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**BRENDA HELEN SHEINGOLD, PhD, FNAP, RN, NAMED RECIPIENT
OF THE
2026 QUINT STUDER GRATITUDE PRIZE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

Washington, DC, February 24, 2026 – The Quint Studer Gratitude Prize for Teaching Excellence Selection Committee is pleased to announce Brenda Helen Sheingold as the 2026 recipient of the Quint Studer Prize for Teaching Excellence. The Prize will be presented to Dr. Sheingold at AUPHA’s 2026 Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held in San Diego, California, June 9 – 11.

The [Quint Studer Gratitude Prize for Teaching Excellence](#) was established in 2021 to honor Quint Studer - healthcare executive and entrepreneur; teacher, coach, and mentor; and community builder and humanitarian - for his many years of service to the fields of healthcare management and leadership and healthcare management and policy education; and for his service to, and love for, AUPHA.

Dr. Sheingold was nominated by Robert L. Bonar, Jr., DHA, MHA, MA, Professor and Director, Department of Health Policy and Management at The George Washington University, and David W. Wright, MPH, Executive in Residence, Department of Health Administration and Policy, College of Public Health at George Mason University.

“As Chair of the Quint Studer Gratitude Prize committee, I am always impressed with the high caliber nominees we review for this special recognition. They represent the best in teaching, contribution to the scholarly advancement of healthcare management, have a love for students, act as mentors and leaders, and partner with respective community executives. Active participation within AUPHA demonstrates their commitment to higher education and the profession of health administration” said Leah J. Vriesman, PhD, MHA, MBA, Professor & Executive Director - Health Administration, CU-Denver. Business School and Professor, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. “Brenda Sheingold embodies all these attributes and we couldn’t be more thrilled to award her this prize.”

“It’s an honor to be selected for the national Quint Studer Gratitude Prize for Teaching Excellence, especially when I work alongside so many gifted and hardworking colleagues who are just as deserving,” said Dr. Sheingold. “I draw on my experience navigating unplanned disruption in trauma care to reassure the next generation of healthcare leaders that whatever lies ahead, they should focus on creating positive outcomes. I’m appreciative that Quint Studer and AUPHA made this recognition possible.”

Dr. Brenda Helen Sheingold is the Division Director for the Healthcare Administration Programs at the Department of Health Administration and Policy at George Mason University. She holds a dual-titled PhD in Public Policy and Nursing. Her master’s degree is from the Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business, where she also earned a Graduate Certificate in Women’s Leadership and Change Management. Prior to transitioning to academics, she was a trauma care nurse for 20 years.

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