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Honor Society of Nursing Announces 2009 International Nursing Media Award Recipient

INDIANAPOLIS— In conjunction with its 40th Biennial Convention later this year, the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) will present **Sandy Summers, RN, MSN, MPH**, Executive Director, The Truth About Nursing, with the **2009 Public Print Media Award** in recognition for her outstanding contributions to the nursing profession.

This award recognizes communicators, information specialists, photojournalists, and creative individuals and groups who have pursued excellence in communicating nursing's rich and diverse stories and in sharing nursing's knowledge with the nursing community or general public.

"STTI honors nurses and others who strive to portray a positive image of nursing and promote nursing excellence. It is through creative projects such as these that the public image of nursing is heightened," says STTI president, Carol J. Huston, RN, MSN, DPA, FAAN.

Award Category: Media Award: Public Print

Project Title: "Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nurses Puts Us All at Risk"

Award Recipient: Sandy Summers, RN, MSN, MPH, Executive Director, The Truth About Nursing

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Award celebrations occur at STTI's 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., USA, from 31 October-4 November 2009. For event registration information, visit the honor society's Web site: www.nursingsociety.org.

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The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Founded in 1922, the honor society has inducted more than 400,000 members in 86 countries. Members include practicing nurses, instructors, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and others. The honor society's 469 chapters are located at 586 institutions of higher education throughout Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, The Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Swaziland, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, the United States and Wales. More information about the honor society can be found online at www.nursingsociety.org.



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Sandy Summers RN, MSN, MPH
Executive Director
The Truth About Nursing
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USA

Dear Ms. Sandy Summers:

Congratulations! Sigma Theta Tau International is pleased to inform you that you have been selected as the 2009 recipient of the Public Media Award for Print. Your work is an excellent reflection of the nursing profession and will be honored at The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International's 40th Biennial Convention from 31 October -4 November 2009 in Indianapolis, Ind., USA. More than 2,000 members from around the world are expected to attend this event, which is themed "I Am a Nurse ... and a Member of a Global Nursing Community." It is an exciting environment in which to develop new relationships and collaborations through networking with nurse leaders and to celebrate the global nursing community.

We look forward to your participation at our upcoming convention where you will have countless opportunities to network with nurses from all over the world. Please refer to the enclosed materials regarding details about convention and the award presentation event. Additional information regarding the convention is available on the honor society's Web site. Please visit <http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/BiennialConvention>. If you have any questions regarding the convention, please contact headquarters at 888.634.7575 (U.S./Canada) or +1.317.634.8171 (International).

Your exceptional work in nursing is an inspiration to all honor society members and to nurses everywhere.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Huston, RN, MSN, DPA, FAAN
President

Patricia E. Thompson, RN, EdD, FAAN
Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures:

Award Information Page
Online Registration Instructions
Convention Brochure

2009 INTERNATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Nell J. Watts Lifetime Achievement in Nursing Award

Nancy A. Dickenson-Hazard RN, MSN, FAAN, NDH Agency, Alpha Chapter and Beta Kappa Chapter

Archon Award

Free the Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Greg Mortenson, Co-founder and Executive Director, Central Asia Institute, Three Cups of Tea co-author

Linda Spoonster Schwartz, RN, MSN, DrPH, FAAN, Commissioner and Commandant, Department of Veteran Affairs, State of Connecticut

Dorothy Ford Buschmann Presidential Award

Thomas L. Huston, BS, CEO and President, Spectrum Orthopedic Supply, Inc.

FOUNDERS AWARDS**Marie Hippensteel Lingeman Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice**

Mary Fran Tracy, RN, PhD, FAAN, Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, University of Minnesota Medical Center-Fairview, Zeta Chapter

Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award for Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards

Linda R. Cronenwett, RN, PhD, FAAN, Professor and Dean of the School of Nursing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Alpha Alpha Chapter

Mary Tolle Wright Award for Excellence in Leadership

Joanne M. Disch, RN, PhD, FAAN, Clinical Professor, University of Minnesota, Zeta Chapter

Edith Moore Copeland Award for Excellence in Creativity

Marla E. Salmon, RN, ScD, FAAN, Dean, University of Washington, School of Nursing, Psi-at-Large Chapter

Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Research

Nancy C. Edwards, RN, BScN, MSc, PhD, FCAHS, Professor; Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health; Director, Community Health Research Unit, University of Ottawa, School of Nursing, Tau Gamma Chapter

Elizabeth Russell Belford Award for Excellence in Education

Fay L. Bower, RN, DNSc, FAAN, Chair and Professor, Holy Names University, Department of Nursing, Nu Xi-at-Large Chapter, Alpha Gamma Chapter

Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence

Gamma Chapter, University of Iowa, College of Nursing, Iowa City, Iowa, USA

MEDIA AWARDS**Public Media Awards (Print)**

"Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nurses Puts Us All at Risk"

Sandy Jacobs Summers, RN, MSN, MPH, Executive Director, The Truth About Nursing, Nu Chapter

Harry Jacobs Summers, Senior Advisor, The Truth About Nursing

Public Media Awards (Other — Electronic, Photography, Art, etc.)

"Project HealthDesign — Grantee Videos"
Project HealthDesign Group: Linda G. Brei, BA, MAT, Gail Casper, RN, PhD, Patricia Flatley Brennan, RN, PhD, FAAN, Susan Promislo, Mike Warner, Project HealthDesign, National Program Office, University of Wisconsin School of Nursing

Nursing Media Awards (Print)

"Johns Hopkins Nursing"
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Office of Marketing and Communications, Kelly Brooks-Staub, Publications Editor, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

Nursing Media Awards (Other - Electronic, Photography, Art, etc.)

"Transforming Nursing Curricula to Improve Quality and Safety in Patient Care"
QSEN Team

Linda Cronenwett, RN, PhD, FAAN, Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing, Alpha Alpha Chapter

Gwen Sherwood, RN, PhD, FAAN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing, Alpha Alpha Chapter