

# Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association

In Memory of Frances Tompkins

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### **NSNA Foundation Honors Special Contributors**

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) expressed sincere appreciation to five very special individuals and companies during the Awards Ceremony which took place during the National Student Nurses Association Annual Convention, April 7, 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Supporting scholarships, grants, and annual lectures, the following were honored:

The **Johnson & Johnson** Campaign for Nursing's Future representatives, **Andrea Higham**, director, and **Lorie Kraynak**, consultant were recognized during the Awards Ceremony for their pioneering efforts to alleviate the nursing shortage. The multi-faceted Campaign includes funding for 17 scholarships supported by J & J. In addition, J & J sponsors regional fund-raising events that have raised seven million dollars for nursing education scholarships, fellowships, and grants over the past three years.

**3M Health Care** was recognized for establishing FNSNA's first endowed scholarship with a \$100,000 contribution. Grant Rogers, Senior Account Representative presented two 3M Health Care Littmann Stethoscope scholarships to Dorian Nwafor, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas; and Debraca Ricks, University of Mississippi Jackson.

**Marilyn Bagwell**, PhD, RN, professor emeritus, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona was recognized for supporting leadership development through the establishment of the Marilyn Bagwell Leadership Development Fund. The Fund supports an annual \$1,000 grant awarded to a nursing program to

strengthen an existing NSNA chapter or to establish a new chapter. Dr. Bagwell firmly believes that the future of nursing depends on preparing today's nursing students to address the challenges of the nursing profession tomorrow. It is Dr. Bagwell's expectation that nursing students who are active in student organizations will continue to serve in vital leadership roles within their professional organization.

**Linda S. Thompson, PhD, RN, FAAN**, professor and dean, Oakland University School of Nursing, Rochester, Michigan was honored during the Awards Ceremony. Dr. Thompson presented the fourth annual Terrance Keenan Nursing Leadership Lecture earlier in the day. The lecture, Pathways to Nursing Leadership, is sponsored by the Leadership Legacy Fund and supported by a special fund established by members of the 1998 inaugural cohort of **the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program**.

**The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, in Memory of Frances Tompkins, NSNA's first executive director (1952-1970) was established in 1974 as a 501 ( C ) ( 3 ) charitable foundation. Through its annual scholarship award program, FNSNA has provided over two million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students. FNSNA also serves as the fiduciary of funds raised by special Promise of Nursing regional events sponsored by Johnson & Johnson.**

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