

LUTHER CHRISTMAN AWARD



The Luther Christman Award was established in 2006 in recognition of Dr. Luther Christman's contributions to nursing. He became the first man in nursing to be inducted into the American Nurses Association's Hall of Fame in 2004. The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions that an individual man in nursing has made to the profession of nursing.

The Subcommittee on the Luther Christman Award reviews all nominations for the award and recommends a nominee for endorsement by the Committee on Honorary Awards and approval by the ANA Board of Directors.

AWARD CRITERIA

1. The nominee must be a current CMA/ANA or IMD member.
2. The nominee must be a man in nursing who has made a visible, commendable and substantial contribution to nursing in the areas, to include but not limited to, practice, research, education, public policy and/or community service.
3. The nominee advocates on behalf of the nursing profession at the local, regional, national, and/or international levels.
4. The award will be offered only when one or more persons have met the required criteria.

LUTHER CHRISTMAN

Luther Christman entered the Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing for Men in Philadelphia and graduated in 1939. He completed a baccalaureate degree in nursing at Temple University in 1948. He then completed a masters program in clinical psychology at Temple University in 1952. Luther Christman received his PhD from Michigan State University in 1965.

Luther Christman has had a distinguished career in nursing. He was refused a commission in the military nurse corps during World War II so he enlisted in the Merchant Marine and served as a Pharmacists Mate. He worked in mental health in Yankton, South Dakota and then in Michigan. He became Dean of Nursing at Vanderbilt University where he first developed his integration model of nursing education and practice. He then was named Founding Dean of Nursing at Rush Medical Center and Rush University in Chicago.

Luther Christman became one of the founders of the National Male Nurses Association, now known as the American Assembly for Men in Nursing.

Luther Christman is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing; he was named a “Living Legend” by the American Academy of Nursing and in 2004 was inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame for his extraordinary contributions to nursing.