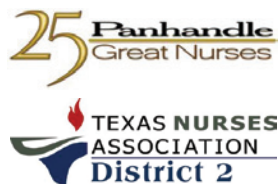




PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES

AWARDS BANQUET AND CELEBRATION

October 17, 2016



2016 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Co-Chair:

Sharon Brewer, MSN, RN
TNA District 2 – President

Co-Chair:

Dr. Valerie Kiper, DNP, RN, MSN,
NEABC, TONE
Dr. Marietta Branson, DHSc, MSN, RNC
Dr. Vickie Brockman, DNP, RN, NE-BC
Ronda Crow, BSN, RN, MA
Belinda Gibson, BSN, RN, MAM
Erica Perry, MSN, RN, CORN
Dr. Richard Pullen, EdD, MSN, RN
Dr. Shelly Seth, MSN, MBA, FNP, ACNP
Sharla Valdez, BSN, RN
Ruth Whitehead, MSN, RN
Carolyn Witherspoon, BSN, RN

W E L C O M E

For many years, the Texas Nurses Association District 2 has held an annual nurse recognition celebration. We have applauded the work, caring, and compassion of nurses across the Texas Panhandle and celebrated our Successes through the years. Tonight, we have begun a new tradition. Nursing organizations across the Texas Panhandle have come together to celebrate the Panhandle Great 25 Nurses! With the support and work of many individuals and businesses, we were able to make tonight's celebration a reality. You have nominated the best of the best, and tonight we are recognizing not only 25 great individuals, but also the Art and Science of Nursing as a profession. It is our mission to recognize Registered Nurses for their caring, compassionate service in the Texas Panhandle. All profits from donations and sponsorships is used to provide scholarships for RN students in our local nursing programs.

Thank you for being here. Thank you for celebrating with us tonight. And thank you for supporting the Panhandle Great 25 Nurses!

Sharon Brewer,
MSN, RN President, TNA District 2

Ruth Whitehead,
MSN, RN Vice-President, TNA District 2

Dr. Valerie Kiper,
DNP, RN, MSN, NEABC, TONE

OUR MISSION

*To recognize Registered Nurses for their caring,
compassionate service in the Texas Panhandle.*

PROGRAM

Monday, Oct. 17
Grand Ballroom, Civic Center, Amarillo, TX

5 – 6 p.m.
Networking Reception and Cash Bar

6 – 6:30 p.m.
Dinner

Welcome/Recognition of Outstanding Nursing Students
Sharon Brewer, MSN, RN, President, TNA District 2
Dr. Jeff Watson, DNP, RN-BC, NE-BC, CRRN,
President, Texas Nurses Association

Outstanding Nursing Students Presentation
Michelle Adkins, Amarillo College
Justin Isaacs, Texas Tech University Health Science Center
Miguel Pacheco, West Texas A&M University

6:30 – 7 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Sarah Moody, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Treasurer, Texas
Nurses Association

7 – 8 p.m.
**Presentation of Panhandle Great 25 Nurses Awards/Texas Nurses
Association Hall of Fame**
Mistress of Ceremonies: Ali Alison

8 p.m.
Closing Remarks
Dr. Valerie Kiper, DNP, RN, MSN, NEABC
Texas Organization of Nurse Executives Secretary
Panhandle Region Co-lead for Texas Team
“Future of Nursing Action Coalition”



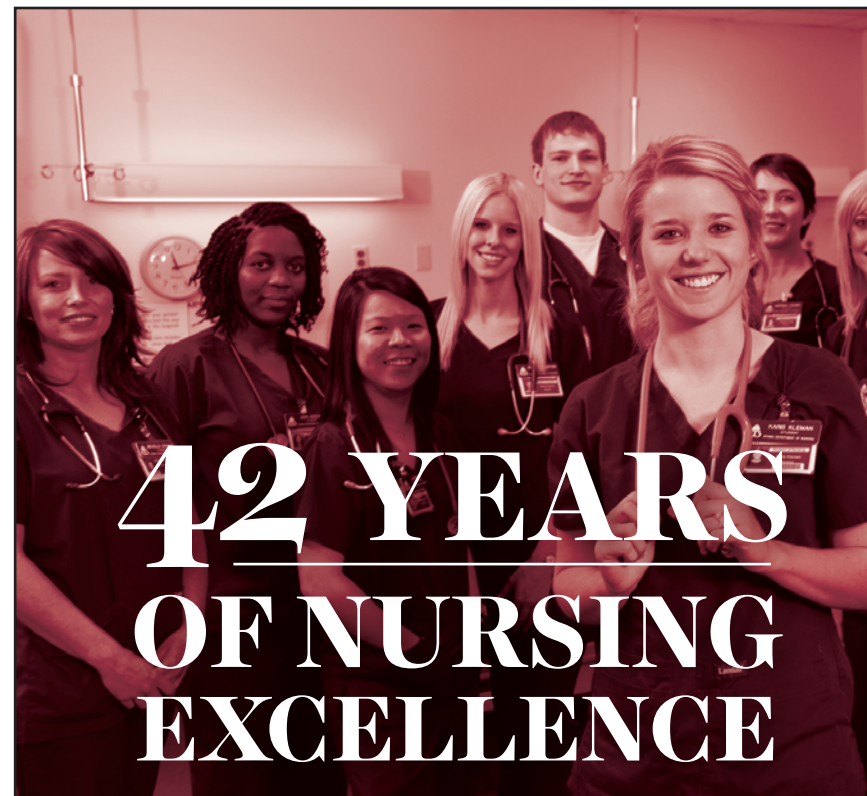
The commitment, teamwork and dedication of our nurses has helped BSA earn national recognition in clinical excellence three years in-a-row. It's this unwavering devotion that sets our nurses, and BSA, apart.

Their compassion and diligence to health and healing brings an invaluable service to our community. These amazing individuals that pull together as a team every day make possible the numerous accolades BSA has received, such as the Nation's Top 100 Teaching Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics, Outstanding Patient Experience, Pulmonary Care Excellence and Critical Care Excellence by Healthgrades to name just a few.

We are deeply grateful to have such an engaged team as a part of the BSA family, and we're proud to honor them. Thank you, nurses, for making BSA a great place for patients and a great place to work.

If you are interested in joining the BSA family, now is the time. BSA is currently offering sign-on bonuses to RNs who join the nursing team full-time. Call 806-212-5325 today.

bsahs.org | 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo | "Like" us on Facebook.



42 YEARS OF NURSING EXCELLENCE

WTAMU College of Nursing and Health Sciences

CONGRATULATES

**BETTY HENRY AND
LAURA REYHER**

on their selection as "Panhandle Great 25 Nurses"

wtamu.edu/COLLEGE-OF-NURSING

West Texas A&M University™
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES



Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District is excited to join the Panhandle Organization of Nurse Executives

Present in honoring the

25 Panhandle Great Nurses

Because of our great nurses, we are able to achieve *healthcare with a personal touch*

Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District

Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District

Coon Memorial Hospital

Coon Memorial Nursing Home

Legacy Assisted Living

Dalhart Family Medicine Clinic

High Country Community Rural Health Clinic

Home Health & Hospice

Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine

1411 Denver Avenue

Dalhart, Texas 79022

806.244.4571



PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



Texas Panhandle Coalition for Nursing

TPCN is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit coalition that was established in 2004. Its membership consists of representatives from nursing academia and area nursing employers. The mission of the organization is to ensure we have an adequate supply of nurses to meet the demands of the Texas Panhandle area.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call:

Adonna Ballard, Secretary/Treasurer
at (806) 354-1204 or email
adonna.ballard@nwths.com.

FRHC Nurse Practitioners

Perry Foster FNP-C, Lauren Bratton FNP
Lori Rabe FNP-BC CPNP, Peter Jones FNP-C

NEW!
Fox Clinic "Walk-in" Clinic hours
****Monday-Friday 5pm-7pm****
Saturday 9am-3pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

No appointment necessary during walk-in hours.

PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



Kristi Baca
5 years in nursing

As a nurse we give physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually and never expect anything back so when asked, 'what this recognition means to me' is a humbling question. I am completely honored to have been nominated less chosen for this recognition.



Leslie Collier
22 years in nursing

It is hard to describe how it feels to be recognized alongside the gold standards of our profession. I am honored to be among the nursing educators, clinicians, and leaders. It is a greater accomplishment for pediatric home healthcare to be acknowledged. These kids have been my passion in life.



Danielle Contreras
11 years in nursing

This award is a true honor to me. It confirms my passion for my career as a nurse.



Susan Cooper-Bailey
17 years in nursing

To be recognized by your peers for contributions made to a calling you love, well; there are not many words to express the astonishment and gratitude for such an honor. I work with so many incredible nurses that are very deserving of recognition. I sit on the shoulders of giants.



Bettie Lou Crouch, RN
42 years in nursing

I never dreamt I would be recognized for doing my job. That my peers believe I embody nursing enough to be recognized is very humbling. I have no words to describe how honored I am.

PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



Danneva R. Eddleman, RNCMS
21 years in nursing

I am extremely honored and humbled to have been chosen among such an elite group of nurses. I am thankful for the opportunity to share my love for nursing and to be recognized for it. I will cherish this moment for a lifetime.



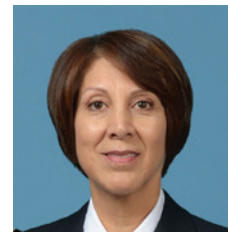
Deloris Ellibee
37 years in nursing

Receiving this recognition is a great honor. I am very grateful and humbled, knowing I was nominated by my co-workers. I would accomplish nothing without their hard work and support. I feel extremely blessed with the many opportunities I have been given in my nursing career.



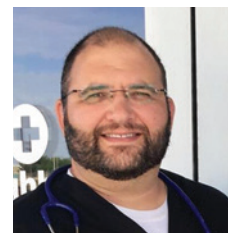
Kelly Galloway, RN
26 years in nursing

I am honored to be one of the recipients tonight. I am also humbled to be a part of this outstanding group. I am also appreciative for the committee that has put on organized, supported and put on this event.



Nancy Griego
38 years in nursing

This award means honor and humbleness. I'm humbled for the recognition and honored by those who have paved my career. A parent's inspiration, fellow nurses supporting and mentoring, family sacrificing, patients allowing my care, fellow military comrades fulfilling an American dream.



Christopher Heath RN
3 years in nursing

There haven't been many times in life where compassion hasn't conquered. From treating soldiers in Iraq to being surrounded by coworkers at my twin brother's funeral, compassion conquered. To family and friends, I thank and love you.

PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



Betty Henry
43 years in nursing

This is the highest and most treasured honor that I have received in nursing. I appreciate those who were responsible for this award. I have always enjoyed nursing. I really enjoyed teaching students and watching them mature to excellent nurses. Thank you so much!



Terrah Jamandron
7 years in nursing

I am so greatly honored and humbled. This recognition signifies that I am actively answering “the call”—a call to act as an instrument of healing—not by me but through me—to those in need. Nursing is an immense privilege and vocation. Blessed am I to be a nurse.



Suzanna Jarrell
25 years in nursing

I am truly honored to receive this award. Nursing is a huge part of my life, and I have had the honor and the privilege of working with so many wonderful people throughout my nursing career. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way.



Meri Killingsworth, RN, BSN
27 years in nursing

This award means a great deal to me because it is based on the opinions of my coworkers and those I interact with daily. I am humbled that someone feels I deserve this award and I am honored to have been chosen as one of the Panhandle 25 Great Nurses.



Dr. Valerie Kiper
37 years in nursing

I am proud to be a nurse and blessed to have had the many experiences and opportunities to grow professionally over my lengthy career as a nurse. A “great” nurse doesn’t become “great” on their own. I am so very fortunate to have had many mentors and colleagues that have influenced my career path.

PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



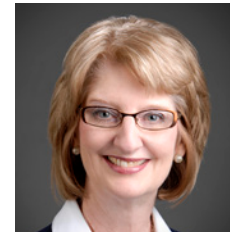
Lesley Pierce
5 years in nursing

Winning this award means that I am right where I need to be, doing exactly what God wants me to be doing with the people I’m supposed to be doing it with. Thank you to my family and friends for all of your support while I do what I love.



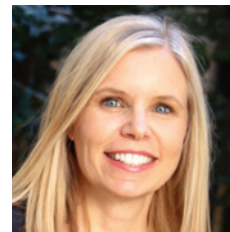
Norma Pina Smith
19 years in nursing

Being nominated for this prestigious recognition is extremely humbling. In this career, we not only gain knowledge daily but we also gain an increase in basic human compassion and kindness. We are given a chance to impact lives daily and create positive and life changing encounters.



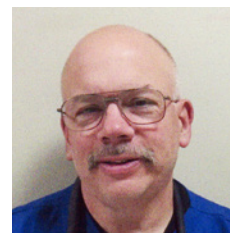
Laura Reyher, RN, MSN
38 years in nursing

What an exciting time to be a nurse! We are at the forefront of healthcare with expertise, compassion, advocacy and skill. The opportunities are endless, and I’m so grateful to live and work among other nurses who are so trusted and respected. Thank you for this wonderful honor!



Kim Riddlespurger
14 years in nursing

I am humbled and grateful for this award. Like most nurses, I chose this profession because I genuinely care about people. This honor represents a validating appreciation to so many wonderful mentors who vested in me and it is my enduring hope to pay it forward to the next generation.



John B. Sappington
15 years in nursing

I am humbled to receive this award. I wish to thank my wife Glenda, Debbie Davenport and Charlene Seale for their examples. I believe that nursing is a calling. While a chosen few are fortunate to receive accolades, all professional nurses share this honor.

PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



Kate Schaefer, RN, CEN, NREMT

12 years in nursing

I cannot express enough gratitude for this recognition for my work as a nurse. It is a great honor to be recognized by my peers. Being a nurse has never been a job to me – it is my life. I am thankful for the confirmation this award has given me.



Bonnie Stull RN

13 years in nursing

I am very grateful to be nominated for this award- especially knowing that I work every day with many nurses that equally deserve this honor. I am humbled to be recognized for doing a job that I love.



Courtney Terrel

12 years in nursing

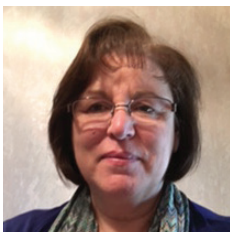
What this recognition means to me....I am honored to say the least. Nursing consists of being kind, compassionate, understanding, loving, caring, selfless, empathetic, and non-judgmental. It's being a patient advocate. I'm humbled to be recognized for simply doing the job that I love. Thank you!



Nora Wells CEN RN Medic

18 years in nursing

Accepting this award is a privilege and a testament to the values instilled in me by my parents. I thank the Lord for his many blessings, and I place my attributes to his will. I appreciate everyone that nominated me and their confidence in my abilities. Thank you very much.



Carolyn Veteto

31 years in nursing

Thank you very much for the honor of being named as one of the Panhandle's great nurses! I believe that this award does not single out my individual contribution to the profession, but instead, acknowledges the impact that other great nurses have made in my career.



HAPPY STATE BANK

AND TRUST COMPANY

www.happybank.com

Member FDIC

I-40 @ COULTER & COULTER @ HILLSIDE

what NOW?



ER NOW

24/7 EMERGENCY ROOM

(806) 350-7744 | yourERNOW.com

Short Wait Times

Adult & Pediatric Care

Locally Owned and Operated

Board Certified Emergency Physicians

Most Major Private Insurances Accepted

On Site CT Scan, X-Ray, Ultrasound & Laboratory

Congratulations To The Panhandle Great 25 Nurses

It is clear that registered nurses contribute to the health and well being of every patient they serve. The art and science of nursing is a calling that embodies compassion, skill, knowledge and experience. Nurses are advocates and educators who devote their lives to taking care of others.

***Northwest is honored to recognize and support
The Panhandle Great 25 Nurses.***

Find out all that Northwest has to offer and why Northwest is the Clear Choice for your nursing career.

Learn more at nwths.com



Passion. Commitment. Experience.

1501 S. Coulter
Amarillo, TX 79106



Physicians are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Northwest Texas Healthcare System. The system shall be liable for actions or treatments provided by physicians. 162663



**CHILDREN'S
HOME
HEALTHCARE**

WE LOVE NURSES

JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY!

806-367-6612

ChildrensHHA.com





**Thank you to our
Diamond Sponsors!**



An Exceptional Family of Care



Always

(806) 935-7171
www.MCHD.net

 **West Texas A&M University™**
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

WEST TEXAS
AIIEC
Panhandle

Thank you to our sponsors!



Ruby

Northwest

Dr. Richard Pullen



Children's
Home Healthcare



Sapphire



Emerald



DHCHD
healthcare with a personal touch

PONE



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
School of Nursing



Friend of Great 25 Nurses

Texas Nurses Association District 2
Panhandle Organization of Nurse Executives

Ad Sponsors



**Thank you for your
financial donation:**

Carolyn Witherspoon
Dr. Gregorio Matos and Elizabeth Matos

**Thank you for the
door prize donation:**

Neighbors Emergency Center

Access photographs taken at the Panhandle Great 25 Nurses Event

Photos provided by Productions 918

Please go to the gallery link:

<https://productions918.smugmug.com/Panhandle-Great-25-Nurses/>

The password for the gallery is: nurses2016

Once the photos are uploaded to the gallery, enter the link into your web browser and type the password to unlock the gallery. Photos can be downloaded via the "download all" button in the top right-hand corner of the screen or single photos can be downloaded by clicking each photo individually and selecting the download icon.

Prints can be easily ordered through the gallery by selecting individual photos and clicking the blue "BUY" button in the bottom right-hand corner. These photos will be professionally printed and shipped to the buyer's address within several days.

It will take 10 days from the day of the event to be uploaded to the gallery.