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Twyla Lato 2011 WASN School Nurse of the Year!

On April 7, 2011 WASN announced the winner of the School Nurse of the Year Award (SNOY) at our annual conference in Wisconsin Dells. **Twyla Lato** from the School District of Waukesha was presented with the award. Twyla was nominated by retired East Troy District school nurse and past SNOY recipient, Diane Hamilton RN and selected by a panel of judges.

WASN's School Nurse of the Year Award purpose is to publicly honor the contributions of school nurses statewide by honoring one school nurse annually who has demonstrated excellence in his/her school nursing practice.

Twyla has been a School Nurse for 29 years. She had been in her present position for 20 years. She serves 12,600 students pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Twyla earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Twyla has National Certification in School Nursing (NCSN) and is a certified American Heart Association and American Red Cross Instructor. She has lifetime certification as a Public Health Nurse in Wisconsin.

Twyla is a member of both the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses and the National Association of School Nurses. She had been a past District Director, Nominations Chair, President –Elect and President of WASN. She has served on the WASN Bylaws and Operation Manual and Legislative committees. She has also served on the state regional and national school nurse conference planning committees for the past 10 years. Twyla is also a member of the Wisconsin Nurse Association and the American Nurses Association. She serves as a board member for UP Connection, a non-profit agency providing support services for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Twyla has been a mentor for new school nurses and has participated and organized many fundraisers for non-profit organizations.

Twyla is described as a school nurse with exceptional skill and vision. She is an acknowledged expert in school nursing by her peers. She is a trusted health professional in the educational setting. Teachers and families see her as a true advocate for the students she serves. Her advocacy and dedication to the school nursing profession is unparalleled. Twyla Lato is “ a shining example of school nurse practice at its best.”

Twyla is invited to apply for the National Association of School Nurses School Nurse of the Year Award in October 2011.

WASN congratulates Twyla Lato, 2011 WASN School Nurse of the Year and the School District of Waukesha for her selection!