

Immediate Press Release

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The Wisconsin Association of School Nurses (WASN) announced the winner of the 2012 School Nurse Administrator of the Year Award at its conference in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The purpose of WASN's School Nurse Administrator of the Year Award is to publicly recognize Wisconsin school nurse administrators by annually honoring one school nurse administrator who administers and coordinates quality school nursing services and health programs.

This year's honoree M. Kathleen Murphy DNP, RN, FNP-BC is currently Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch. From 2001 to December 2011 Murphy was the Health Services Administrator for the Milwaukee Public Schools. In that role Murphy led the assessment, planning, development and implementation of comprehensive school health services for a diverse population of 85,000 students in 128 schools, including 105 MPS nursing staff and community partnership health providers. She developed and implemented health policy congruent with healthy, resilient learners and promoted an atmosphere of practice innovation reflecting child-family-school partnerships and community involvement.

Murphy has served in multiple roles with in the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses, including that of state representative to the National Association of School Nurses for four years, from 2007-2011. Murphy has been a preceptor for a host of student nurses, both at the baccalaureate and masters level, and has served on the boards and advisory committee of many non-profit organizations. She has been the recipient of multiple awards and honors and is published in books and journals. She is an Executive Nurse Fellow of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2009.

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