TSON’s Associate Dean is recipient of NJLN 2012 Nurse Recognition Award

Associate Dean Roseminda Santee was honored by the New Jersey League for Nursing with the NJLN Nurse Recognition Award at the 2012 Gala Reception held in November at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ for her outstanding work in promoting educational practices that support and enhance nursing students’ learning at Trinitas School of Nursing. Dean Santee is a highly experienced nurse educator in maternal and child health and has certification as a nurse educator from the National League for Nursing (CNE). She is an ANCC-certified nurse executive (NEA-BC) as well. Congratulations Dean Santee!

Dean Santee, standing (l) with M. Franco-Tantuico, LSC Coordinator, was joined at the Gala by TSON faculty and staff (l-r), T. Proctor, P. Andes, V. Villanueva, and J. Graf-Kirk. (photo courtesy of C. Cruz)
Learning/Simulation Center Attracts Visitors from Chile

Two nurse educators from the Universidad Finis Terrae in Chile came to visit the Learning/Simulation Center (LSC) this fall semester to gather more information on how to develop a simulation program for their institution. The director of the school of nursing, Eliana Escudero and the learning lab instructor, Claudia Morales, expressed their appreciation of TSON’s simulation program and the state-of-the-art LSC. Both educators were in the United States visiting different schools of nursing to gather information on how simulation and the technology that supports it are being used in the implementation of nursing curriculum. Kevin Webb from Laerdal Medical recommended TSON as one of the must-visit schools in New Jersey when it comes to simulation-based learning.

Monina Franco-Tantuico, LSC coordinator (middle) is joined by Eliana Escudero and Claudia Morales, nurse educators from Universidad Finis Terrae in Chile.
TSON faculty members pursue doctoral studies

Janine Graf-Kirk, NURE 232 faculty is pursuing her doctor of nursing practice (DNP) at Walden University. Nancy Innella, NURE 231 faculty is enrolled in the PhD program at Rush University in Illinois. Laura Garcia, NURE 231/260 adjunct faculty member is a DNP student at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ. Dawn Zimmerman, NURE 132 faculty and Harriet Sarkodie, NURE 131 adjunct faculty will be starting their PhD program at Duquesne University in May 2013. We are very proud of our faculty as they continue to role model commitment to life-long learning and academic progression to their students.

Additionally, Ms. Garcia was a graduate scholarship recipient during the PNA-NJ gala reception held in September at the Marriott in Newark. A TSON student, Lovegem Santillan, was awarded the undergraduate scholarship by the PNA-NJ.

Associate Dean Santee is flanked by Lovegem Santillan (l) and Laura Garcia (r) at the PNA-NJ gala reception.

Congratulations To All!
Representatives from TRMC led by B. Countryman, CNO and Senior Vice President for Nursing traveled to Anaheim, CA to accept the honor of being a NLN Center of Excellence in the category of “creating workplace environments that promote academic progression for nurses.”

The award was presented at the NLN Education Summit banquet held on September 21, 2012.

Trinitas Regional Medical Center was also honored by the NJLN for being designated NLN Center of Excellence for supporting its staff nurses’ academic progression. This is a four-year designation focusing on TRMC’s active promotion and support for nursing staff to seek higher education. The steering committee that worked on the application was led by Dean Marybeth Kelley.

Congratulations to everyone at TRMC!
TSON Assistant Dean presents at the 2012 NLN Education Summit

Teresita Proctor, TSON assistant dean, presented a poster at the 2012 NLN Education Summit held in Anaheim, CA in September. The poster titled “Strategic Planning for Excellence: Achieving Re-designation as NLN Center of Excellence” was one of the 37 abstracts accepted by the NLN for poster presentations in addition to a wide variety of nursing education and practice topics for concurrent sessions. The poster describes the School’s long-term planning process and implementation of strategies that focused on the goal of maintaining and continuing its designation as NLN Center of Excellence for another four years.

The School received its re-designation as NLN Center of Excellence in September for the years 2011 – 2015.

Dean Proctor also presented this poster at the Professional Nurse Educators Group conference in Philadelphia in October 2012.