

## Recognizing our power: Honoring the accomplishments of scholars

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### **Abstract:**

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Awards express the values of the awarding organization. The Distinguished Researcher Award recognizes "an individual whose established program of research has enhanced the science and practice of nursing in the Southern region," reflecting the value SNRS members place on sustained focus in a program of research.

Named for the first SNRS President, the D. Jean Wood Scholarship award is granted to "a researcher who has enhanced the science and practice of nursing in the Southern region and who have had their paper or poster abstract accepted for presentation at the SNRS Annual Conference." This award is symbolic of the value the organization places on its distinguished past and hope for a distinguished future.

The Mid-Career Award recognizes an SNRS member 10 years or more beyond the doctorate "whose scholarly work influences outcomes in nursing practice, nursing education, health policy, or population health." It reflects SNRS' value of progression in a program of research.

The Research in Minority Health award recognizes "an individual or group conducting and/or promoting research that has significance for improving the health care of minorities and other

under-represented groups in the Southern region.” SNRS places high value on addressing disparities in health care and achieving quality health care for all.

The Geriatric Research Award, given jointly by SNRS and the John A. Hartford Foundation, “recognizes the contributions of an individual whose established program of research has enhanced the science and practice of geriatric nursing in the Southern region.” It reflects SNRS’ commitment to collaboration and to our elder population.

As future scholars, students are also eligible for SNRS awards. At each annual conference, three student poster awards are given, speaking volumes about the value SNRS places on nurturing student members, who will become prominent scholars and leaders.

The SNRS awards committee is developing additional awards. In our new partnership with *RINAH*, an award will be given to the author of the best article published by a SNRS member each year. We also are planning an award for new investigators and an award for researchers employed in clinical settings.

At the 2013 Annual SNRS Conference, the following scholars were recognized for their work-  
**Distinguished Researcher Award:** JoAnne M. Youngblut, Florida International University. **D. Jean Wood Nursing Scholarship Award:** Charles A. Downs, Emory University. **Mid-Career Researcher Award:** Linda H. Yoder, University of Texas at Austin. **Research in Minority Health Award:** Sharon A. Brown, University of Texas at Austin.

**Student posters, First Place:** Kristin Filler, NINR and Virginia Commonwealth University. **Second Place:** Caroline Kennedy, Emory University. **Third Place:** Marian Baxter, Virginia Commonwealth University.

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