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Dear Nurse Colleague,

We are delighted to announce the opportunity to honor outstanding nurses through the **Excellence in Nursing Awards**. We have all worked with nurses whose actions and caring attributes stand out above others. Now is the time to recognize your colleagues for their great work! Maybe they stand out as a leader/visionary who inspire others to greatness, or maybe they have begun a new process that has resulted in exemplary outcomes, or maybe they simply are a standout because of their compassionate, caring empathy for patients under their care. Whatever it is, please consider recognizing your nurse colleagues in this way. We want to support one another in our professional journey!

Excellence for Nursing Awards are awarded in the following categories:

- Clinical Bedside Practice
- Nurse Innovator
- Nurse Leader
- Helen Vartigian Mentoring Award
- Team Work Award
- Distinguished Member

Please use the nomination forms to nominate deserving colleagues. Nomination forms may be accessed at www.nnypno.com by clicking on "Forms".

Eligibility for nomination includes the following criteria:

- Actively employed or practicing in clinical nursing practice, nursing administration or nursing education
- Demonstrates vision and commitment to the profession and serves in a change agent role that exceeds what is expected in the scope of his/her role
- Nominees for the Distinguished Member and Nurse Innovator are required to be members of NNYPNO (Distinguished Member may be retired).
- Nominees for the Clinical Bedside Practice, Helen Vartigian Mentoring, and Nurse Leader awards need not be members, but must live or practice in the counties served by NNYPNO (Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren or Washington County).

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Scholarships

In keeping with NNYPNO's mission of supporting the highest ideals of nursing education and practice, we are also delighted to announce the opportunity to award **Scholarships** to RN students and those RNs who are pursuing additional degrees, such as BS, MS, and beyond.

Scholarships available:

- (1) **RN Student Scholarship**: may be non-members with proof of enrollment in a nursing program
- (2) **Susan J. Fraley, MS, RN Scholarship**: RNs continuing their education in pursuit of an advanced degree (MS or Doctorate) in nursing and a NNYPNO member for one year.
- (3) **Claire Murray, MS RN Scholarship** in honor of the NYS **BS in 10 law**. This scholarship will be awarded to an RN with proof of enrollment in an RN to BS in nursing program and a NNYPNO member for one year.

Please **submit all nominations by April 22nd, 2020** to nnypno@gmail.com. This address may also be found on the application forms.

All awardees and nominees will be honored at our Annual Awards Dinner on **Thursday, June 4, 2020**.

Thank You! We look forward to a fun and uplifting evening with you all as we honor outstanding nurses in the Capital Region!

NNYPNO Education & Practice Committee

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