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Connecticut Nurses' Association Honors Extraordinary Nurses and Health Care Professionals at its Annual Awards Ceremony

MERIDEN, CONN – The [Connecticut Nurses' Association](http://www.ctnurses.org) (CNA) has announced the recipients of its 2014 Diamond Jubilee and CNA Annual Awards. A ceremony to honor the recipients will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, Conn., following the CNA convention.

Diamond Jubilee Awards

These prestigious awards represent the highest honor in Connecticut's nursing profession—they are the “Nobel Prize” of nursing in the state. The awards are named after distinguished leaders in Connecticut nursing history.

Here are this year's award recipients:

Josephine A. Dolan Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Education

- **UConn School of Nursing, UCHC CMHC and CDOC**
A Correctional Nursing Competency Program[®]: Developed by the University of Connecticut School of Nursing, the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC) Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC), and the Connecticut Department of Correction (CDOC)

Virginia A. Henderson Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Research

- **Nancy Reynolds**, PhD, C-NP, RN, FAAN; Professor of Nursing, Yale University School of Nursing
- **Leslie Neal-Boylan**, PhD, APRN, RN, CRRN, FAAN; Associate Dean and Professor, Quinnipiac University School of Nursing
- **Jacqueline McGrath**, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN; Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship and Professor, University of Connecticut School of Nursing; Director, Nursing Research, Connecticut Children's Medical Center

Agnes Ohlson Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing through Political Action

- **State Rep. Peggy Sayers**, RN; 60th Assembly District, Windsor and Windsor Locks
- **State Rep. Theresa Conroy**, APRN; 105th Assembly District, Derby, Seymour and Beacon Falls

Florence S. Wald Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Practice

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Heather Reynolds, MSN, CNM, FACNM; Associate Professor of Nursing, Yale University
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Doris M. Armstrong Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Administration

- **Cheryl Hoey**, MBA, RN, BSM, CENP; Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President, Patient Services, Connecticut Children's Medical Center
- **Linda Lee Strong**, EdD, RN; Assistant Professor and Director, RN-BSN and RN-MSN Programs, Sacred Heart University School of Nursing

Mary Jane Williams Award for Lifetime Achievement in Nursing

- **Cheryl Beck**, DSNc, CNM, FAAN; Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, University of Connecticut School of Nursing

CNA Awards

Excellence in the Workplace Award

To recognize a workplace that promotes professional autonomy, control over nursing practice, and/or enhanced work environments for nurses.

- **Advanced Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine, Mid-state Medical Center**
- **Yale New Haven Hospital Division of Nursing**

President's Award

To honor an individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions to nurses and/or the nursing profession in Connecticut or provided outstanding services or contributions to CNA.

- **Julia Rosa**, EdD, RN

Public Service Award

To recognize an individual or group who has made notable contributions to the advancement of nursing, public health or health care in Connecticut through public service, public education/advocacy, public policy or organizational leadership.

- **UConn Urban Service Track**

To join the celebration or for more information about the annual awards ceremony, visit www.ctnurses.org.

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