

The National Nurse Leadership Council is proud to recognize the following nurses and staff as the 2009 awardees honored at the Nurse Leaders in Native Care Conference Awards Luncheon on June 17, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Nurse Executive Leadership Award

***Pam Gaines, BSN, RN***

Nurse Executive  
Phoenix Area  
Elko Service Unit

Clinical Nurse Award

***Winona A. Begay, RN***

Patient Care Coordinator  
Navajo Area  
Northern Navajo Medical Center

Public Health Nurse Award

***Kim E. Taylor, RN, PHN***

Public Health Nurse  
Phoenix Area  
Whiteriver Service Unit

Nursing Group Award

***Cass Lake Nursing Team***

Bemidji Area  
Cass Lake Service Unit

Licensed Practice Nurse Award

***Chris Jason, LPN***

Ambulatory Care Clinical Nurse  
Portland Area  
Coeur d'Alene Tribe/Benewah Medical Center

Ancillary Nursing Practice Award

***Jodi Furniss***

Medical Receptionist/Certified Nursing Assistant  
Portland Area  
Fort Hall Service Unit

Special Friend of Nursing Award

***Respiratory Therapy Department (TCRHCC)***

Navajo Area  
Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation

**USPHS Chief Nurse Officer Awards**

***Native American Nurses Association Nurse Mentors***

Phoenix, Arizona

- Jewel Bishop, RN, BSN, MSN
- LT Karen Bitsoie, RN, BSN
- CAPT Dora Bradley, RN, MPH
- Sandy Champagne, RN, BSN
- Myra Cousens, RN, BSN
- CAPT Regina Dale, RN, MPH
- Donice Hoopaugh, RN, BSN
- CAPT Rita Lookingglass, RN, MSN
- CDR Alberta McCabe, RN, BSN
- LCDR Lisa Palucci, RN, BSN, MSN
- CAPT Linda Trujillo, RN, BSN, MSN
- LT Tim Watkins, RN, BSN
- Marilyn Yellowman, RN, BSN
- LCDR Ardis Zah, RN, BSN, MSN

The following IHS and Tribal nurses are being recognized by the National Nurse Leadership Council (NNLC) for their stellar performance, commitment, and dedication to serving American Indian and Alaska Native people. They were formally recognized at the 2009 IHS National Combined Councils' Awards Banquet on February 9, 2009 in San Diego, California.

#### **NNLC Award for Exceptional Performance**

***Marcie Platero, BSN, RN***

Navajo Area  
Supervisory Clinical Nurse: Family Medicine  
Gallup Indian Medical Center, Gallup, New Mexico

#### **NNLC Award for Managerial Excellence**

***Shawn Winsor, BSN, RN***

Portland Area  
Director of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center; Warm Springs, Oregon

#### **NNLC Nurse Administrator of the Year**

***Tori Lynn Davidson, BSN, RN***

Navajo Area  
Chief Nurse Executive  
Fort Defiance Indian Hospital; Fort Defiance, Arizona

#### **NNLC Lifetime Achievement Award**

***CAPT Larry D. Curtis, MSN, CRNA***

Billings Area  
Supervisor Anesthesia Department  
Crow Northern Cheyenne Hospital; Crow Agency, Montana