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ANCC Receives Nursing Certification Award

Silver Spring, MD – The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) has been honored with the prestigious Janel Parker Presidents Award, which recognizes significant contributions to specialty nursing certification. The award, which is given every two years, was presented by the American Board of Nursing Specialties’ (ABNS) at its fall 2006 Assembly Meeting. The award is named after Janel Parker, ABNS President from 1991-1993, who was an early advocate for nursing certification and who was instrumental in promoting nursing certification as a means to recognize quality nursing care.

Janel Parker President’s Award recipients are commended for activities that promote the value of specialty nursing certification to individuals, health care organizations and/or the public, and for outstanding activities and services that influence the process, standards, and legal mandates relevant to specialty nursing certification.

ANCC Commission on Certification Chair, Karen Macdonald, MS, APRN,BC and Assistant Director of Certification, Diane Thompkins, MS, RN accepted the award on behalf of ANCC. “Karen and I are honored to accept this award on behalf of ANCC;” Thompkins said, “And as we do so, I want to take this occasion to acknowledge all the many volunteers that make our work possible: Karen and her colleagues on the ANCC Commission on Certification, our Content Expert Panels that create the actual exams, Item Writers Panels, our Nurse Ambassadors, and all the other dedicated volunteers, without whose contributions, our work would not be possible; and I also salute our staff, who have truly internalized and learned to live out our ANCC motto, ‘Nursing Excellence – Your Journey, Our Passion.’”