

Attention Health Editors:

Winners of RPNAO ‘Excellence in Journalism Award’ announced

MISSISSAUGA, May 12 – The Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO) has announced the winners of its Excellence in Journalism Award. This is the first year RPNAO has given the award, which recognizes compelling, well-constructed human interest stories that shine the spotlight on Ontario’s nurses and the important work they do.

The winners of the Excellence in Journalism Award are:

- Beatrice Politi, Health Specialist with Toronto’s Global Television for her touching story, “The Deadly One Per Cent – H1N1”, which focused on the small percentage of the population who developed serious, sometimes life-threatening complications from H1N1.
- Alison Langley, Reporter with the Niagara Falls Review, for a story that profiled Diane Muma, a Registered Practical Nurse who won a leadership award for her life-affirming work at a long-term care residence in Niagara Falls.

“Despite the differences in their respective professions, nurses and journalists have at least one thing in common – the majority of their hard work, caring and dedication goes unnoticed,” said Rod McCarthy, Past President of RPNAO. “It is our hope that this annual award will help close that gap by simultaneously highlighting excellence in reporting and healthcare. We’d like to congratulate Beatrice and Alison on their well-deserved awards.”

The awards were presented at RPNAO’s Annual General Meeting and Conference in Guelph, Ontario.

About the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO)

Founded in 1958, RPNAO is the voice of registered practical nursing in Ontario. There are more than 29,000 registered practical nurses working in Ontario, playing a vital role in the province’s health care system. For more information about RPNAO and its mandate, please visit www.rpnao.org.

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