



## American Association of Occupational Health Nurses 2017 Award Winners

The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc., (AAOHN), as the primary association for the largest group of healthcare professionals serving the workforce, is committed to healthy and safe work and community environments. Each year AAOHN honors outstanding individuals, businesses, and chapters for excellence in activities that promote, advance, guide, and protect the occupational and environmental health nursing profession.

### **UL EHS Sustainability - AAOHN Workplace Health and Safety Stewardship Award**

This award acknowledges an unsung nursing hero who is dedicated to creating a culture of health and safety in the workplace. This year's recipient is **Julia Reyes, DNP, APRN, CPNP-AC** of Texas.

### **Golden Pen Awards**

The Golden Pen Award recognizes *Workplace Health & Safety* Journal contributors for excellence in writing. This year, three awards were presented: one to an experienced author and two to novice authors. These awards are cosponsored by Sage, Inc., publisher of *Workplace Health & Safety: Promoting Environments Conducive to Well-Being and Productivity*, the official publication of AAOHN.

This year's recipient of the Golden Pen Award – Experienced Author was **Louise C. O'Keefe, PhD, CRNP** and co-authors, **Kathleen C. Brown, PhD, RN**, **Karen H. Frith, PhD, RN, NEA-BC**, **Karen Heaton, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN**, **Elizabeth H. Maples, PhD**, **Jennan A. Phillips, PhD, RN, FAAOHN** and **David E. Vance, PhD, MGS** for their article “**Obesity, Prediabetes, and Perceived Stress in Municipal Workers**”.

This year's recipients of the Golden Pen Award – Novice Author was **Bryan Combs, MSN** and his co-author **Karen Heaton, PhD** for their article “**Occupational Functionality: A Concept Analysis**” and **Steven Marks, DNP, RN, APN, COHN-S, FAAOHN** for his article “**Culturally Sensitive Education Can Decrease Hispanic Workers' Risk of Metabolic**”.

### **Nurse in Washington Internship Grant**

The Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI) Grant is funded by AAOHN to support member participation and learning about the legislative process. **Laura Jones, MS, CRM** of Pennsylvania was identified as this year's recipient and represented AAOHN at NIWI in Washington in March 2017.

### **Business Recognition Award**

The Business Recognition Award is given to honor businesses that support and promote the occupational and environmental health nursing profession. This year's recipient was **Atlantic Health System** operating in New Jersey.

**Chapter Community Service Award** North Carolina Tarheel Association of Occupational Health Nurses

**Chapter Education Award – Best One-Day Activity** Minnesota State Association of Occupational Health Nurses

**Chapter Education Award – Best Short Activity** Minnesota State Association of Occupational Health Nurses

**Chapter Education Award – Best Multi-day Activity** North Carolina Association of Occupational Health Nurses (NCAOHN)

**Chapter of the Year Award** Ohio State Association of Occupational Health Nurses

**Poster Winners**

Third Place – **Deborah B. Reed, PhD, MSPH, RN** for her poster titled “Didactic Reader’s Theater Influences the Health and Safety of a Vulnerable Worker Population”

Second Place – **Pamela E. Carver, CRNP** for her poster titled “Blood Pressure Education and Self-Monitoring at the Worksite”

First Place – **John M. Violanti, PhD** for his poster titled “Shift Work and Fatigue among Police Officers: The BCOPS Study”

**AAOHN Fellowship**

The AAOHN Fellow designation recognizes AAOHN members who, as nursing leaders, make a significant contribution to the field of occupational and environmental health nursing. AAOHN Fellows comprise a group of leaders who provide vision to advance the skills, knowledge, and abilities of occupational and environmental health nurses, influence policy, contribute to research, and exemplify highly effective management and clinical practices.

**2017 Class of Fellows**

**Candace M. Burns, PhD, ARNP, FAAOHN** – Florida

**Annette Byrd, MPH, RN, IC®, FAAOHN** – North Carolina

**Virginia (Ginny) Carlson, MPH, BSN, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN** – Minnesota

**Janie Adams De Jesus, MS, RN, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN** – Texas

**Karin N. Drake, BA, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN** –Oregon

**Rick García, PhD, RN, CCM, FAAOHN** – Washington D.C.

**Karen Heaton, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN, FAAOHN** –Alabama

**Lisa Hegel, MS, APRN, COHN-S, FAAOHN** – New Hampshire

**Helen Kirk, RN RM MA Queen’s Nurse, FAAOHN** – United Kingdom

**Denise Knoblauch, BSN, RN, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN** – Illinois

**Denise L. Souza, MSN, ANP-BC, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN** – California

**Stephanie Weinsier, DNP, ANP-BC, COHN-S, FAAOHN** – Florida