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## **ANA Announces National Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the U.S., has announced 19 registered nurses who will receive national awards for outstanding contributions to the nursing profession at ANA’s biennial House of Delegates meeting in Washington D.C. June 16-20, 2010.

The ANA House of Delegates is comprised of as many as 675 RNs, the vast majority of whom are elected by their state nursing associations, to help set the national nursing association’s agenda and positions for the upcoming two years.

Awards will be presented in these 14 categories to the following 19 recipients:

- **Jessie M. Scott Award** (demonstrating interdependent relationships among nursing education, nursing practice, nursing research) – Patricia Messmer, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN

**Note:** It is with sadness that ANA announces the passing of Jessie M. Scott in October 2009. ANA extends its condolences to Jessie Scott’s family, friends and loved ones. It is ANA’s privilege to honor the memory of Jessie M. Scott with this award. Scott, DSc, RN, FAAN, was a retired assistant surgeon general in the U.S. Public Health Service. She led the Public Health Service’s Division of Nursing, the second-ever director of that division, for 15 years after her appointment in 1964. Scott frequently testified before Congress on behalf of the Division of Nursing, emphasizing nursing’s importance to health care delivery.

- **ANA Hall of Fame Award** (Awarded to recognize a lifelong commitment to nursing and impact on health and/or social history of the U.S.) – Ada K. Jacox, PhD, RN, FAAN; John F. Garde, MS, CRNA, FAAN (deceased, 1935-2009); John Devereaux Thompson, MS, RN (deceased, 1917-1992), Claire M. Fagin, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN; Nettie Birnbach, EdD, RN, FAAN

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- **Distinguished Membership Award** (Awarded to recognize leadership and participation in ANA) – Mary J. Finnin, MS, RN; Thomas Stenvig, PhD, MPH, RN, CNAA
- **Honorary Human Rights Award** (Awarded to recognize a commitment to human rights, exemplifying the essence of nursing’s philosophy about humanity) – Ani Kalayjian, EdD, RN-BC, BCETS, BCECR, DDI
- **Honorary Nursing Practice Award** (Awarded to recognize excellence in direct patient care) – Janice Starling, RN
- **Honorary Recognition Award** (Awarded to recognize distinguished national or international service to the profession) – Claire Murray, RN
- **Staff Nurse Advocacy Award** (Awarded to recognize outstanding advocacy for patients by direct care nurse) – Eileen Dunn, RN
- **Barbara Thoman Curtis Award** (contributions through political and legislative activity) – Sara Jarrett, EdD, MS, RN, CNS, CNE
- **Hildegard Peplau Award** (psychiatric nursing) – Jaclene Zauszniewski, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN
- **Luther Christman Award** (contributions of men in nursing) – Robert Piemonte, EdD, RN, CAE, FAAN
- **Mary Ellen Patton Staff Nurse Leadership Award** (contributions to professional advancement and improvement of general welfare of staff nurses) – Joylynn Daniels, MPA, RN
- **Mary Mahoney Award** (contributions to opening and advancing equal opportunities in nursing for minorities) – May L. Wykle, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA
- **Pearl McIver Public Health Nurse Award** (contributions to public health nursing) – Ruth Knollmueller, PhD, RN
- **Shirley Titus Award** (an individual who has participated in the economic and general welfare, workforce advocacy, or labor affiliate activities in support of the ANA or a CMA, and brought significant contributions to these activities) – William “Billy” Lindros, RN

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