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ANA-NY Congratulates 2016 Future Nurse Leaders

Award recognizes nursing students for achievement & potential

Albany, NY, June 29, 2016 – The American Nurses Association - New York (ANA-NY) is proud to introduce its 2016 cohort of Future Nurse Leaders. Started in 2014 to recognize the high quality of students graduating from nursing schools in New York and foster engagement and ongoing professional development, the award is given to graduating students in honor of their scholarship, professional dedication and commitment to community service.

The 2016 cohort of ANA-NY Future Nurse Leaders is:

- Jillian Barry, University at Buffalo School of Nursing
- Amy Beardsley, SUNY College of Technology at Alfred State, Alfred, NY
- Alexander Colayori, Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY
- Evelyn Cunningham, NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, New York
- Jessica Daddino, Farmingdale State College
- Lisa Denmark, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY
- Natasha Desai, Monroe College School of Nursing, Bronx, NY
- Shelley Dugas-Thomas, Arnot Ogden Medical Center School of Nursing, Elmira, NY
- Josue Estela, Finger Lakes Health College of Nursing, Geneva, NY
- Isabel Faringer-Perez, Stony Brook University School of Nursing
- Sarah Fleck, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY
- Mary Alice Frazier, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY
- Victoria Goldbach, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY
- Mashauna Govia, York College / City University of New York, Jamaica, NY
- Jennifer Lynn Griffin, Memorial College of Nursing, Albany, NY
- Christine Gutierrez, Binghamton University

- Keith Alan Hornbrook, Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, Troy, NY
- Annabel Kaiser, Niagara University, Niagara Falls, NY
- Lauren Lebo, Nyack College
- Sarah Mitchell, Ellis Medicine, The Belanger School of Nursing, Schenectady, NY
- Lisa Palumbo, Corning Community College
- Tremanda Pollard, Pace University, Pleasantville, NY
- Kristen Nicole Ponticelli, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY
- Jessica G. Robie , SUNY Ulster
- Michael Sanfilippo, The College at Brockport, SUNY
- Hannah Starr, Elmira College
- Tasha Tolbert, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY
- Christina Wright, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY

“We congratulate these nurses as they embark on the next stages of their professional careers. ANA-NY seeks to recognize and encourage nurses as they take on leadership roles in patient care, healthcare administration and healthcare policy,” said Elizabeth "Betty" Mahoney, EdD, RN, president of ANA-NY. “This is a profoundly impressive group of nurses and we look forward to seeing them excel in their careers.”

The ANA-NY Future Nurse Leaders were nominated by their schools of nursing as *outstanding students*, who embody the ethics and values of nursing; demonstrate leadership; make a significant contribution to the overall excellence of their school; set a healthy example and promote a healthy lifestyle; and demonstrate a clear sense of the direction for their future nursing careers.

Each Future Nurse Leader receives a certificate of recognition; a copy of the new book, *Nightingale’s Legacy: The Evolution of American Nurse Leaders* by Sue Johnson, PhD, RN, NE-BC; and complimentary membership in the American Nurses Association and ANA-NY for a year.

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ANA-New York is the professional association for registered nurses in the state. Launched in December 2012, 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>