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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing
Honors Distinguished Alumni

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Nursing recently honored its 2010 Distinguished Alumni during an annual banquet. Distinguished Alumni are chosen by a group of TTUHSC School of Nursing faculty members appointed by the dean.

This year’s TTUHSC School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni are:

- **Leadership in Health Care:**
  Stan Harmon, BSN, MSN, has practiced as a family nurse practitioner providing primary health care since graduation from the TTUHSC School of Nursing in 2003 and has been actively involved in professional nursing at the local, state and national levels. Harmon has built a network for primary care practice as a support system for nurse practitioner graduates to work in El Paso.

- **Excellence in Clinical Care:**
  Debra McCullough, BSN, MSN, has attained prominence through her efforts in the provision of excellent care to the "working poor" and undocumented immigrants who may have lived in the Andrews, Texas, area for years. She received her bachelor’s of science in Nursing in 1987 and master’s of science in Nursing in 1993 from the TTUHSC School of Nursing and has since been practicing at the Andrews Health Department primary care clinic.

- **Community Advocacy Award:**
  Janie Garms, R.N., MSN, CDE, received her master’s of science in Nursing from the University of Texas at El Paso and her bachelor’s of science in Nursing from the TTUHSC School of Nursing in 1998. In addition to her work with Medical Center Hospital, she is a diabetes consultant with Homecare Plus and St. Joseph's Home Health Care. Garms has also achieved prominence in the community related to her knowledge and expertise with diabetes care through establishing local support groups for adults and children, an annual diabetes walk, educational events and continuing education in the Diabetes Expo. She conducts training for

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Odessa College faculty and administrative staff and is the current vice president of the Texas Nurses Association for District 21.

- **Dean’s Advocacy Award:**
  Vickilyn Galle, R.N., BSN, graduated from Odessa College in 1977 with an associate’s degree in Nursing. She began her nursing career in Odessa, Texas, at Medical Center Hospital. She received her bachelor’s degree in Nursing from TTUHSC School of Nursing in 2003. Galle was employed by Winkler County Memorial Hospital in 1987 in the Home Health Agency of the hospital. During her time at the hospital, she continued working part time in the medical and emergency room departments.

  Anne Mitchell, R.N., BSN, received her associate’s degree in Nursing from Grayson County College in 1981. She received certification in Gerontology in 1990 and graduated from TTUHSC with a bachelor’s degree in Nursing in 1991. Before beginning her career at Winkler County Memorial Hospital, she gained valuable experience by working as a traveling nurse. Mitchell has worked in a variety of settings, ranging from remote White Sulphur Springs, Mont., to Cheverly, Md., at Prince George's Hospital, not far from Washington, D.C. She was also the director and instructor for the Odessa College LVN program in Kermit, Texas.

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