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School of Nursing Faculty Member Honored by University President

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) President Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., recently honored several faculty members during his State of the University Address and Faculty Awards Convocation.

Among those recognized was Sharon Decker, R.N., Ph.D., director of The F. Marie Hall *SimLife* Center and Covenant Health System Endowed Chair in Simulation and Nursing Education with the TTUHSC Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing. Decker earned the President's Outstanding Professor Award for her commitment to the academic enterprise, contributing her talent, ingenuity and originality to enhance the quality and excellence of educational programs for the benefit of students and faculty colleagues.

Decker's excellence as a teacher also has been acknowledged by the National League for Nursing as Faculty Leader and recipient of the Debra L. Spunt Endowed Lecture Award in 2009 and election as a Fellow of the Academy of Nursing Education in 2007.

Decker received a B.S. in nursing from Baylor University in Waco and an MSN from the University of Texas at Arlington and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University in 2007. She has been on the faculty at TTUHSC since 1984, where she began as clinical instructor and also has held the positions of assistant and associate professor of clinical nursing.

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