



## Humanitarian

*Catherine Parsons Emmett, PhD, BSN'81, ARNP, ACHPN*

# Alumni Awards

**Catherine Parsons Emmett, PhD, BSN'81, ARNP, ACHPN**, has served the elderly and worked in the field of hospice and palliative care for more than 30 years.

Emmett has held leadership positions in various organizations in the community, including the Florida Bioethics Network, End-of-Life Center at the Morsani College of Medicine at the University of South Florida, West Coast Council of Advanced Nursing Practice, Area Agency on Aging, Health and Welfare ministry at the United Methodist Church, the Alzheimer's Association and other organizations.

She is a clinical practice specialist and professional development facilitator at Empath Health in St. Petersburg, Florida, one of the largest community-based hospice and palliative care programs in the country. Prior to joining Empath Health in 2012, she was a clinical manager and clinical nurse specialist at Chapters Health System in Florida.

Emmett is a courtesy assistant professor at the University of South Florida Health College of Nursing. She is a frequent speaker at national and state conferences on clinical management of hospice patients and advance care planning. She routinely leads workshops and conferences on palliative care, end-of-life decision making and bereavement. She also serves as a reviewer for the *Geriatric Nursing Journal*.

A national expert in gerontological nursing, Emmett was selected to participate in the validation of new adult-gerontological clinical nurse specialist competencies as part of a national project, "Transitioning to adult-gerontology APRN education: Ensuring the APRN workforce is prepared to care for older adults," which was funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation.

Emmett earned a PhD in aging studies from the University of South Florida. Her dissertation focused on the advance care planning experience of individuals with mild cognitive impairment. She earned a master of science in gerontological nursing degree from the University of Florida and a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Duke University School of Nursing.