

Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC

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## NNPBC HONOURS EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

BURNABY, BC – The Association of Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC), the professional association representing all four nursing designations, is delighted to honour the exceptional individuals who have demonstrated excellence in practice, research, advocacy, administration, education, planetary health, leadership, and lifetime achievement at the 2023 Nursing Awards of Excellence.

“We are so excited to be able to host these 17 fantastic nurses, their families, colleagues, dignitaries from government and other special guests to the 2023 Nursing Awards of Excellence. We love this time of year because we get to honour extraordinary nurses who work in all domains of practice across the province. We are inspired by the fantastic work, the focus on person-centred care and the degree to which nurses continue to bring their best and most innovative work to the forefront. It’s a true privilege for us to host this event,” said Sherri Kensall, NNPBC Board Chair.

At the in-person event all four nursing designations in British Columbia (Licensed Practical Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, and Registered Psychiatric Nurse), will be honoured for their foundational and varied roles in the health system. NNPBC will recognize nurses in eight categories including a new special recognition for two nurses who have been tireless champions of raising awareness of the impacts of climate change and strong advocates for the ways in which nurses can raise awareness for and make the connections between planetary and human health.

Nursing Awards of Excellence recipients for 2023:

Lynn Guengerich, MS, NP(Peds) *Lifetime Achievement*

Lorraine Blackburn RN, MSN *Excellence in Nursing Administration*

Jane Slemmon, RN, MA *Excellence in Nursing Administration*

Gerri Klein, RN, BScN, MSN *Excellence in Advancing Nursing Knowledge and Research*

Sandra B. Lauck PhD RN *Excellence in Advancing Nursing Knowledge and Research*

Teresa D. McFadyen, LPN *Excellence in Nursing Advocacy*

Carlin Patterson, RN *Excellence in Nursing Advocacy*

Laurel Plewes, MSN, RN *Excellence in Nursing Advocacy*

Ingrid Handlovsky, PhD, RN *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Elaine Veldman, RN BSN NSWOC WOCC(C) *Excellence in Nursing Education*

Dr. Jennifer Krist, DNP, NP(F) *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Barb Langlois RN, BSN, MSN, CHE *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Lorelei Newton PhD RN CGNC *Excellence in Nursing Leadership*

Kristy Goosney BSN, RN *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Rajveen Sharma, RPN *Excellence in Nursing Practice*

Agnes Black, RN MPH *Special Recognition in Planetary Health*

Helen Boyd RN.BScN.MA (Counselling) *Special Recognition in Planetary Health*

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