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### MU Sinclair School of Nursing Columbia, Mo.

**Vicki Conn**, associate dean of research at the University of Missouri-Columbia MU Sinclair School of Nursing, becomes the editor of the Western Journal of Nursing Research on Jan. 1, 2007.

### National American Arab Nurses Association Warrensburg, Mo.

**Anna Fedkina**, a nursing student at Central Missouri State University, was awarded a nursing scholarship from the National American Arab Nurses Association (NAANA) in the field of registered nursing.

### American Organization of Nurse Executives

**Carol A. Watson** (*right*) has been elected president-elect of the American Organization of Nurse Executives. She is the senior vice president of clinical services and chief nurse executive at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



### Missouri Nurses Association

The second largest district in the Missouri Nurses Association (MONA) presented its annual awards to members who have contributed significantly to the nursing profession.

**Elizabeth Lonberger**, an FNP at Urology Consultants in Columbia, Mo., received the Nurse of the Year Award. This award recognizes a District 7 member who has demonstrated a significant contribution to the nursing profession at the state and district levels in Missouri.

Also receiving an award was **Laura Noren**, a resource consultant to the nursing services department at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo. Noren received the Special Achievement Award regarding contributions to nursing at the local level.

**Erin Kilburn**, of Hallsville, Mo., and **Delilah Pennington**, of Jefferson City, Mo., both faculty at the Sinclair School of Nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia, were presented with the Jane Brinton Memorial Scholarship.

MONA's District 7 also installed new officers at its annual meeting. New officers include **Laura Noren**, first vice-president; **Renee Kientz**, secretary; **Jane Bostick** and **Louise Miller**, board members; and **Jackie Junger**, **Reng Winters**, and **Wendy Evans**, nominating committee members.

### Barnes-Jewish Hospital St. Louis

**Coreen R. Vlodych**, vice president of patient care services/CNE at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, has been elected to a two-year term as a member of AONE's Committee on Nominations representing region 8.

### The University of Missouri Kansas City, Mo.

**Jacki Witt** (*right*), a nursing professor at the University of Missouri, was named the Grand



Prize Winner of the 2006 Cherokee Inspired Comfort Award in the APN Category. As the co-founder of an adult health care clinic within Missouri's largest single-site child care and early education center, Witt tirelessly works to provide nursing care to the underserved population.



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**Via Christi Health System  
Wichita, Kan.**

MEDSURG Nursing sponsors a cover photo contest and presents one award to an Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses member or friend of medical-surgical nursing for a photograph capturing the spirit of MEDSURG Nursing. This year's winning photograph was submitted by **Jo Chance**. Her photo will appear on the cover of an upcoming issue of MEDSURG Nursing.

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**Shawnee Mission Medical Center ICU  
Merriam, Kan.**

**Ann Skilton** has been named nurse manager of Shawnee Mission Medical Center's (SMMC) intensive care unit (ICU). Skilton manages SMMC's 16-bed ICU and its nursing staff, assists with communication between ICU physicians and patients' families, and oversees the department's budget.

Nursing Spectrum invites local RNs to share news of their own awards, presentations, publications, etc., and those of their colleagues, for potential publication in our NurseLink department. Please submit items to Nursing Spectrum, 2353 Hassell Road, Suite 110, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

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