HISTORY

In 1998, leaders within the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Nursing, along with its Alumni Board of Directors and the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, envisioned the inaugural Power of Nursing Leadership Event to celebrate the strong nurse leader cadre in this state and the many sectors in which they practice. Inspired by the leadership of our alumni, as well as our academic, health systems, government and corporate partners, the primary goals were to gather highly influential nurse leaders in Illinois and then spotlight their collective influence and dedication to health care throughout the state. The event has grown exponentially and has become the premier gathering of the most innovative nurse leaders from academia, health systems, government, entrepreneurship, and business.

The following is an overview of the history of PNLE, including those who have been honored with the prestigious Joan L. Shaver Illinois Outstanding Nurse Leader Award, the SAGE Award and the Pinnacle Leader Recognition.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

16th Annual-November 15, 2013

Featured Speaker
Mary D. Naylor, PhD, RN, FAAN
Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology; Director, NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
Evidence to Impact—Tackling Care Coordination

Joan L. Shaver Illinois Outstanding Nurse Leader Award
Bernadette Speiser, MSN, CCRN
Nurse Manager, Cardiology Department, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center; National Cardiology Nurse Consultant, Department of Veteran Affairs

SAGE Award
Jonathan Woods, BSN, RN, NE-BC
Inpatient Children’s Services Manager, Carle Hospital

(Co-winners)
Barbara Berger, PhD, RN, ACRN
Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing
Catherine Vincent, PhD, RN
Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing

15th Annual-November 2, 2012

Featured Speaker
Beverly Malone, RN, PhD, FAAN
CEO, National League for Nursing
Leadership: The Power to Care
Joan L. Shaver Illinois Outstanding Nurse Leader Award
Judith Lloyd Storfjell, PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing

SAGE Award
Judi Jennrich, RN, PhD, ACNP
Associate Professor, Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing

Arlene Michaels Miller, PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor and Chair, Community, Systems, and Mental Health Nursing, Rush University College of Nursing

14th Annual - November 4, 2011
Featured Speaker
David Satcher, MD, PhD
Former U.S. Surgeon General
*New Challenges and Opportunities for Nursing in the 21st Century*

Joan L. Shaver Illinois Outstanding Nurse Leader Award
Diana Hackbarth, RN, PhD, FAAN
Professor & Program Director, Loyola University Chicago Niehoff School of Nursing

SAGE Award
Lynda K. Slimmer, PhD, RN, MSN
Clinical Associate Professor and Associate Department Head, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing

Wendy Tuzik Micek, PhD, RN
Market Director of Nursing Science and Magnet, Advocate Christ Medical Center/Hope Children’s Hospital

13th Annual - November 19, 2010
Featured Speaker
Ted Kennedy, Jr.
Healthcare Attorney
*Healthcare Reform in the Context of Chronic Illness*

Joan L. Shaver Illinois Outstanding Nurse Leader Award
Paula A. Hindle, MSN, MBA, RN
VP of Healthcare Services & Chief Nurse Executive, Loyola University Health System

SAGE Award
Maria A. Connolly, PhD, CNE, APN/CNS, FCCM, ANEF
Professor & Director of Research and Grantsmanship, University of St. Francis College of Nursing

Ruth M. Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FAAN, FCCM
Professor, Rush University College of Nursing
Director, Center for Clinical Research and Scholarship, Rush University Medical Center

12th Annual - October 23, 2009
Featured Speaker
Tray Dunaway, MD, FACS, CHCO
“Dotsulant”
*Connecting the Dots of Healthcare*

Honorary Chair
Jan Schakowsky
U.S. Representative for Illinois’ 9th District

Joan L. Shaver Illinois Outstanding Nurse Leader Award
Beverly J. McElmurry, EdD, RN, FAAN
11th Annual - October 24, 2008

Featured Speaker
John Edward Hasse, PhD
Curator of American Music, Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History
Leadership Lessons from the Jazz Masters

Honorary Chairs
Ray McCaskey
CEO, Health Care Service Corporation
Patricia Hemingway Hall
President & COO, Health Care Service Corporation

Illinois Nurse Leader Award Winner
Sheila A. Haas, PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor & Former Dean, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago

10th Annual - October 26, 2007

Featured Speaker
Meagan Johnson
Motivational Speaker
ZAP THE GAP - Solving the Multi-Generational Puzzle

Honorary Chairs
Dick Durbin
United States Senator from Illinois
Ann Lurie
President, Lurie Investments
President, The Ann and Robert H. Lurie Family Foundation

Illinois Nurse Leader Award Winner
Marjorie Beyers, PhD, FN, FAAN
Retired Executive Director, American Organization of Nurse Executives

9th Annual - October 27, 2006

Featured Speaker
Lowell Catlett PhD
Regent’s Professor, New Mexico State University
Healthcare’s New Horizons

Honorary Chair
The Honorable Lynn Martin
Former U.S. Secretary of Labor

Illinois Nurse Leader Winner
Kathryn Christiansen, BSN, MA, DNSc, FAAN
Regional Director for Patient Care, Rush Oak Park Hospital

SAGE Award Winners
Bernadette Biskup, MS, BS
COO, University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago
Margaret E. Faut-Callahan, PhD
Professor & Department Chair, Adult Health Nursing, Rush University College of Nursing
Meg Gulanick, PhD, APRN, FAAN, FAHA
Professor, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago
Leanne Hullett, RN
Dean, Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Laurie Quinn, PhD, MS, BSN, RN
Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing

**8th Annual - October 28, 2005**

**Featured Speaker**
Yolanda King
Lecturer & daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
*Excellence through Diversity*

**Honorary Chair**
Theresa Gutierrez
News Reporter, Channel 7- ABC Chicago

**Illinois Nurse Leader Winner**
Cynthia Barnes-Boyd PhD, FAAN
Assistant Dean of Community Health & Director UIC Great Cities Neighborhoods Initiative,
University of Illinois at Chicago

**SAGE Award Winners**
Kathleen Gainor Andreoli, DSN, RN, FAAN
Rush University College of Nursing
Margaret Beaman, PhD, RN
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Carol Dittambl
OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center
Marjorie Maurer, RN, MSN, NEA-BC
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
Margaret (Peg) Stafford, MSN, RN, FAAN
Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago

**7th Annual - October 22, 2004**

**Featured Speaker**
Linda Ellerbee
Journalist
*The Nurses That Shape Health Care*

**Honorary Chair**
Barack Obama
Illinois State Senator & Democratic Candidate for the United States Senate

**Illinois Nurse Leader Winner**
Laura Leigh Ferrio, RN, MSN, MBS, CRRN
VP of Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Executive, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

**SAGE Award Winners**
Ginger Barthel, RN FACHE
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Ann Minnick, PhD, RN
Rush University College of Nursing
Sandra W. Reifsteck, MS, RN, CNAA
Carle Clinic, Champaign

**6th Annual - October 17, 2003**

**Featured Speaker**
Bernie Siegel, MD
Motivational Speaker
*Spotlight on Healers*

**Honorary Chairs**
Danny K. Davis
U.S. Representative for Illinois’ 7th District
Deanna Lites  
Health Reporter  
Channel 5 - NBC Chicago

**Illinois Nurse Leader Winner**  
Darcie Brazel, RN, MS  
VP of Operations & Chief Nursing Executive  
Advocate Christ Medical Center

**SAGE Award Winners**  
Dr. Roberta Fruth, RN, MS, PhD, FAAN  
Consultant  
Gloria Henderson, MSN, RN  
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing  
Donna King, BSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC, FACHE  
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center  
Susan Nick, PhD, RN  
Weiss Memorial Hospital  
Diane Dudas Sheehan, CNP  
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago  
Mary Uscian, RN, MS  
Tri-County Community Health Center  
Northern Illinois University School of Nursing

**5th Annual - October 11, 2002**

**Featured Speaker**  
Maya Angelou  
Poet, Author, Actor, Educator, Playwright, Activist, Producer  
*Powering Our Spirit*

**Honorary Chair**  
J. Dennis Hastert  
Former U.S. Speaker of the House & U.S. Representative for Illinois’ 14th District

**Illinois Nurse Leader Winner**  
Mary Ann McDermott, RN, MSN, EdD, FAAN  
Professor, Department of Health Promotion, Primary Care, Health Systems, and Dietetics  
Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago

**SAGE Award Winners**  
Christine Budzinsky  
St. Alexius Medical Center  
Karen Holm, PhD., RN., FAA  
Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago  
Mary Reed, MS, BSN, RN, CPHA  
Mercer County Health Department

**4th Annual - October 19, 2001**

**Featured Speaker**  
Gail R. Wilensky, PhD  
Senior Fellow, Project HOPE  
*Taking the Lead: Policy, Politics and Healthcare*

**Honorary Chair**  
Margaret Corbett Daley  
First Lady of Chicago

**Illinois Nurse Leader Winner**  
Kathy Reno, MBA, BSN, RN  
Executive VP & COO, Northwest Community Healthcare
SAGE Award Winners
Anne Zimmerman, RN
Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago

Jane Llewellyn, RN, DNSc
Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center

Felissa Lashley, RN
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

3rd Annual - October 22, 2000

Featured Speaker
Stuart H. Altman, PhD
Economist & Health Policy Expert, Brandeis University
Advancing Health Care: Trends Beyond Tomorrow

Honorary Chairs
Corinne Wood
Lieutenant Governor of Illinois

Eric Crowell
President & CEO, Trinity Regional Health System

Illinois Nurse Leader Winner
Cheryl Crowley Shraeder RN, PhD, FAAN
Head of Outcomes/Performance, Carle Coordinated Care Services

SAGE Award Winners
Julia Lane, PhD, RN
Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Loyola University Chicago

Laverne Knight Hansen
Cook County Hospital

Virginia Ohlson, PhD, RN, FAAN
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing

2nd Annual - October 15, 1999

Featured Speakers
Martin J. Hatlie and Constance M. Crowley Ganser
Reducing Health Care Risk: Innovating Failsafe Systems

Honorary Chairs
John Edward Porter
U.S. Congressman for Illinois’ 10th District

Richard Risk
President & CEO, Advocate Health Care

Carmen Velasquez
Executive Director, Alivio Medical Center

Illinois Nurse Leader Winner
Judith Hicks, RN, MSN
President, CM Healthcare Resources

Nursing Innovators Award Winners
Bonnie Leinart, MSN, RN
Trinity Regional Health System

Margaret Faut-Callahan, DNSc, CRNA, FAAN
Rush University College of Nursing

Kathleen Simon, RN
Unicom Corporation

Jean Lytle, PhD
Deicke Center for Nursing Education, Elmhurst College

Inaugural Power of Nursing Leadership Event - November 17, 1998
Featured Speaker
Susan D. Horn, PhD
Institute for Clinical Outcomes Research
Seeking Optimal Healthcare Value; The Power of Outcomes Research

Honorary Chairs
Kathleen Murray
Executive VP & CEO, Northwestern Memorial Corporation

Mary Lou Kearns
Kane County Coroner & Democratic Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Illinois

Illinois Nurse Leader Winner
Sister Sheila Lyne, RSM
Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health