**LA ENA Awards 2018**

Louisiana Council of ENA recognizes nurses across the state for excellence through annual award recognitions and educational scholarships. Award recipients are selected from peer nominations and scholarship recipients self-nominate. The call for award nominations and scholarship applications go out via email in the spring to the LA ENA membership with a July 1st deadline.

Nurses are recognized in 4 areas: nursing practice, leadership, mentorship and patient champion. Special recognitions may also be given in areas of injury prevention, distinguished service, or a lifetime achievement (recently renamed in honor of our founding member, Mae Webb.

Two education Scholarships one focused on advancing nursing practice and the other on nursing education.

**Nursing Practice Award:**

This award honors a nurse who exemplifies outstanding nursing practice as demonstrated through clinical skills, care and compassion.

Nominated:

Taylor M. Reeves

Our Lady of the Lake Children’s Hospital, Baton Rouge

Nominated by Julie Root

William “Zach” Rowalt

UMC New Orleans

Nominated by Janice Long

Hollye Briggs

St Elizabeth’s, Gonzales

Nominated by Sarah McLelland

*The recipient of the 2018 Nursing Practice Award is*

**Hollye Briggs**

**St Elizabeth’s, Gonzales**

Hollye stands out as an emergency nurse in many ways. Her clinical practice and knowledge markedly exceeded that of many nurses that had been in the ED for years. She teaches ENPC and TNCC courses and her teaching style is a mix of critical information and humor.

She never took short cuts and always did the right thing no matter how far out of the way it took her. She was a strong advocate for both her patients and fellow nurses, and a resource for everyone.

Hollye’s strength of character and compassion through her patient care, and often saw her staying late to help with that “one last thing” that the patient needed to feel better, to make sure family felt assured that their loved one was being cared for, and to be able to rest after her shift knowing she had given her all and done the best job possible.

Hollye is one of the most well rounded “total package” nurses I have ever worked with and is an excellent candidate for this award.

LENA is proud to recognize Hollye for excellence in nursing practice.

**Patient Champion Award:**

This award honors an emergency department nurse who advocates actively for patients and their families and inspires other team members to inform, educate, and advocate for “Safe Practice, Safe Care”.

Nominated and Selected: Joscelyn Jones  
Drive, determination, and ambition are a few key descriptors that set Joscelyn apart from the rest. Her love of her nursing profession, desire to always improve and grow in her role as a clinical nurse and Supervisor are key qualities that make her the perfect candidate to be recognized as the ENA Patient Champion.She is a highly skilled clinical nurse, actively involved in committees geared toward improving care of the pediatric patient population.

Joscelyn has attended Lake LEAN training, Performance Improvement for Leaders (PIFL) and Change Acceleration Process. She has led unit quality projects to promote safe care and educational experiences for the team to promote improved patient experiences. She was the lead in implementation of SMART Call Text Messaging, in conjunction with the nursing team she helped design the communication component utilizing texting technology to optimize the patient and family experience in the Pediatric Emergency Department. Acting as a patient advocate Joscelyn has been instrumental in the planning and implementation/training of staff for a Mock Mass Casualty Incident Simulation involving OLOL and 4 other area hospitals, law enforcement, as well as the Baton rouge Airport. She is a member of EBR Parish SART Team (Sexual Awareness and Response Team) where collaboration with law enforcement, STAR, BR Child Advocay Center(CAC), District Attorney, and Coroner's Office occur quarterly to assure best practice and consistent care for all abuse/sexual abuse victims of Region 2.

LENA is proud to recognize Joscelyn as a patient champion.

**Leadership Award:**This award honors a nurse who has consistently provided exceptional leadership skills in emergency nursing. This nurse makes significant contributions to the profession and is an example to all emergency nurses.

Nominated:

Mike Verges, UMC

Nominated by Jennifer Nugent

Brooke Sandlin, OLOL North BR ER

Nominated by Sonya Willis

Sarah McLelland-Mendoza, Tulane

Nominated by Hollye Briggs

LENA is proud to recognize **Mike Verges** for excellence in Nursing Leadership.

Mike is an inspiration to many -- In 2007, Mike was named one of Louisiana’s Great 100 nurses. In 2016, he was nominated for a Daisy Award.

In 2016, Mike became one of the first nurses at UMC emergency department to earn the CEN and TCRN. Mike is an instructor for both TNCC and ENPC. His light-hearted wit coupled with his vast knowledge keep nurses engaged and excited about trauma nursing care.

Mike has a passion for domestic preparedness. He has traveled and completed training at the Center for Disease Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. He participated in education drills and was a resource and calming influence when many were panicked with the threat of Ebola. Recently, he has been an active member in developing HERT, UMCs Hazard Emergency Response Team.

He also works closely with the members of the MCI team and in August of last year, he went beyond the walls the hospital and presented UMCs MCI and HAZMAT policy at the Louisiana ENA conference.

Although extremely valuable in all of the positions mentioned in this nomination, Mike is most valuable at the bedside. He speaks to and treats his patients with respect, even when they have pushed most others to the limit. He leads by example.

LENA is proud to recognize Mike Verges for the Leadership award.

**Nursing Mentor Award** – This award recognizes a nurse who has made significant contributions to the education of colleagues, nursing students, EMS personnel, patients/families, and/or the community.

Dorothy Plaisance, UMC

Nominated by Carrie Wilcox

Jeff Atkins, Pafford Air One

Nominated byJennifer Medlin

Alicia Dean, Tulane

Nominated by Sarah McLelland

I would like to nominate Jeff Atkins for the Nursing Mentor Award. I have worked with Jeff Atkins since 2011 at Pafford Air One Alpha in Ruston, La. He has always gone quietly about the business of making things happen for our flight program long before he had an official title of base lead. He long ago earned his CEN, CCRN, CPEN, and CFRN, and when dual certification was made mandatory for our program he was instrumental in tutoring and training to bring us to a 100% dual certified status.

He continues to organize and teach our week long boot camps throughout the year to keep our crew current and provide training and direction for potential new hires and nurses and medics who are interested in pursuing flight medicine.

He is an instructor for BLS, ACLS, PALS, and TNCC.

He is the sole reason that our program will shortly be carrying blood, three different bases in three different states, the protocols, standards, equipment, and training. And he accomplished all this as a full time flight crew member and a base lead.

When we lost our Bravo crew in November of 2017, he quietly assisted in providing for our needs and for the needs of the families of the crew we lost.

I have been a nurse over twenty years. I have seen “sympathy fatigue” everywhere. I myself experience it. One of the ways Jeff has influenced or mentored me is in this area.

Whenever I am frustrated at work or dealing with a difficult patient, I think of Jeff. I think of his quiet, respectful manner with not only his patients, but with his colleagues and friends.

Everyone looks forward to working with Jeff. They feel safe. They know when they see that “JA” on their shift that it is going to be a great shift.

No one else in our program knows the personal details of the lives of everyone like Jeff does, because he is one who listens. Jeff Atkins personifies the highest level of mentoring. He mentors by example.

LENA is proud to recognize Jeff Atkins as Nursing Mentor for 2017.

**Special Recognition in Injury Prevention**– This award honors an active ENA member working in Injury Prevention. A nurse who has served as a leader in the development and promotion of injury prevention programs in Louisiana. In addition to the nominating form, submit a letter of support signed by 2 (two) current LENA members.

This award goes to \_Ann Mouille. University Medical Center

Nominated by Brannon Gilles

Ann works at UMC Emergency Department as a charge nurse. She has been a trauma nurse for over 20 years and has shown enormous dedication to trauma and the ED since the hospital’s certification as a Level One Trauma Center.

She is one of the emergency departments certified nurses, earning her CEN in 2016. In 2017, she was nominated for a Daisy Award and she was one of Louisiana’s Great 100 Nurses last year.

After the 2015, a mass shooting in New Orleans at the Bunny Friend Park. Seventeen people were injured. Eleven patients with gunshot wounds presented to the ER within 46 minutes of each other.

After that event, Ann was instrumental on the team that developed the UMC MCI plan. Through the team’s efforts, the policy has evolved to include every department in the hospital. All units, from psychiatry to patient escort to medical surgical floors to dietary, have a specific plan in the event of an MCI.

Ann, along with the others, has coordinated many hospital wide drills. The team also realized that the policy would need to evolve with each MCI and was designed as a “working protocol”. The policy is adjusted after each MCI based on our experiences.

In May of 2018, Ann arranged for Dorita Sondereker, RN, ED Director and Dr. McIntryre, Trauma Surgeon from Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas to speak at UMC.

As fate would have it, she is often on duty when actual MCI’s occur. She remains calm and confident. Ann’s leadership qualities shine and are demonstrated when times of crisis come upon the ED. She prides herself in knowing her team and utilizing their strengths when crisis arises. She always has a plan and she uses intellect to think through difficult situations. Through her leadership, Ann has made our department and hospital more prepared, more educated, and more confident to handle an MCI when they occur.

**LENA is proud to recognize Ann Mouille for Excellence in Injury Prevention.**

**Keith Richard Education Scholarship: $500.00**

**Erin MCCabe**

Keith Richard was ED Director @ Opelousas General Health System for several years in the 1990’s. Keith obtained a master’s degree and worked as a nurse practitioner in emergency medicine and area health clinics. He is best remembered for his quick wit and reminding all that it was a privilege to be an emergency nurse! His son, Dr. Charles Richard, is a board-certified emergency medicine physician who practices in the Lafayette area.

The Emergency Department Educator for Children’s Hospital and serves on multiple committees throughout the hospital as well as the Pediatric Council for LEARN Region 1.

Erin teaches TNCC and ENPC monthly and am an ACLS instructor.

Enrolled MSN-FNP-Masters of Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner-University of Louisiana Lafayette

Christy Lenahan, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ENP-C NP Coordinator