THIRD ANNUAL BAYADA AWARD FOR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION IN NURSING EDUCATION AND PRACTICE ANNOUNCED BY DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
$10,000 in Cash Prizes, Applications due April 3, 2006

PHILADELPHIA – January 13, 2006 – Today, Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP) announced the third annual Bayada Award for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice. Drexel and brothers Mel and Mark Baiada, sponsors of the award, recognize the importance of incorporating technology in nursing for improved patient outcomes.

Two $5,000 cash awards will be presented: one to a nursing educator whose innovation leads to improved student clinical competency or efficiency of curriculum delivery, and one to a practicing nurse whose innovation leads to improved patient care. The application deadline is April 3, 2006. To apply for the award, visit: http://www.drexel.edu/cnhp/bayada/application.asp. Resubmissions from previous years are welcome.

Winners will be recognized at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute conference in Providence, RI on Saturday, June 10, 2006.

“The future of nursing lies in technological innovations and how it can be applied to improve healthcare delivery to patients and to improve student clinical competency and curriculum delivery,” said Dr. Gloria Donnelly, dean of Drexel’s CNHP. “Through the Bayada Award, we can highlight how nurses incorporate technology everyday to help improve patient care, save lives, and to instruct student nurses on how to utilize technology in learning.”

Continued Dr. Donnelly, “At Drexel we believe in incorporating technology into our nursing program. Since 2003, we have been providing our incoming nursing students with a PDA loaded with technical information on drugs and symptoms that can be used on clinical rotations. With the PDA’s, nurses have accurate information when needed.”

The emphasis of the award is on technology and how it is used to improve healthcare - more -
delivery and educating student nurses. The inaugural Bayada Award was won by Mary Kay Bader of Mission Viejo, Calif., a nurse who led her hospital’s neurosurgery unit in designing guidelines for using the LICOX oxygen monitor. As a result, Bader and the neurosurgery team saved a 17-month-old boy who was given a one percent chance of survival. Last year the award was won by Joan McInerney, a Wound, Ostomy, and Continence (WOC) nurse at NCH Healthcare System in Naples, Fl.; and Elizabeth Westgard, a nursing educator at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology in Willow Grove, Pa.

Joan McInerney developed a computer program to identify and assess the skin care of every patient in the hospital to help prevent pressure ulcers. Elizabeth Westgard, instituted the use of the SuperPen for her student nurses when copying patient data from the charts. Thus eliminating errors when noting information and allowing students to spend more time on developing nursing plans from the collected information.

A blind judging will be performed with the judges considering the technology’s innovativeness and impact. The technology must be in use six months or longer.

The award is sponsored by J. Mark Baiada, Founder, Bayada Nurses and Mel Baiada, Benefactor, Drexel University’s Baiada Center for Entrepreneurship in Technology.

Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions enrolls approximately more than 2,000 student. The College includes 16 programs, 125 full-time faculty and affiliations with some of the finest health care institutions in the U.S. The programs are designed to build knowledge, improve practice and culturally competent care, foster professional integrity, and ultimately improve the health outcomes of patients, families and communities across the continuum of care. For more information on Drexel University or other programs in Drexel’s College of Nursing and Health Professions, visit http://cnhp.drexel.edu.

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