The Stanley Shalom Zielony Institute for Nursing Excellence  
National Nursing Awards and Recipients

2016

Lynette Nied, MSN, RN, CNP, received the 2016 American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) State Award for Excellence for the state of Ohio.

Toni Zito, MSN, RN, CPAN, received the 2016 American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses “Above and Beyond” service award, which recognizes preoperative and PACU nurses for their outstanding contributions to local facilities and the organization.

2015

Nancy Albert, PhD, CCNS, CHFN, CCRN, NEBC, FAHA, FCCM, FAAN, was named a 2015 fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She was one of 163 nurse leaders from across the country to be inducted during the Academy’s annual policy conference.

Nancy Albert, PhD, CCNS, CHFN, CCRN, NE-BC, FAHA, FCCM, FAAN, received the Society of Critical Care Medicine’s (SCCM) Presidential Citation at the organization’s Critical Care Congress.

2014

Julie Green, RN, was recognized for outstanding professional achievement as the winner of the 2014 Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) Clinical Practice Award.

Debra Hain, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, GNP-BC, FAANP, received the GAPNA Award for Excellence in Research. The award is from the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association.

Several nurses were presented with the 2014 Annual Infection Specialty Award by the Society of Critical Care Medicine. They were recognized for outstanding research contributions for their team abstract “A RCT of Infection Rates in ICU Environments by EKG Lead Wire Type: Disposable and Cleaned, Reusable.” Recipients included Nancy M. Albert, PhD, CCNS, CHFN, CCRN, NEBC, FAHA, FCCM, FAAN; Ellen Slifcak, BA, RN; Katrina M. Hartig, MS, BSN, RN, NE-BC; Gregory Horvath, RN, BA, MBA; Heather Lachiewicz, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNML; Victoria Rhoades, BSN, RN, CCRN; Terri
Murray, MSN, RN; Joel D. Roach, BA; Rosslyn Van Den Bossche, MBA, BSN, RN; Nemy Vargas, MSN, RN, CCRN, CEN; and Sue Wilson, BSN, RN.

2013

Beth M. Faiman, PhDc MSN CNP AOCN, was named the recipient of the 2013 ONS Commendation for Outstanding Achievement for Oncology Nursing Education or Patient/Family Education Award.

2012

Nancy M. Albert, PhD, CCNS, CHFN, CCRN, NE-BC, FAHA, FCCM, Senior Director, Nursing Research and Innovation CNS, Kaufman Center for Heart Failure, was named the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) 2013 Distinguished Research Lecturer in recognition her program of research that significantly influences high acuity and critical care.

Meredith Lahl-Foxx, MSN, PCNS-BC, PNP-BC, CPON, Senior Director, Advanced Practice Nursing, was awarded the 2012 Jean Fergusson Excellence in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing Practice Award. This award is given each year to recognize an Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses APHON member for compassion and expertise in clinical nursing practice and for actively incorporating research and new ideas into clinical practice.

Nancy M. Albert, PhD, CCNS, CHFN, CCRN, NE-BC, FAHA, FCCM, Senior Director, Nursing Research and Innovation CNS, Kaufman Center for Heart Failure, was awarded the Sue B. Davidson Service Award.

Beth Faiman, PhDc, MSN, APRN-BC, AOCN, Nurse Practitioner, Taussig Cancer Institute, received the 2012 Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Excellence in Medical Oncology Award for her accomplishments in advancing nursing knowledge with the field of hematology and medical oncology.

Kelly Cherni, BSN, RN, OCN, Nurse Coordinator for Bone Marrow Transplant, received the Josh Gottheil Bone Marrow Transplant Career Development Award from the Oncology Nursing Society. Tina S. Resser, MSN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, CNRN received 2011 American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) Excellence in Clinical Practice Award for recognition of her excellent clinical care.

Chad Hollis, MSN, BSN, RN, received the Clinical Excellence in Vascular Nursing Award from the Society of Vascular Nursing for his exceptional clinical skills and direct
patient care delivery. Scott Arkwright, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA received the Outstanding Orthopedic Nurse Practice Award from National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON) for his contribution to providing high quality health care to the orthopaedic patient and his outstanding contributions to the field of orthopaedic nursing.

Esther Bernhofer, PhD, RN-BC, Nursing Education Specialist for Pain Management, received the 2012 American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN) Clinical Practice Award in recognition of her many achievements in pain management practice.

K. Kelly Hancock, MSN, RN, NEC-BC, Executive Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Nursing Officer for Main Campus, received the 2012 American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) Circle of Excellence Award.

Laura S. Wood, MSN, RN, OCN, Renal Cancer Research Coordinator for Taussig Cancer Institute, received the 2012 Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Clinical Lectureship Award for her excellence in clinical nursing practice.

Marie A. Namey, MSN, RN, CNS, MSCCN, Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Neurological Institute's Mellen Center, won the 2011 American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing Award in recognition of her excellence in nursing care and promoting neuroscience nursing.

2011

Katherine Hoercher, RN, FAHA, and Deborah Klein, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, CCRN, FAHA, were elected to Fellowship in the American Heart Association. They were recognized at the American Heart Association Scientific Session.

Cara Berg, BS, RN, WHNP-BC, SANE-A, received the Lewis Barbato Award for Outstanding Student Service form the American College Health Association in June 2011. The award honors one student annually who has made a major contribution to college health.

Tara Malbasa, MSN, RN, CPNP, CPON, a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Pediatric Hematology Oncology, was selected as the recipient of the Jean Fergusson Excellence in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing Practice Award by the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APON).

Marie A. Namey, MSN, RN, CNS, MSCN, received the 2011 American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing Award for her excellence in nursing care and promoting neuroscience nursing as a specialty through the development and support of nurses.
Betty Crighton, BSN, RN, a staff nurse on G80, was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Clinical Excellence Award by the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses. (AMSN).

Diana Karius, MS, RN, AOCN, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Nursing Education and Professional Practice, was awarded the Mary Nowotny Excellence in Clinical Nursing Education Award by the Oncology Nursing Society. (ONS)

Barb Tripp, MS, RN, CNS, AOCN, in the Department of Hematologic Oncology and Blood Disorders, received the Excellence in Medical Oncology Award by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) for dedication and commitment to oncology nursing and patients with the Excellence in Medical Oncology Award.

Ruth Fritskey, MSN, RN, AOCN, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Taussig Cancer Center, was awarded the Excellence in Patient/Public Education Award by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) for her innovative work with educating the public about cancer treatment options and referral centers.

Colleen Forster, BSN, RN, CPN, a Staff Nurse on M30 in the Children’s Hospital, was awarded an Excellence in Clinical Practice Award from the Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN).

Kitty Ribar, BSN, RN, Nurse Manager of Breast Services at Cleveland Clinic, was awarded the Administrative Excellence Award from the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN).

Debbie Klein, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, CCRN, a Clinical Nurse Specialist on the Coronary Care Unit and Heart Failure Unit, received the 2011 Circle of Excellence Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

Esther Bernhofer, PhD(c), RN-BC, a Pain Management/Education Coordinator on the Medicine and Digestive Diseases Inpatient Unit, received the American Society of Pain Management Nursing Research Grant Award (ASPMN).

The Heart Failure Intensive Care Unit (J32) on Main Campus received the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence from the American Association of Critical Nursing (AACN), a prestigious national award recognizing excellence in critical care nursing.

Deborah Klein, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, CCRN, was named a Fellow for the Cardiovascular Nursing Council of the American Heart Association in November 2011.
2010

**Kathleen M. Hill, MSN, RN, CCNS-CSC**, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, received the 2010 Circle of Excellence Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

**Mary Beth Modic, MSN, RN, CNS, CDE**, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Diabetes, received the Nurses Viewpoint Writer’s Award from the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing.

**Amy Johnson, RN**, an ICU nurse at South Pointe, received the Albert Dykes Ohio Healthcare Worker of the Year for 2010 for being a caregiver who personifies a leader who gives back to the community, routinely goes beyond the call and has overcome odds to succeed.

2009

Deborah Klein, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, CCRN, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Cardiac ICUs, along with two colleagues, received the 2009 Book of the Year Award by the American Journal of Nursing for their book “Introduction to Critical Care Nursing” (5th edition).