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Marilyn MacDonald Memorial Nursing Award

DESCRIPTION

Marilyn MacDonald (1957 – 2018) was born in Marshfield PEI and graduated from the PEI School of Nursing in 1979. Married to Leo, they raised three children; Leanne, Craig and Rory.

Marilyn's career began at the PEI Hospital in Charlottetown in 1979 as a staff nurse on the medical unit. She moved to the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) in 1982 and worked in several areas including surgery and labour and delivery. In 2005, Marilyn received her Bachelor of Nursing Degree from the University of New Brunswick after several years of correspondence study while still working full-time and raising a family. Marilyn's commitment to her career was later recognized when she was appointed a nurse manager at the QEH. She was pragmatic and practical, believing that issues should be addressed head-on and resolved, allowing those involved to move forward in a positive way. Her commitment to patients and staff – as well as patient families – was apparent by the many individuals who thanked her and expressed gratitude for the care and kindness they received from her.

One of Marilyn's greatest attributes was her ability to mentor others. Mentorship – defined as a voluntary, mutually beneficial and long-term relationship where an experienced and knowledgeable leader supports the maturation of a less experienced individual – is critical in the nursing field to nurture professionalism and leadership skills. Many staff members, at Marilyn's most recent position with the Department of Veterans Affairs and during her 35 year career at the QEH, have stated that their career has been successful because of their direct relationship with Marilyn. Her direction, kind approach and leadership qualities enabled her peers to enhance their critical thinking, self-esteem, job satisfaction, compassionate care abilities, and their sense of proficiency. It is proven that this type of mentorship results in nurses who are more likely to stay in their current profession/position.

This award has been established by Marilyn's husband, Leo, as a tribute to the incredible life she lived – professionally and personally.

CRITERIA

Granted to a full time student in 3rd or 4th year in the four year Nursing Program at UPEI who has shown exceptional mentorship, leadership skills, and demonstrated dedication to compassionate care – attributes all shared with Marilyn. The student will also be in financial need.

APPLICATION PROCESS (Deadline: October 1)

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

UPEI Student ID: _____ Telephone: _____

UPEI Email Address: _____

Please include the following in your application package:

Application Form (Deadline – October 1)

Application Personal Statement (maximum one page typed)

Please detail in your personal statement how you meet the award criteria, including exceptional mentorship and leadership skills, and your demonstrated dedication to compassionate care

Financial Need Form (found at www.upei.ca/studentlife/financial-need-form)

Reference Letter from Academic Faculty or Clinical Nursing Instructor

Please detail in reference letter how the student meets the award criteria, including their exceptional mentorship and leadership skills, and their demonstrated dedication to compassionate care

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Incomplete application packages will not be considered. For official communication purposes, the Scholarships and Awards Committee will contact successful recipients through their UPEI Email Address. It is the student's responsibility to check their UPEI email account.

Application materials may be submitted via mail, email, or fax:

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