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## **THE DAISY FOUNDATION™ AND THE WISCONSIN LEAGUE FOR NURSING ANNOUNCE NEW AWARD**

May 2021 (Glen Ellen, CA) – The DAISY Foundation™ and the Wisconsin League for Nursing (WLN) announced their collaboration in the creation of The DAISY Nurse Leader Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educators.

The DAISY Foundation is excited about this extension of their Nurse Leader award to encourage nominations among Nurse Educators working on the frontline. The nurses eligible to receive the new award play a crucial role in the formation of exceptional frontline nurses. The idea was sparked by the WLN Directors who wanted to specifically target nurse educators working in academia and healthcare organization settings in Wisconsin for this recognition. This Award will recognize exceptional nursing mentors that exhibit, inspire, and nurture compassion and respect amongst peers, mentees, students, or colleagues. Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Co-founder, and CEO of The DAISY Foundation agreed, “We love this innovative application of The DAISY Nurse Leader Award, knowing the important role educators play in the day-to-day delivery of extraordinary compassionate care.” Katie Weis, DNP, RN, AGCNS-BC, WLN Treasurer and Chair of the DAISY Task Force, added: “This Award seeks to provide meaningful recognition to an underrecognized group of nurse educators, preceptors, mentors and instructors who teach in a direct or simulated patient care setting. We are very excited to develop this DAISY Nurse Leader Award to acknowledge the pivotal role these nurse educators play in the formation of each and every nurse!”

The WLN would like to acknowledge and thank the WLN DAISY Task Force members who have been instrumental in the development of this Award (\*indicates WLN Board of Directors, \*\* indicates WLN member & community partner): \*Katie Weis, DNP, RN, AGCNS-BC (Chair); \*Marijo Rommelfaenger, PhD, RN, CNE; \*LaRee Savlan, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC; \*\*Brenda Ulmen, PhD, MSN, RN;

\*\*Mary McMahon Bullis, MAN, RN, CCRN-K; \*\*Lisa Schmidt, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, CHSE; and \*Krista Polomis, MSN, RN. We would also like to thank \*Shanita Washington, MSN, BSN, RN, LNC, and \*James Bumby, PhD, RN, for their contributions towards the initial conceptual development of the Award.

[Click here](#) to learn more and to nominate. Deadline for submissions is **August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm CST**.

#### About The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from Nurses while he was ill inspired the creation of The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses, an evidenced-based means of providing Nurse recognition and thanking Nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

In addition to the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 4,800 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition of direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nurses Advancing Health Equity, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, Health Equity Grants and Medical Mission Grants. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

#### About the Wisconsin League for Nursing

The Wisconsin League for Nursing, Inc. (WLN) was incorporated on June 23, 1954 to foster development and improvement of organized nursing services through the coordination of nurses, allied health professionals, and citizens to meet the health care needs of the community. Today, the WLN's mission is impacting the lifelong learning of nurses in diverse health care environments. WLN achieves this mission by providing collaborative educational opportunities, promoting professional development, supporting writing and research, and disbursing scholarship funds for nursing education.

The WLN is a full affiliate Constituent League of the National League for Nursing, Inc. and adopts bylaws and policies consistent with the NLN. More information available at <https://wisconsinwln.com/>

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