

ANA-NY Announces Hall of Fame Recipient

ANA-NY announces the recipient of its Inaugural Hall of Fame Award.

Albany, NY - The award recognizes a member who has made a sustained contribution to American Nurses Association – New York’s (ANA-NY) mission and to the professional of nursing in New York State in the area(s) of nursing practice, education, and/or research. This person may also be eligible as a nominee for the ANA Hall of Fame Award.

ANA-NY is honored to recognize the recipient of the Inaugural ANA-NY Hall of Fame Award.

- **Karen A. Ballard, RN, MS, FAAN (pictured right)**



Elisa A. Mancuso, ANA-NY President (pictured left), presenting the Hall of Fame Award to Karen A. Ballard (pictured right)

Karen A. Ballard has been actively involved with ANA-NY, ANA, NEF, Nurses House, NYSNA, the State Board for Nursing, NYONEL, NYS-DOH, and CANE. Our recipient has progressed through numerous appointed and elected positions within the professional organizations and has always been a true leader and role model. She has fought long and hard for the BS in Ten bill. Her contributions to amending nursing standards and educating both nurses and others on the actual and potential role of nursing are too numerous to count.

Not only was ANA-NY created by the formidable efforts of this nurse, but ANA-NY flourished under her leadership as its inaugural Executive Director with a membership that now approaches 5,000. There is no greater evidence of her enduring value to nursing and to the health and welfare of NY residents than her pivotal role in the establishment of ANA-NY.

As a clinical nurse specialist in child and adolescent psychiatric-mental health nursing, she provided compassionate, competent, exemplary services to individuals and families often misunderstood and neglected by the “health care system.” In so doing, she set an example, and was an excellent role model, for nursing students and colleagues committed to being patient advocates. Her nursing educator roles, publications and presentations have been transformative. She has electrified and mobilized nursing students, novice and seasoned practitioners alike to strive for excellence in their practice and advocacy of patients and their families.

“We, the nursing profession and the public we serve, are indebted to Karen Ballard. It is fitting, indeed, that she be awarded the inaugural ANA-NY Hall of Fame Award.”

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ANA-New York is the professional association for registered nurses statewide and the state constituent of the national American Nurses Association. ANA-New York is dedicated to promoting excellence in nursing practice, seeks to improve the quality of health care services, and promotes professional and leadership development of registered nurses. Learn more at <http://ana-newyork.org>.