

**FISCAL YEAR 2020 NURSE EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIPS**

**Submitted for:** Information.

**Summary:** This informational item will update the Board on the fellows selected for the Fiscal Year 2020 Nurse Educator Fellowship Program.

**Action Requested:** None.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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This program helps schools of nursing retain faculty members which helps to address the on-going need for registered nurses in the workforce. Nursing schools in Illinois are struggling to retain their highly qualified educators due to the high number of faculty nearing retirement age and salary enticements offered by hospitals, clinics, and research facilities. In April 2019, the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center conducted a survey of the 189 fellows and reported that 96 percent are currently employed in nursing education. In addition, 84 percent are employed by the Illinois school that nominated the faculty member for the fellowship. This program is effective.

At the September 10, 2019 Board meeting, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) authorized the Interim Executive Director to:

- 1) *Determine eligibility of nursing schools and nominees; evaluate, score, and rank nominees; and select nominees for funding, pursuant to statute (110 ILCS 205/9.32) and the rules implementing the statute (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1105);*
- 2) *Distribute awards to nursing schools on behalf of fellows; and*
- 3) *Provide the Board with the list of nurse educators selected for funding and the nominating institutions at the next Board meeting.*

IBHE received 30 nominations from Illinois schools of nursing. The Fiscal Year 2020 program appropriation of \$197,400 will provide 19 fellowships of \$10,000 each. Fellowship funds are salary supplements that, at the discretion of the fellow, may be used for expenses related to professional development and continuing education. Awards are made to the participating higher education institution on behalf of the fellow. Institutions provide the salary supplement to the fellow through their payroll system.

In 2020, the fellows will be recognized by the advisory board for the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center and will have an opportunity to share their research and professional development activities. Fellows may be asked to consult with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center regarding statewide nursing issues. Each fellow will be responsible for preparing a final report that describes their fellowship experience.

The following table identifies the Nurse Educator Fellows along with their nominating institutions.

## **Fiscal Year 2020 Nurse Educator Fellows**

### Fellows (in alphabetical order)

Gina A. Canny, MSN, RN  
Yasmin Cavenagh, DNP, MPH, RN  
Jennifer Davis, MSN, RN  
Tina Dorau, MSN, RN, CRRN, CNE, CHSE  
Amy M. Funk, PhD, RN-BC  
Sarah Gouwens, DNP, FNP  
Amy Green, MSN, RN, USNR  
Denise Hammer, DNP, RNC-NIC  
Katherine Hess, MSN, RN  
Annie Imboden, DNP, RN  
Julie Kennedy, PhD, RN, CMSRN  
Kelley McGuire, PhD, RN  
Daniel Mead, DNP, APRN, AGNP-C  
Tara Morris, MSN, RN  
Elizabeth Moxley, PhD, RN  
Katelyn Myroniak, DNP, RN, CMSRN  
Carla Thomas, DNP, RN, FNP-C, APN, RHIA  
Rita Wallace, MSN Ed, RN  
Jessica Woloszyk, MSN, RN, CCRN

### Nominating Institutions

Millikin University  
Resurrection University  
Aurora University  
Saint Xavier University  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Trinity Christian College  
Morton College  
Illinois State University  
Chamberlain University  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Millikin University  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
DePaul University  
Heartland Community College  
Northern Illinois University  
Lewis University  
City Colleges of Chicago - Malcolm X  
Lakeview College of Nursing  
Elgin Community College