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Long Island Nurses Recognized for Excellence

Stony Brook University Hospital Psychiatric Nurse Specialist Receives Top Award

HAUPPAUGE, NY (September 19, 2022) – Nurse leaders from Long Island’s hospitals and nursing education programs gathered Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Water Mill, Smithtown, NY, to bestow recognition upon their nurse peers at the Nurse of Excellence Award Ceremony hosted by the [Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council](#) (NSHC). One nurse from each of the Hospital Council’s member hospitals was nominated for the award, which recognizes outstanding leadership and clinical practice. Deans of area nursing schools also submitted nominations recognizing nursing excellence in education and clinical practice.



2022 Nurse of Excellence, Patricia Woloszyn, DNP, RN, PMHCNS-BC,

East Rockaway resident Patricia Woloszyn, DNP, RN, PMHCNS-BC, NPP, psychiatric clinical nurse specialist at [Stony Brook University Hospital](#), took the top honor for clinical nursing excellence. This year there were 22 nominees. Those nominees were selected from a field of about 500 nurses at hospitals and teaching institutions from across Long Island.

Woloszyn’s achievements in nursing span the clinical, educational, and administrative settings. She is known as a change agent by her peers, having developed a patient satisfaction survey, facilitated the renovation of a quiet room for staff and patients, and established a novel falls prevention program that offers donated comfort clothing to psychiatric patients rather than a blanket, which is a fall hazard as patients move about the unit. She is a mentor to her nursing peers and students and highly committed to quality improvement initiatives that will enhance evidence-based clinical care and outcomes for patients. A member of the civilian, volunteer [Nassau County Medical Reserve Corps](#), she offers her time and nursing skills to ensure the health and safety of the local community during times of disaster and distress.

“I am absolutely stunned,” Woloszyn said upon receiving the award. “It is an honor to be in this room hearing everyone else’s stories. All nurses are psychiatric nurses. The heart and soul of what we do is care for our patients – their dignity and respect – no matter our nursing specialty.”



The Hospital Council's annual salute to nurses is fashioned after the New York State Legislature's Nurse of Distinction Program that ended in 1995. NSHC is one of the few hospital associations in the state to continue this program voluntarily. The NSHC represents Long Island's not-for-profit and public hospitals.

For more information about this program and a full listing of nominees, visit www.nshc.org.

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About the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC)



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About the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet)



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