

### **As is our tradition...**

Each year, the Society of Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nursing recognizes nursing and collegial excellence by awarding up to four individuals to be honored our annual meeting at the Society of Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses Awards Luncheon held November 3, 2018 during the Fall Education Conference, which will be held this year at Monmouth University.

Many exceptional individuals have received this award including our esteemed colleagues, Legislators and Mental Health leaders and Advocates. We encourage you now to please take a few moments to think about someone who you feel is most deserving of this recognition.

### **NEW! Call for Nominations for Leadership Award for Preceptors**

If you would like to nominate a current or former preceptor who provides (d) excellent clinical mentorship, please contact Sandra DeGroat PMHNP, Award Committee Chair:  
sdg443@comcast.net

Provide your name and the Psychiatric CNS/NP Program you're attending or attended, the preceptor you're recommending and a brief statement about why you're recommending them.

**Nominations can also be made for any of 6 other categories.**

#### **Leadership Award:**

This individual guides the members of our organization toward the successful accomplishment of our goals, or links our organization to other groups and affiliates in a way that enhances our ability to promote or improve our work as APN's. This award may be given to someone who encourages or creates legislative action.

#### **Advocate Award:**

This award is for a community leader who has made a significant contribution to individuals, families, communities and/or the healthcare system. Their work can be a result of their employment or can be volunteer work. This award may be given to a consumer who advocates for other mental health consumers, if their work deserves recognition.

#### **Lifetime Achievement:**

For the Nurse in Clinical Practice, Education, Research, or Administration who has devoted an entire career to the advancement of the profession, the improvement of care, or the communication of valuable information.

**Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nursing Excellence:**

A great collaborator who considers the special needs, including but not limited to social, medical, and other problems which impact the functioning of the psychiatric client. This individual has an ability to make patients feel comfortable and assists in a variety of areas, often on short notice. Utilizes evidence based practice as well as knowledge and experience to obtain the best outcome for the individual in their care.

**Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner of the Year:**

An individual who has made an important contribution to the profession of psychiatric advanced practice nursing in New Jersey through service to the Society and who has demonstrated excellence in psychiatric advanced practice nursing either through practice, research, or teaching.

**Collaboration Award:**

To a psychiatrist who shares knowledge and expertise with an advanced practice nurse. This should be recognized especially when the psychiatrist has broken new ground by creating new policies within their agency or institution, giving the APN an opportunity to function at a higher level of practice.

The Awards Committee will determine award recipients utilizing the committee guidelines. Awards will be announced to the Executive Board for final approval, two months prior to the Awards Meeting.

**For more information or to nominate an award candidate, please contact Sandra DeGroat PMHNP, Award Committee Chair: [sdg443@comcast.net](mailto:sdg443@comcast.net)**

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