

Nurse of the Year Award Winners

The Nurse of the Year award is designed to recognize an outstanding registered nurse or licensed vocational nurse who has dedicated her or his professional career to the field of long-term care.

2021



Susan Yeranyan
Ararat Nursing Facility
Mission Hills

Shavinder "Shavi" Kaur is a dedicated LVN with more than a dozen years of experience in long-term care.

Born in Punjab, India, Shavi migrated to the United States in 2003 after completing college in India and Europe. As a member of a family that is working in the medical field, she was inspired to join the long-term care profession and became a licensed LVN in 2009.

She joined Horizon Health & Subacute Center in Fresno in 2014, supervising 70-80 CNAs and other employees, leading CNA recruitment and onboarding, and ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations while simultaneously serving as the lead infection control nurse for the 180-bed facility.

In her current role as director of staff development/infection preventionist her skills were tested during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her ability to lead by example helped other nurses witness the determination that is needed to conquer physical, mental and emotional fatigue.

2019



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Susan Yeranyan, RN, began her career in Armenia, as a biochemist with a degree from Yerevan State University.

After migrating to the United States, she pursued her passion for healthcare by starting a career at Ararat Nursing Facility (ANF) as a certified nursing assistant. During her 25 years of employment at ANF, Susan climbed the career ladder and achieved her American Dream after her promotion to Director of Clinical Services in 2007. Susan is also a Certified Dementia Practitioner. She was the ANF Employee of the Year in 1996 and was recognized by the International Nurses Association for her excellence in nursing in 2019.

Under her leadership, Ararat Nursing Facility has consistently remained a Five-Star facility. It received the AHCA/NCAL Bronze and Silver Quality Awards in 2017 and 2018, respectively. The facility plans to apply for Gold level recognition in 2020.

Susan is a true nurse, at heart and in practice. She loves touching and changing people's lives, being hands on, as well as leading and educating the next generation of nurses.

2018

Merlyn Trinidad
Edgemoor Hospital DP/SNF
Santee

2017

Roxan Vincent
Vienna Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Lodi

2016

Martha Leon
Golden Living Center
Sanger

2015

Rosaline "Rose" Dorschner
Vista Cove Care Center at San Gabriel
San Gabriel

2014

Shony del Pilar
Southland Care Center
Norwalk

2013

Haya Berci
Joyce Eisenberg-Kefer Medical Center,
Reseda

2012

Gloria Cervantes Reyes
Shea Family Care
Mission Hills

2011

Debbie Wiechman
Northern California Rehabilitation Hospital
Redding

2010

Kim Costello
Hy-Lond Home
Garden Grove

2009

Sandra Lourido
Kennon S. Shea & Associates
Oceanside

2008

Barbara DiFilippo
Golden Living Center
Fresno

2007

Ann Folmer
Beverly Living Center
Sanger