A YEAR OF ACCOLADES FOR NURSING RESEARCH

Creighton University researcher Joan Lappe, PhD, has earned a national award for her work from the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNIHR).

Lappe, the Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss and Drs. Gilbert and Clinton Beirne Endowed Chair in Nursing and professor of medicine, received the Ada Sue Hinshaw Award during FNINR’s recent “2010 Scientific Symposium: Bringing Science to Life” in Bethesda, MD.

Hinshaw was the first permanent director of the National Institute of Nursing Research. The award recognizes the significance of nursing research and the contributions made by nurse scientists to improve health care. ■

DEAN’S AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE

“This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate sustained excellence in some aspect of the School of Nursing’s mission.”—Dean Eleanor Howell

Martha Todd, APRN, was the recipient of the 2010 Dean’s Award for Faculty Excellence for her leadership in developing a research trajectory in the area of simulation. Mrs. Todd had made significant improvements in how the health assessment course is delivered. In addition, she developed a new practice site at the Heart Ministry Center in Omaha, offering free health care to underserved and uninsured clients.

Previous Dean’s Award honorees include Dr. Maribeth Hercinger for her constant willingness to mentor new faculty members; Dr Joan Lappe for her nationally-acclaimed research in osteoporosis and her willingness to support new scientists; Dr. Ann Laughlin for her leadership in establishing and receiving funding for the school-health program; and Fr. Tom Bannantine, S.J., for his constant spiritual presence within the School of Nursing by providing daily support and availability to nursing students, faculty, staff and alumni. Fr. Bannantine continues to contribute greatly to the climate and character of the school. ■

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNERS

Julie Manz, MS, APRN
Undergraduate Program
December 2009

Joyce Schilke, PhD, APRN
Graduate Program
May 2010

Lori Rusch, PhD, RN
Undergraduate Program
May 2010

Nancy Breidenbach, MS, APRN
Hastings Campus
May 2010

Amy Abbott, PhD, RN
Accelerated Program
August 2010