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Moore Honored With 2004 Women of Spirit Award



Pearl Moore, RN, MN, FAAN, chief executive officer of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) in Pittsburgh, PA, is among the honorees of Carlow College's Women of Spirit® Awards. The awards

recognize outstanding women leaders who exemplify Carlow's mission: to foster self-directed, lifelong learning and render competent and compassionate service to others in their personal and professional lives. This is the 10th anniversary of the awards program, and the college also is celebrating its 75th anniversary as an institution of higher learning this year.

"I am very honored to receive the Women of Spirit Award," said Moore. "The Pittsburgh area is rich in educational, medical, cultural, and business activities, and I am proud to be selected among such a dedicated and talented group of women."

The Women of Spirit Awards are presented annually to Pittsburgh-area women who are leaders in their professions, voices of the unheard, and visionaries in their communities. "Today more than ever we continue to strengthen the awareness of the influence of women. We have a chance to define what leadership is," said Carlow College President Sister Grace Ann Geibel, PhD. "We need Carlow to keep illustrating the many faces of leadership through this program."

Carlow College accepts nominations from the community, and a special committee selects the recipients, who receive the actual award at a fall gala event. The number of women varies, as do the background and experiences of those selected. All of the women, however, in some way embody the mission and values of Carlow College. The award has been presented at a national level to Teresa Heinz Kerry, social and political activist and chair of the Heinz Family Philanthropies; Marlo Thomas, award-winning actress and producer; Jill Ker Conway, best-selling author and historian; and Judith E. Heuman, assistant secretary for the Office of

Special Education and Rehabilitative Services for the United States Department of Education. The effects of the award program continue throughout the year in the form of valuable scholarships that are given to students who exemplify Carlow's mission.

For more information about Carlow College's Women of Spirit Awards, visit www.carlow.edu/spirit/womenspirit.html.

Te Receives Medical City's Highest Nursing Award



ONS member Halbert C. Te, RN, BSN, BSMT, an oncology/hematology unit supervisor at Medical City Dallas Hospital in Texas, is the 2004 recipient of Medical City's most prestigious nursing

award, the Lois Robillard Excellence in Nursing Award. The award, which is given annually by Medical City and North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City to honor outstanding nurses, is named for Lois Robillard, a volunteer at Medical City since 1978 who has been active in nursing for 57 years.

Te, who is Chinese, was born and raised in Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, where he spent his formative years preparing to become a doctor. After earning his undergraduate degree, he realized that nursing offered him an opportunity to have a direct impact on patient care. He enrolled in the hospital's College of Nursing, earned his bachelor of science in nursing, and began his career in nursing.

While in the Philippines, Te was very involved in medical missionary community work. He was cofounder of the Volunteers' Association for Community Services in Manila, where he created a disaster response unit to assist people in various disaster situations and served as a volunteer in the medically underserved provinces of his country.

After immigrating to the United States, he was a charge nurse for two years in a 135-bed skilled nursing facility in Illinois and an assistant director of nursing for two years in a 165-bed nursing facility in Dallas. Te, who

has been an oncology nurse for the past eight years, came to Medical City six years ago. For the past two years, he has been a unit supervisor of a 27-bed adult oncology unit.

Te is described as a "change agent" who is always looking for new ways to improve nursing care in the oncology unit. In 2003, he developed an evidence-based protocol for tracheostomy care and management that eventually was incorporated on a hospital-wide basis. Te also developed a catalog system for the oncology unit's supply room that shows where each supply is located and allows staff and physicians to find their supplies within seconds instead of minutes. His catalog system earned him recognition from the Medical City's Leadership Team and is being used in other areas of the hospital. He is caring and compassionate with patients and their family members and is a strong patient advocate.

"Nursing is a field that is undeniably unpredictable," Te said. "In nursing, they teach you to empathize, not sympathize, but in oncology, you have to do both. When I go home at night, it is important to know that I made a difference in someone's life."

As Te accepted his award, he said that he shared it with his staff, manager, and director for their belief in his capabilities; his family for their love and understanding; and his patients, who gave him the opportunity to be part of their lives during their cancer journey.

Greco Receives 2004 Genetics Writer's Award



ONS member Karen Greco, RN, MN, ANP, recently was awarded the 2004 MEDSURG Nursing in Genetics Writer's Award for her article "Nursing in the Genomic Era: Nurturing Our Genetic Nature."

She was awarded with a plaque at the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses conference in Chicago, IL, this month.

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