

Developing Diversity; Enriching Nursing

First Minority Faculty Preparation Scholarships Awarded by NLN Foundation

CREATED TO SUPPORT MINORITY NURSING EDUCATION STUDENTS pursuing advanced degrees toward careers in nursing education, the NLN Foundation for Nursing Education recently awarded its inaugural *NLN Foundation Minority Faculty Preparation Scholarships*.

Concepcion Bravo, BSN, RN. Ms. Bravo is an adjunct professor at Wenatchee Valley College in Wenatchee, Washington. An RN for 26 years and adjunct professor for the last two, Concepcion is well prepared to undertake the transition into a full-time teaching position. According to Linda Visser, MSN, RN, Wenatchee Valley College nursing program director, "One of the many reasons that Concha is so highly respected by her peers and students is that she is culturally aware and

helps fellow faculty members, as well as students, to become more knowledgeable in the cultural needs of patients."

Shirley Murray, BSN, RN. A faculty member at Watts School of Nursing in Durham, North Carolina, Ms. Murray is sincerely committed to being a nurse educator, a role model, and a mentor. And she inspires that same level commitment in her students. "Shirley impresses me with her depth of thought, her commitment to perform at the highest level, and her ability to take the lead in group projects," said Lynne P. Lewallen, PhD, RN, CNE, associate professor at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. "She will be a role model for all students, especially African-American students."

The NLN Foundation for Nursing Education is committed to increasing diversity in nursing education and looks forward to providing more scholarship opportunities for minority faculty preparation in the near future.



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