



2017 Gala Celebration of Nursing Excellence

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**Nov. 4**  
**5 - 11:30 p.m.**  
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Registration ([link](#))

**Durham Convention
Center** ([link](#))

**Durham Marriott
City Center**
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A Word from Mary Ann Fuchs

Our health system is fortunate in so many ways, one of which is that we have an endowed program that was established especially to support Duke Nurses. Now in its 29th year, Friends of Nursing provides each of us with opportunities for professional development, recognition and appreciation.

One of the events that FON sponsors is our annual Gala Celebration of Nursing Excellence, which will be Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Durham Convention Center. The Gala begins at 5 p.m.



Mary Ann Fuchs

*Vice President of Patient Care
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with a reception, followed by the Award Ceremony at 5:45, and then a delicious buffet dinner and a night of dancing to the tunes of DJ Kevin Moran (back by popular demand!).

Registration ([link](#)) is now open for the 2017 Gala, during which we will celebrate 213 nurses ([link](#)) who were nominated for the 2017 FON Awards and honor – on stage – the 36 winners ([link](#)).

At the Gala, we will also continue the theme of “Yesterday, Today, Forever” by honoring two more Duke Nurses who contributed to our legacy of nursing excellence. We began this tradition in 2015, when we honored Wilma Minniear and Turk James. In 2016, we featured Norma Harris and Mary Ann Peter. This year, we will highlight the contributions of Janet Clapp and Evelyn Morgan.

To ensure that you have a place at the 2017 Gala, please register early. Seating is limited, and once we reach capacity, we will carefully manage a waiting list so that we include as many Duke Nurses as possible in the celebration.



I hope to see you at the Gala!

Mary Ann Fuchs, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN

Gala: Details to Ensure a Memorable Event

The Gala site ([link](#)) on the DUHS Nursing intranet is brimming with information to ensure that those planning to attend the event have the details they need to ensure a memorable evening – or weekend. The Gala site will be kept up to date, with the most current information available.

The FON Gala is free for Duke Nurses. For those who would like to invite a guest, the fee is \$25 per person. Guest fees are payable when registering; payment options include debit cards or these major credit cards: American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.

Since Durham has implemented metered parking throughout the city center, remember to pay attention to new signage that indicates where parking is allowed. Event parking (\$3 cash upon entry) is available at the Durham Center Garage, 300 West Morgan Street, just across the street from the Durham Convention Center.

Plan to arrive at the event at 5 p.m. or soon after to enjoy socializing with colleagues. The bars will be serving soft drinks, wine and beer at no charge, and other beverages will be available for purchase. The bars will close promptly at 5:40 p.m. so that everyone can gather in the Grand Ballroom for the Award Ceremony. The bars will remain closed throughout the ceremony, reopening when dinner is served. The Award Ceremony will last approximately one and a half hours.

The Gala is semi-formal, so plan to dress up and enjoy the evening. And for those who want to extend the occasion, the Durham Marriott City Center ([link](#)), which is adjacent to the Durham Convention Center, is offering a discounted rate of \$139 per night for Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4, for anyone attending the FON Gala. To take advantage of the special rate, make reservations on or before Oct. 9 using this portal: [link](#).

For more information about the 2017 Gala or Friends of Nursing, please contact: Jana Alexander (919-681-5094 or [email](#)).

Submit Photos for Gala Slideshow

One of the highlights of the annual Nursing Gala is an inspirational slideshow that features photographs of nurses from across Duke Health. The FON Gala Committee is looking for high-resolution photographs that illustrate nursing excellence, such as milestone celebrations, community service projects or nurses caring for a patient.

Please submit photographs for consideration by sending to Jana Alexander ([email](#)). Photographs that include people who are not Duke employees must be accompanied by signed/witnessed Photo Release Forms ([link](#)) for any non-staff pictured.

Questions: Jana Alexander (919-681-5094 or [email](#)).

Memorial Display for Duke Nurses

At this year's Gala, the Friends of Nursing Gala Committee will have a memorial display in honor of Duke Nurses who have passed away since the 2016 event. The committee first envisioned the tribute in preparation for last year's Gala, and the display was very well received.

The Gala Committee seeks your help in ensuring that the list of those to be recognized is complete. The names that the committee has received to date:

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| Karen Baumer | Jean Hough | Anita McLeod |
| Lucille Hill Brooks Becton | Annie Langley | Brenda Morgan |
| Mark Bradford | Gwendolyn Leary | Ora Riley |
| Phyllis Coggins | Grace Mitchell Livingston | Mira Saga |
| LaJeanne Frame | Flora Long | Louise Sims |
| Kris Harrison | Geraldine Lyons | Crystal Sollinger |
| Sharon Hawks | Willie Mae Mason | Addye Townsend |

To add names to the list, or to provide photos or additional information about these former colleagues, please send information and resources to Jana Alexander ([email](#)).

Support Friends of Nursing with a 2017 Donation

Since 1988, Friends of Nursing (FON) has supported DUHS Nurses with nursing recognition, professional development opportunities and educational activities. Many employees and retirees support Friends of Nursing by making outright annual donations or by setting up a payroll deduction in support of FON.

Please consider making a 2017 gift to Friends of Nursing. The most common options for giving include sending a check, using a credit card ([link](#)) or scheduling regular donations via payroll deduction. When making a donation by check, please include a Donation Form ([link](#)) and send to: Friends of Nursing, DUMC Box 3543, Durham, NC 27710. The primary fund code* for FON is 204300019 – please note this on the form.

To set up a payroll deduction, visit the Duke@Work site ([link](#)) and follow these instructions ([link](#)). Gifts can be made in honor – or in memory – of someone. Please include the tribute information when making a gift.

Those who make a donation on or before Oct. 13 will have their names listed as “contributors” in the 2017 FON Gala souvenir program; tribute information will appear with the respective donors' names. The list of donors is also online ([link](#)).

**For information about the various funds within the Friends of Nursing program, or for other questions about giving to FON, contact Jana Alexander (919-681-5094 or [email](#)).*

Nominate Duke Nurses for Awards

Nominating a colleague for an award is the perfect way to recognize him or her for nursing excellence. Whether or not the person wins the award, it is a great honor to be nominated. Take time to review the current award cycles, following, and consider submitting a nomination before the end of this year:

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| Oct. 10 | American Association of Nurse Practitioners State Awards for Excellence (link) Nurse Practitioner Nurse Practitioner Advocate |
| Oct. 27 | American Organization of Nurse Executives (link) Affiliate Achievement Honorary Member Lifetime Achievement Mentor Award Pamela Thompson Early Careerist Prism Diversity Award |
| Oct. 30 | Modern Healthcare (link) Diversity in Nursing Lillian Carter Exemplary Acts in Nursing Rising Stars in Nursing |
| Oct. 31 | American Association of Neuroscience Nurses Awards (link) Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing Excellence in Clinical Patient Care Excellence in Neuroscience Education Mary Decker Mentorship Award Rising Star in Clinical Practice |
| Oct. 31 | American Board of Neuroscience Nursing Certificant of the Year (link) Application (link) |
| Oct. 31 | American Nurses Credentialing Center Board Certified Nurse Awd. s (link) Nomination form (link) |
| Nov. 1 | Association of perioperative Registered Nurses Jerry G. Peers Distinguished Service Award (link) |

- Nov. 17 Association of periOperative Registered Nurses**
 Individual Achievement Awards ([link](#)):
 Outstanding Achievement in Mentorship ([link](#))
 “ “ in Perioperative Clinical Nursing Practice ([link](#))
 “ “ in Perioperative Nursing Management ([link](#))
 “ “ in Perioperative Nursing Research or Evidence-
 Based Practice ([link](#))
 “ “ in Perioperative Education, Clinical or Academic ([link](#))
 Outstanding Volunteer Leadership ([link](#))
 Promising Professional Achievement Award ([link](#))
- Dec. 1 Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation ([link](#))**
 AOCN of the Year ([link](#))
 BMTCN of the Year ([link](#))
 CBCN of the Year ([link](#))
 OCN of the Year ([link](#))
 Pearl Moore Certification Champion ([link](#))
- Dec. 1 Sigma Theta Tau International – Nurse Researcher (biennial) ([link](#))**
 Emerging Nurse Researcher Award
 International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

Details about nomination cycles are on the External Awards tab ([link](#)) of the FON intranet. A pdf version ([link](#)) is also posted. Those who submit nominations should provide a copy to Jana Alexander ([email](#)) for the Awards Database. Alexander is also available to assist with editing and proofreading nominations prior to submission.

Calendar

- Oct. 24 DUHS RN Fall Open House & Hiring Event**
 Time: 5:00 – 8:00 PM
 Venue: Sheraton Imperial RTP
 Register: www.dukenursingevent.org
- Oct. 30 3D Printing Presentation**
 Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
 Venue: DUSON Pearson 1014
 Register: <http://bit.ly/3DPrintTalk>
 Details: [Link](#)
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Facebook: Duke Nursing Careers

Twitter: @DukeNursingJobs

LinkedIn: Duke Nursing Careers

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DUHS Friends of Nursing intranet: [link](#)

Friends of Nursing Excellence Awards: [link](#)

Nursing award nomination cycles: [intranet](#) [pdf](#)