For the 16th consecutive year, nursing has been ranked number one by the Gallup Poll as the most honest and ethical profession.

Twenty-two professions were ranked based on public opinion and the nursing profession ranked first for the Most Honest and Ethical Profession. Gallup conducted telephone interviews with 1,049 adults aged 18 and older. Of those contacted, 82 percent indicated that nursing ethics were “high” or “very high.”

“As a School of Nursing, we strive to educate future nurses who are compassionate and advocate for patients and families. Work overload and stress levels are high for nurses and it is gratifying to know that the public continues to appreciate their efforts and view them as a trusted health care professional,” said Oakland University School of Nursing Dean, Judy Didion. “The findings from this poll are a wonderful compliment to the nursing profession and further validates that nurses make a positive impact on the care provided in health care systems.”

Nurses make up the largest proportion of workers in the healthcare industry with more than 100,000 active registered nurses in Michigan alone. Whether they are at the bedside or in the boardroom nurses continue to advocate for their patients and policy reform at local, state or national levels.

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