

The 40th Annual *Upstate Nursing Excellence Celebration*

WEDNESDAY
OCT | 07 | 2026
AT 4:30 PM



Marriott
Syracuse
Downtown

Tickets and Sponsorships



Join us for a masquerade to celebrate the faces behind exceptional care

2026 Awardees



NURSING RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AWARD

Leah Rizzo, BSN, RN
Travis Volitine, BSN, RN
Alaina Stojkovski, RN
Medena Kavar, RN, CPN, CCRN
Kristin Rapasadi, RN
Heather Coleman, BSN, RN, OCN
Julie Seguin, BSN, RN

WILLIAM PAINTER CLINICAL PRACTICE AWARD

Genevieve Gabrielsen, BSN, RN, TCRN

WILLIAM PAINTER MANAGERIAL PRACTICE AWARD

Beth Wells, MSN, RN

DAISY INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Christopher Wieland, RN
Meaghann Riffle, BSN, RN
Sarah Hirsch, BSN, RN, CMSRN
Victoria Brown, BSN, RN
Rebecca Walker, BSN, RN
Jenny Nguyen, RN
Makenzie Desbiens, RN
Ashley Wojtczak, BSN, RN, CCRN
Robert Castillow, BSN, RN
Sabrina Naylor, BSN, RN
Grace Stone, RN
TBA

BEE AWARD

Danilo Esperon, HCT
Ghoffran Alshemmary, HCT
Roseline Kadio, HCT
Andrea Gemmill, MHTA
Tennille Weaver, UST
Ciara Glen, HCT
Shannon Knight, SOT
Printa Benallou, HCT
John Lando, MHTA
Gavin Ciszewski, UST
Nakita Cogger, HCT
Taylor Coleman, HCT

UMESCHANDRA PATIL FAMILY PEDIATRIC ENDOWMENT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT AWARD

Dawn Akkoul, RN, CCRN, C-NPT
Maisha Brown, BSN, RN
Shamika Blyden-Mayo, DNP, RN, CNML, CPN
Renee Buck, RN, CPN, CBRN, CPEN, C-NPT
Jessica Falgiatano, CPNP-C, CPN, CCRN,
CFRN, CPEN, CEN, C-NPT, CTRN, TCRN
Melissa Warner, BSN, RN

MAUREEN O'HARA AWARD

Michelle Jeski, DNP, RN, PCNS-BC, CPN

SPIRIT OF SOCIAL WORK AWARD

Loren Ulrich, LMSW

EXCELLENCE IN GERIATRIC CARE AWARD

Genevieve Gabrielsen, BSN, RN, TCRN
Kristen Thornton, HCT

DAISY NURSE LEADER AWARD

Todd Schuler, MSN, MBA, RN

DAISY TEAM AWARD

6th Floor Orthopedics

COLLABORATING COLLEAGUE AWARD

Quinmonei Bell-hunter, CSPT

PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Diana Clark, RN, OCN

INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

"Geospatial Mapping of EMS-Dispatched
Falls Among Older Adults: Five-Year
Descriptive Study"

Anthony Scalise, MBA, MS, FNP, RN,
CCRN, CEN, TCRN, NREMT and Team

SPIRIT OF NURSING AWARD

Kimberly Cerasani, NP-C

NANCY PAGE NURSING LEADERSHIP AWARD

TBA