Oakland University's School of Nursing and its Board of Visitors are celebrating 30 years of honoring Michigan’s top nurses at its annual Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence®.

The only event of its kind in the state, this prestigious awards ceremony will be held on May 10, 2018 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

The awards were created to spotlight nurses from a variety of clinical roles who go above and beyond in their care for their patients and their families.

More than 700 nurses, physicians and administrators, as well as family members and nursing supporters will attend this year’s awards ceremony.

This esteemed event includes an elegant sit down dinner and fish-bowl style raffle. Raffle winners have the opportunity go home with a 40” Smart TV, golf and spa certificates, a trip to Chicago and other unique packages. Fox 2 News anchors Roop Raj and Amy Andrews will once again co-emcee this year’s awards ceremony.

Each of ten winning recipients receives a check for $1,000, a solid bronze statue of Florence Nightingale and a special Nightingale ceremonial pin. Runners-up each receive a commemorative plaque and Nightingale ceremonial pin. Nominees were nominated by their peers, supervisers and patients in recognition for their superior service and expertise.

The 2018 Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence® is presented by Beaumont Health. Other sponsors include: Ascension Health, St. Joe Mercy Health System, Detroit Medical Center, St. John Providence Medical Staff, Nexteer Automotive, McLaren Oakland & McLaren Macomb and PSJ Anesthesia.

For more information, or for tickets to the event, please contact August Gunderson in the School of Nursing at (248) 364-8725, via email at nightingale@oakland.edu or visit oakland.edu/nursing/nightingale.

2018 Award Winners

Advanced Nurse Practice & Research
Winner: Mary Jo Smith, St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor
Runner Up: Makenzie Thimm, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence

Distinguished Alumni
Winner: Kristen R. McGrath, Beaumont Health – Royal Oak
Runner Up: Katie Hoxie, Beaumont Health – Royal Oak

Excellence in Education
Winner: Kino Xandro Anuddin, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence
Runner Up: Antionette A. Trevino, Beaumont Health

Emerging Nurse Leader
Winner: Michele Rausch, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Runner Up: Faith Aven Straton, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence

Executive Administration
Winner: Marilyn S. Begle, Beaumont Home Health Services
Runner Up: Kathy M. Brubaker, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea

Nursing in the Community
Winner: Diane Zalecki Bertalan, HAVEN of Oakland County
Runner Up: Mary Ann Ryan, HOPE Recuperative Care Center
**Staff Nurse (2 awardees)**
Winner: Sabrina M. Zott, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Winner: Deborah White, McLaren Oakland

Runner-Up: Maria Borri, Beaumont Health – Royal Oak
Runner-Up: Lisa M. Hill, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence

**People’s Choice Award**
Winner: Leesa J. Jones, Ascension Michigan – St. John Providence
Runner-Up: Krystal L. McNamee, Henry Ford Health System – Detroit

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