

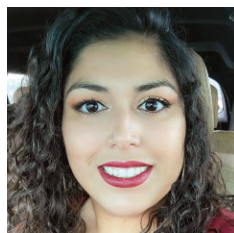
PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES

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Suzanne Anderson, RN
Northwest Texas Healthcare System-Charge Nurse – 32 years

Receiving this award makes me feel very proud, grateful, but most of all honored. We have a very thankless job, but we don't do it for that. For the community and coworkers to acknowledge individuals is so special. I will be forever grateful and humbled by being chosen for such an honor.



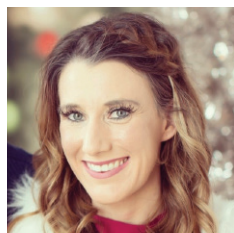
Mayra Barber, RN
City of Amarillo Public Health Department Public Health Nurse – 13 years

I am honored to be recognized. I've strived to make an impact in this world and being able to care for individual patients and our community has been a joy and privilege. I am thankful to God for giving me a heart for nursing and to my family for their support.



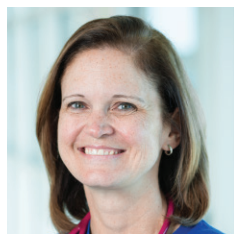
Rhonda Billington, RN
BSA Cath/EP Pre-Post Recovery PRN MICU – 20 years

It is a true honor to get this award. I am so thankful to be doing what I love to do and working with such amazing people. My life has been touched by some of the best this profession has to offer. I am the nurse I am because of so many.



Ashley Biskup, RN, BSN
Emergency Room Travel nurse – 10 years

I am SO honored and grateful to have been chosen for this prestigious award. So much of this profession relies on a team approach, and I have been fortunate over the years to be surrounded by some of the greatest teams. I could not be successful without the support of others.



Julia Burkhard, RN, BSN
BSA Nurse Manager & Adult Critical Care – 17 years

It is hard for me to put into words what this award means to me. It is an honor to be recognized by my team and I am humbled to be the recipient.



Alice Conner, RN
BSA Pediatrics and Pediatric ICU – 18 years

It is very special because it shows the hard work and dedication that I pour into my nursing career. I am thankful for the other nurses that have helped to groom me into the nurse that I am today, and plan to continue to pass on my compassion of nursing.



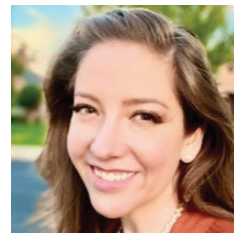
Andrea DeLoach, MSN, RN, CEN, CPHQ
Northwest Texas Healthcare System Freestanding ED Director – 13 years

Sometimes it seems like the only person cheering you on is your Peloton instructor and then there are days like this. Being nominated by peers who know my successes as well as my faults, is an honor. I'm blessed to be surrounded by amazing nurse role models. Thank you.



Aaron Gann, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CNE
Amarillo College Vocational Nursing Program Director – 5 years

I am very proud and honored to be recognized by my peers for my contributions to our noble profession. I share this award with the nurses who taught me what true caring and compassion are and how to live it every day with every patient and every student.



Priscilla Gann, MPAS, BSN, RN, PA-C, CNOR, CNAMB, CCRN
Thomas E. Creek Department of Veteran Affairs Clinical Nurse Educator – 7 years

Nurses provide comfort, advocacy, and compassion during times of suffering. The pandemic redefined this sacrifice for our profession. My fellow frontline warriors, the nurses I've learned from, those I have taught, and the patients I have cared for are close to my heart while accepting this honor.



Silvia Garbalena-Esparza, CNM, APRN, RNC-NIC
Beyond Birth Midwifery and Birth Haven-Owner, Amarillo's Better Birth Initiative (ABBI)-Founder – 15 years

Being nominated and winning the Panhandle Great 25 Nurses award means that I am making a difference in the community. And I am truly honored.

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Ricardo Granados, RN, CEN, LP, NREMT-P

Thomas E. Creek Department of Veteran Affairs and Hereford EMS-Emergency Room nurse – 10 years

This recognition is very humbling and serves as an opportunity to thank all whom have influenced my career; especially my family, friends and colleagues for believing in me. It's also an appreciation of what I have and will continue to accomplish by doing my job without expectation of rewards or recognition.



Jill Haynes, RN, BSN

Northwest Texas Healthcare System Charge Nurse and Preceptor – 9.5 years

I am very humbled and grateful, that I was nominated and awarded for such a prestigious honor, especially when I know the values in which this award represents. I am so thankful for my wonderful coworkers and healthcare friends, who truly inspire me every day!



Allison Henry, RN, BSN, CIC

Thomas E. Creek Department of Veteran Affairs Infection Preventionist – 20 years

I am honored to be recognized as a Panhandle Great 25 Nurse. I'm grateful for the collaboration within our facility. I'm proud to be part of a wonderful healthcare community.



Mary Irwin, BSN, RN

Cook Children's Regional Specialty clinic – 39 years

I'm humbled and honored to be recognized as one of the 25 Panhandle nurses this year. Many of the amazing people here tonight played an influential role in my career through their leadership and compassion in nursing. I'm blessed to have my family, friends, and coworkers here tonight for support.



Holly Jeffreys, DNP APRN FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CRHCP

Department Head for Nursing for WTAMU as well as an administrator and family and psychiatric mental health care provider in rural health clinics in the Texas Panhandle. – RN 25 years and FNP for 20 years

Being recognized as a Panhandle Great 25 is truly an honor. I have spent most of my life serving the people of the Texas Panhandle and while there is nothing I love more than serving, it is extremely encouraging to know that others appreciate your efforts.



Polly Johnson, RN

Family Medicine Center/Carexpress Canyon Nurse Manager – 27 years

I have been in the medical field for 41 years. RN for 27 years. I have loved working as an RN in a small hospital, Large ER, Family Practice, Urgent Care and hospice. I am very humbled and honored to be receiving this award. It is the highlight of my career.



Lexi McAnally, RN, BSN

Hansford County Hospital Charge Nurse – 7 years

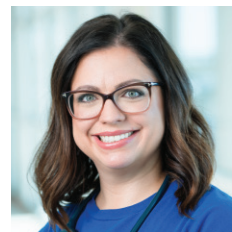
This award is special to me because it gives me hope that I have put my best foot forward like I strive to every shift to take care of those in my community after all the years that they supported and watched me grow up my entire childhood.



Teresa McClain, RN, BSN, CPHRM, LNC-CSp, CP

Northwest Texas Healthcare System Director of Risk Management and Facility Compliance and Privacy Officer – 28 years

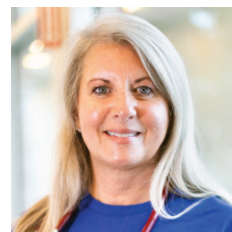
I dreamed of being a nurse since first grade but never of such an award. This is a testament to family, friends and colleagues encouraging me to pursue excellence and patient safety. I'm privileged to be recognized alongside my nursing peers and honored to be nominated by colleagues and mentors.



Jamie Milton, BSN, RNC-NIC

BSA Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Nurse Manager – 11 years

I'm both honored and humbled to receive this recognition alongside such amazing nursing professionals.



Teresa Moore, RN

BSA Surgical ICU Shift Supervisor

I am humbled to receive this award, there are so many deserving nurses in the panhandle and to be chosen as one means the world to me. I'm honored to do the job I do and care for patients, their families and my nurses, it's a blessing to work with amazing people!

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Sheryl Mueller, MSN, MSEd, RN

*Amarillo College Professor and Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)
Program Director (retired 2014) – 41 years*

It is an honor for me personally to receive this recognition! More importantly, it is an opportunity to celebrate the many great nurses who got their "start" at Amarillo College as well as to recognize the AC faculty, staff, and administrators who also helped prepare these great nurses for the Texas Panhandle.



Ashley Paetzold, RN

BSA Floor Nurse and Relief Charge Nurse – 5 years

This award symbolizes validation, by being recognized by my colleagues as a pillar of compassion and quality care. In a world driven by monetary focus, I've always prided myself on choosing a path with a more meaningful method of gratification. This award is validation that I'm on just that path.



Jacinda Perez, RN-BC

BSA Resource Nurse – 16 years

It is a huge honor for me to receive this award. Being a nurse is my passion and caring for others is so rewarding. I'm grateful that I work with a team of nurses that all deserve this award. Thank you!



Hazel Plexico, RN – BC

BSA Clinical Nurse Educator – 13 years

I feel honored to be a recipient of this award, I enjoy going to work every day knowing that what I do impacts patients and makes a difference in their lives. Taking care of patients and helping them get better to be able to go home to their families is the greatest joy I could ever have.



Melissa Smith, BSN, RN

*Amarillo Independent School District School Nurse/
Immunization Coordinator at Heal the City – 17 years*

I am truly humbled and blessed to receive such an amazing award!!! I pray everyday that I will always be a light to the hurt, sick, and lost in this dark world. I am truly blessed and so excited to be part of Panhandle Great 25 Nurses.