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American Nurses Foundation Announces Honor A Nurse 2015 Nurse of the Year

*Jacqueline Collavo, MA, BSN, RN, NE-BC, of West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh
Chosen for Her Commitment to Excellence and Nurse Mentorship*

SILVER SPRING, MD – The [American Nurses Foundation](#) (the Foundation), the charitable and philanthropic arm of the [American Nurses Association \(ANA\)](#), today named Jacqueline Collavo, MA, BSN, RN, NE-BC, of Allegheny Health Network's West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., as the Honor A Nurse 2015 Nurse of the Year. Sponsored exclusively by Wolters Kluwer and its [Lippincott Solutions](#) software suite, the Foundation's [Honor A Nurse](#) program acknowledges nurses who have made a difference in the lives of others while raising money for the Foundation.

“Out of hundreds of nurses who have been honored through this program, Jackie Collavo’s tribute truly stood out,” said American Nurses Foundation Chair Tim Porter-O’Grady, DM, EdD, ScD (h), APRN, FAAN, FACCWS. “We are pleased to recognize her dedication to nursing and inspirational leadership.”

Collavo has spent 33 years of her nursing career at West Penn and is currently the director of the hospital’s Nursing Operations and Magnet[®] Recognition Program. Under her leadership, the hospital became the first in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania to achieve Magnet[®] Recognition, a designation from the [American Nurses Credentialing Center \(ANCC\)](#) that recognizes quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice. Additionally, Collavo mentors fellow nurses and speaks regularly at health care conferences about improving the quality of patient care.

“Jacqueline has a heart of gold, and goes above and beyond in all aspects in her role as a nurse,” said Julia Warner, BSN, RN, CWON, Collavo’s West Penn colleague and Nurse of the Year nominator. “She strives for excellence and inspires West Penn nurses to do the same as they advocate for patients, families and communities.”

The Foundation created the Honor A Nurse program to recognize nurses’ extraordinary contributions to health care. The program enables colleagues, friends, family and others to honor and tell the story of a nurse or a group of nurses who has made a positive difference in nursing locally or globally. The funds raised by the Honor A Nurse program are used to support nursing research, scholarships and programs to improve nurses’ lives and the nursing profession. Nurses who have been nominated qualify for the Nurse of the Year award.

Lead sponsor Wolters Kluwer, which develops the Lippincott Solutions clinical decision support and professional development software suite, is committed to increasing awareness of the Honor A Nurse program through its longstanding partnership with ANA.

“The Honor A Nurse program is a great example of the power of nursing and how nurses can support each other to improve health for all,” said Marla J. Weston, PhD, RN, FAAN, chief executive officer of the Foundation and ANA. “Our partnership with Wolters Kluwer makes this recognition possible and we are thrilled that Honor A Nurse will continue its growth moving forward.”

To learn more about the Honor A Nurse program, please visit www.GiveToNursing.org.

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About the American Nurses Foundation

The [American Nurses Foundation](#) is the charitable and philanthropic arm of the [American Nurses Association](#) (ANA), the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation’s 3.4 million registered nurses through its constituent and state nurses associations and its organizational affiliates. The Foundation supports programs that transform the nation’s health through the power of nursing.

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