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Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Announces 2018 Brilliant New Investigator and Outstanding Nurse Scientist Awardees

Washington, DC (July 31, 2018) – The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (the Council) announces the selection of Dr. Shirley Moore as the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Nurse Scientist Award and Dr. Sheila Gephart as the recipient of the 2018 Brilliant New Investigator Award.

"While it has always been a challenge to select the Outstanding Nurse Scientist, this year the Awards Committee found it equally difficult to choose among the early career researcher nominees," said Patricia Underwood, PhD, RN, FAAN, the American Nurses Foundation Representative on the Council's Leadership Council and chair of the Awards Committee. "It speaks well for the future of our profession that within a few years of completing their formal education, so many new scientists are having success in obtaining finding and translating their research results into differences in practice. It is also notable that both awardees so ably shine light on the contributions nurse scientists make in collaborating with others to improve the health of populations."

The Outstanding Nurse Scientist Award acknowledges Council members whose sustained programs of research have had significant impact on nursing and healthcare knowledge development with recognizable benefits for nursing practice and healthcare. Criteria include: 1) outstanding contributions to nursing and healthcare science through a sustained program of research; 2) robust research dissemination and translation for nursing and other disciplines; 3) leadership in capacity building related to research conduct, training or policy; 4) mentoring of the next generation of nurse scientists.

Shirley Moore, RN, PhD, FAAN, FAHA is the associate dean for research and the Edward J. & Louise Mellen Professor in Nursing at Case Western Reserve University Frances

Payne Bolton School of Nursing. She is a pioneering research leader and scientist and a dedicated mentor to students and colleagues. Recently selected to serve on the NIH National Advisory Council for Nursing Research, Dr. Moore's 25-year program of interdisciplinary research testing interventions to reduce cardiovascular disease risk factors has created new knowledge and improved health behaviors. As principal or co-investigator on 47 research grants (over $35 million) and 8 training grants (nearly $7 million), Dr. Moore is a self-management science visionary, particularly regarding understudied populations. Her far-reaching contributions include more than 350 national and international research presentations and 175 peer-reviewed publications.

The Brilliant New Investigator Award recognizes the contributions of scientists early in their research careers who show extraordinary potential to develop sustained programs of research, certain to have significant impact on the science and the practice of nursing and healthcare. Criteria include: 1) building research productivity (within the last 5 years) in an area of major significance to nursing and healthcare knowledge; 2) research dissemination and translation to practice and/or policy with a growing impact on nursing and other disciplines; 3) emerging leadership related to nursing science development.

Sheila Gephart, PhD, RN, is an associate professor at the University of Arizona. As an RN, Dr. Gephart cared for pre-term infants vulnerable to a condition so deadly, (necrotizing enterocolitis, NEC) that it fueled her commitment to eliminate NEC and save babies using implementation science and informatics. She applied big data to develop and test an algorithm for NEC risk called GutCheckNEC. Then, funded by AHRQ (K08),the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Nurse Faculty Scholar; 2014), and the National Library of Medicine she has pursued her quest to eradicate NEC using parent-engagement, accessible NEC-Zero tools, and usable clinical decision support technology that is operable across Electronic Health Record systems.

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