributions the Nominee has made to the nursing profession. (30 points)
- 2)** Provide information which describes specific contributions the Nominee has made to the nursing profession by providing leadership in community affairs, nursing professional organizations and/or has assisted others to grow and develop in this area. (24 Points)
- 3)** Describe how the Nominee positively promotes and advances the profession of nursing in the community through volunteerism or outreach efforts. (16 points)

ESSAY QUESTIONS (for Nominee):

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

- a)** What do you feel is your greatest contribution to the nursing profession and why? (20 Points)
- b)** Describe how the University of South Carolina College of Nursing has impacted your professional career. (10 points)

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Tips for Completing a Successful Nomination

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 Lectureship.

The 2012 Viana McCown Lectureship will be held on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend.

Background Information on Selection Process

Nominees for the annual Outstanding Nurse Alumni Award are evaluated through a blind review. Identifying information (with the exception of gender) is removed from the all materials prior to distribution to the multiple reviewers on the Selection Committee. The committee will rate each nomination following specific selection criteria outlined on the first page of the nomination form and whether the candidate meets, exceeds, or substantially exceeds each criterion. Specific citations are essential to the review process for this reason.

The Selection Committee is composed of the following representatives:

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

BASICS:

- 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 Qualification Questions
- 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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Brief samples of specific answers to Qualification Questions:

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 MNetwork Chocolate Miracle 5K Run/Walk in Hershey, PA, she is a judge for the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania Annual Awards, (etc.)*