

## PEOPLE & EVENTS

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### Moore Honored for Outstanding Contributions to Cancer Care

Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Chief Executive Officer Pearl Moore, RN, MN, FAAN, is the recipient of the American Cancer Society's (ACS's) Distinguished Service Award in recognition of major achievements in the field of cancer. Moore accepted the award on November 17, 2005, at a ceremony held in conjunction with ACS's annual meeting in Los Angeles, CA.

Moore received the Distinguished Service Award for her pioneering work in the field of oncology, including her outstanding contributions as one of the nation's first oncology clinical nurse specialists, her leadership in cancer care around the world, her guidance in coordinating groundbreaking clinical trials, her pivotal role in the historic development of ONS, and her many contributions to improving the overall preparation and success of oncology nurses.

Moore served as one of the nation's first oncology clinical nurse specialists at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Later, she blended clinical practice with research as the first coordinator of the Brain Tumor Study Group, which was part of an innovative national consortium to conduct clinical trials. Moore has received numerous honors and awards, including being named a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She is a recipient of the Association of Community Cancer Centers' Achievement Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to cancer care. In 1996, the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care presented her with its Distinguished Merit Award in recognition of steadfast and prolific contributions to the art and science of cancer care worldwide. In



ONS Chief Executive Officer Pearl Moore (right) received the 2005 Distinguished Service Award from 2005-2006 Volunteer President Carolyn D. Runowicz.

2004, the University of Pittsburgh honored Moore as a Legacy Laureate and Carlow University recognized Moore with the Woman of Spirit Award.

Moore was honored along with two others whose unique talents and dedication have helped reduce the burden of cancer. Jean B. McGill of Tulsa, OK, was awarded the National Volunteer Leadership Award in recognition of long and exemplary service to ACS. David Satcher, MD, PhD, of Atlanta, GA, received the Humanitarian Award for contributions to human welfare and social reform, particularly for improving care in medically underserved populations.

### Sigma Theta Tau Honors Dodd for Relief of Cancer Treatment Side Effects

In recognition of her 30 years of research and practice relieving the side effects of cancer treatment, ONS member Marilyn J. Dodd, RN, PhD, FAAN, has received the 2005 Baxter International Foundation's Episteme Award, presented and selected by Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the honor society of nursing.

Dodd received the award for her study of self-care interventions to reduce the severity and distress of side effects related to cancer treatment. She was presented with the \$15,000 award at a special ceremony at STTI's biennial convention held November 12-16, 2005, in Indianapolis, IN. The Baxter International Foundation sponsors the Episteme Award.

Dodd is a professor, the acting dean, an associate dean for academic personnel, and the Sharon A. Lamb endowed chair in nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco. She also is director of the Research Center for Symptom Management.

"Professor Dodd and the Research Center for Symptom Management are internationally recognized for making an exceptional contribution to nursing care for patients with cancer and their families," said STTI President Dan Pesut, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN. "The advances she has made to symptom management are outstanding, comprehensive, and methodical. She has developed new knowledge, collaborated and cooperated with various healthcare disciplines, and helped prepare nurses to conduct research."

Dodd has published her research in more than 300 articles and chapters. She recently published the fourth edition of her textbook, *Managing the Side Effects of Chemotherapy*



Marilyn J. Dodd (second from left) accepted the 2005 Baxter International Foundation's Episteme Award at Sigma Theta Tau International's biennial convention last November.

*and Radiation Therapy: A Guide for Patients and Their Families.*

The Baxter International Foundation's Episteme Award acknowledges a major breakthrough in nursing knowledge development that has resulted in a significant and recognizable benefit to the public. In the tradition of the Nobel Prize, the Episteme Award is presented to a person or team for highly significant research.

### Sarna Awarded for Media Campaign Designed to Help Nurses Help Their Patients Stop Smoking



ONS member Linda Sarna, DNSc, RN, FAAN, a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles, was presented with a 2005 Media Award at the 32nd American Academy of Nurses Annual Meeting for her leadership of the Tobacco-Free Nurses Initiative promotional media campaign. The prestigious award recognizes individuals and organizations whose use of the media has increased public awareness of the value of nursing.

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Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the national Tobacco-Free Nurses Initiative was the first to promote the role of nurses in tobacco control and focused on two key objectives: (1) to support nurses in their efforts to end tobacco addiction and (2) to provide tools for all nurses to help their patients quit smoking.

“Although smoking among nurses has declined, at 15%, it continues to be higher than among other health professionals,” said Sarna, who was principal investigator for the research initiative. “For example, only 3% of physicians smoke. Smoking among nursing students also continues to be higher than among medical students.”

The Tobacco-Free Nurses Initiative offers access to an array of resource materials on its Web site ([www.tobaccofreenurses.org](http://www.tobaccofreenurses.org)), including a pocket guide developed in partnership with the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality. These tools can be downloaded at no cost to assist healthcare professionals worldwide in their cessation efforts.

Sarna shares the award with Stella Bialous, RN, MScN, DrPH, president of Tobacco Policy International; Mary Ellen Wewers, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, the Mildred E. Newton professor of nursing at the Ohio State University; and Erika Sivarajan Froelicher, RN, PhD, FAAN, professor of nursing at the University of California, San Francisco.

### ONS Members Honored With Cameos of Caring Awards

ONS members Peggy Yarnall Nikolajski, RN, MSN, CRNP, AOCN®, and Anna N. Vioral, RN, MSN, OCN®, were among 42 western Pennsylvania nurses recognized by the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing’s 2005 Cameos of Caring Awards. Nominated by their peers, the 2005 awardees demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to quality patient care through their practice. Nikolajski and Vioral were nominated in the advanced practice category.



Nikolajski is a hematology/oncology nurse practitioner for the practice of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Cancer Center at St. Margaret. She also serves as an oncology program coordinator at UPMC St. Margaret.

In addition to her involvement in ONS, Nikolajski is active with the American Cancer Society as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Pittsburgh Unit and with the North Hills Relay for Life. She is also the coordinator of the Aspinwall Cancer Support Group for the Cancer Caring Center.



Vioral is an oncology clinical nursing education specialist at Allegheny General Hospital, part of the Western Pennsylvania Allegheny Health System, and currently is working toward a master’s degree in adult education at Pennsylvania State University.

Within ONS, Vioral serves on the OCN® Test Development Committee. In addition to providing oncology education for staff and patients, Vioral serves on several committees at Allegheny General, is developing a chemotherapy safety policy, and is a volunteer for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Cameos of Caring Endowed Scholarship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. The scholarship is awarded annually to nurses who want to enhance their education. For more information, visit [www.nursing.pitt.edu](http://www.nursing.pitt.edu).


### Bauer-Wu Receives \$2.5 Million Grant to Study the Effects of Mindfulness Meditation



The National Institutes of Health has awarded ONS member Susan Bauer-Wu, DNSc, RN, a five-year grant totaling approximately \$2.5 million to study the effects of mindfulness meditation in patients with cancer. Bauer-Wu is director of the Phyllis F. Cantor Center for Research in Nursing and Patient Care Services at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA.

The grant will help fund Bauer-Wu and her research team as they begin a randomized clinical trial examining the biobehavioral effects of mindfulness meditation in patients undergoing stem cell or autologous bone marrow transplantation through the Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women’s Cancer Center.

“My goal is that findings from this study will translate directly to patient care and interventions like mindfulness meditation are recognized as valuable to cancer patients and can become a part of everyday nursing care,” said Bauer-Wu.

Bauer-Wu has directed the Cantor Center for Research in Nursing and Patient Care Services at Dana-Farber since 2001. She has led its investigatory efforts, which are focused primarily on understanding patients’ cancer experiences and identifying effective ways to enhance quality of life as well as promoting evidence-based nursing care. 

### IN MEMORIAM Margretta Madden Styles

Margretta Madden Styles, RN, EdD, FAAN, a scholar with an international impact on the nursing profession, died on November 20, 2005, at her home in Clearwater, FL, at the age of 75.

Styles was dean of the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), from 1977–1987 and remained professor of nursing and dean emerita. She earlier served as dean of nursing at the University of Texas in San Antonio and at Wayne State University in Detroit and as director of undergraduate programs at Duke University in Durham, NC. She was an international leader in nursing, particularly in setting standards for quality in clinical practice.

Styles earned her bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, her master of nursing degree at Yale University in New Haven, CT, and her doctorate in education at the University of Florida. She was an elected fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the National Institute of Medicine and held a number of honorary doctorates and awards from universities in the United States and abroad. She was the author of five books and numerous journal articles.

As past president of the American Nurses Association, International Council of Nurses, California Board of Registered Nursing, and the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Styles was a leader in organizations dedicated to promoting quality in nursing and health care by implementing standards and credentials for nurses.

After Style’s retirement from UCSF in 1987, she expanded this work on an international level. In May 2005, she was recognized for her worldwide contributions with the Christiane Reimann Prize from the International Council of Nurses, the profession’s most prestigious international honor.

During her 10 years as dean of the UCSF School of Nursing, Styles led the faculty in development of the doctor of nursing science degree and the establishment of several innovative programs for nursing specialization and education at the baccalaureate and graduate levels. She fostered UCSF’s development in nursing research, clinical practice, and education and set the direction for the UCSF School of Nursing’s current status as the top-ranked school in the country in receipt of research funding.

The UCSF School of Nursing held a memorial service for Styles in San Francisco on January 13.