

National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education Inducts Oncology Nursing Society Member



Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Anne Belcher, PhD, RN, AOCN®, CNE, FAAN, was inducted in the first league of fellows for the National League for Nursing's (NLN's) Academy of Nursing Education.

The NLN established the Academy of Nursing Education in early 2007 to foster excellence in nursing education by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of outstanding nurse educators. Fellows support the vision of the NLN to promote standards of excellence in nursing education that will increase the number of graduates from all types of nursing programs and serve as resources for new educators and those in clinical practice who hope to someday enter the ranks of nursing faculty.

As a newly named fellow, Belcher has been lauded for innovative teaching and learning strategies, nursing education research, faculty development, academic leadership, promotion of public policy that advances nursing education, and collaborative educational, practice or community partnerships.

The induction of new fellows and a meeting of fellows in the Academy of Nursing Education was held in conjunction with the NLN's annual Education Summit from September 26–29, 2007, in Phoenix, AZ. For more information, visit www.nln.org.

ONS Member Receives 2008 Leading the Way Award



The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) has announced that ONS member Jeanne Quint Benoiel, DNSc, RN, FAAN, is the recipient of its 2008 Leading the Way Award. The award was presented at the American Academy of

Hospice and Palliative Medicine and HPNA Annual Assembly on January 31, 2008, in Tampa, FL.

"We are delighted to present Dr. Benoiel with this award," said Judy Lentz, RN, MSN, NHA, chief executive officer of HPNA. "Her contribution to palliative care nursing stands as an exemplary model for aspiring practitioners in the field."

The HPNA Leading the Way Award recognizes nurses who have been consistent leaders in hospice and palliative nursing, demonstrating a deep and abiding commitment to furthering the philosophy, mission, and quality of palliative care. For more information, visit www.hpna.org.

New York Times Announces Winners of the 2007 Tribute to Nurses Awards

The *New York Times* recently named four winners of the 2007 Tribute to Nurses awards. Now in its fifth year, the program honors nurses and nurse educators in the New York region for their extraordinary achievements in the nursing profession and in patient care.

The *New York Times* held a reception to honor the winners on December 12, 2007, at its new headquarters. Winners were featured in a special advertising section in the *New York Times Magazine* on December 9, 2007, and received a check for \$2,000. Jane Brody, personal health columnist for the *New York Times*, was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

The 2007 Tribute to Nurses award winners are Pat Bonder, RN, BSN, from Atlantic Health, Morristown Memorial Hospital, and Carol G. Simon Cancer Center in Morristown, NJ; Rachel Jones, BSN, MS, PhD, a nurse educator at Rutgers College of Nursing in Newark, NJ; Carol Odnaha, RN, MPA, from the Visiting Nurse Service of New York; and Kathy Webster, RN, MSN, vice president of Patient Services at the Hudson Valley Hospital Center in Cortlandt Manor, NY.

"We are very happy to once again pay tribute to individuals in the nursing profession whose contributions have truly made a difference. Year after year, this program demonstrates how invaluable nurses and nurse educators are to the healthcare industry and to society as a whole," said Douglas Latino, advertising director of the *New York Times*.

In 2007, hundreds of award nominations were collected through a print and online campaign that appeared in the *New York Times* and on NYTimes.com. Award winners are determined by a panel of nursing professionals and by the *New York Times*. For more information, visit www.nytc.com.

National Institutes of Health Appoints Timothy C. Birdsall to Complementary and Alternative Medicine Advisory Council



U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt has appointed Timothy C. Birdsall, ND, FABNO, to serve a four-year term on the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine for the

National Institutes of Health. Birdsall is vice president of integrative medicine for Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) and a licensed naturopathic physician. A nationally known lecturer and practitioner of naturopathic medicine, Birdsall is a 1985 graduate of Bastyr University in Seattle, WA, where he served on the faculty for five years. The National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine advises and makes recommendations to the director of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) on matters related to the center's research activities and functions. Birdsall will be part of an 18-member council that primarily provides secondary review of grant applications in light of NCCAM scientific program priorities and program balance. The council includes nine members licensed in complementary or alternative medicine and three are from the general public.

As vice president of integrative medicine for CTCA, Birdsall oversees the organization's unique treatment model that combines state-of-the-art conventional medical treatments with scientifically supported complementary therapies within a patient-centered environment designed to meet the special whole-person needs of patients with cancer. Specializing in creating customized treatment pathways for each patient, CTCA provides world-class cancer care that is demonstrating significant outcomes for patients with advanced stage disease, particularly in the area of lung, breast, colorectal, pancreatic, and prostate cancers.

Birdsall's professional achievements include serving as a member of the board of

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