2026 AWARD FINALISTS NAMED

The Board of Trustees of Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania proudly announces its 2026 Award Finalists. Each finalist will be honored, and the winners will be declared, at the 37th Anniversary Awards Gala on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. These nurse exemplars have been selected for recognition among more than 150 nominations across 14 award categories this year. Congratulations to all our Finalists and Winners! Visit www.nightingaleawards.org for more information on the awards and the Gala.

Advanced Practice RN

- **Kyra Beck**
  WellSpan Health
- **Colleen Ianni**
  Penn Presbyterian Medical Center
- **Micah Kidd**
  Reading Hospital Tower Health

Clinical Practice LPN

- **Logan Bortner**
  Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center
- **Nancy Keefer**
  WellSpan Philhaven

Clinical Practice RN

- **Starlett Bixby**
  Geisinger Medical Center Muncy
- **Courtney Byrne**
  Jefferson, LVHN Cedar Crest
- **Megan Paulhamus**
  Penn State Health Holy Spirit Medical Center
- **Ginny Stone**
  Jefferson Abington Hospital
- **Constance Yeager**
  Reading Hospital Tower Health

Doctor of Nursing Practice

- **Brady Bielewicz**
  University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing
- **Diane Greenberg**
  Lavender Psychiatry
- **Samantha Obeck**
  WellSpan Health

Nursing Research

- **Christian Burchill**
  Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health
- **Pamela Cacchione**
  Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
- **Ying-Ling Jao**
  Penn State University, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing
- **Patricia Kelley**
  University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing

Patient Choice Award Individual WINNER

- **Ashley Bender**
  St. Luke's Hospital, Miners Campus, Infusion Center

Patient Choice Award Team WINNER

- **Oncology Nursing Team**
  Penn State Health Milton S Hershey Medical Center

Nursing Administration – Leader/Manager/Director

- **Ashley Amon**
  Penn State Health Hampden Medical Center
- **Amy Callahan**
  Main Line Health
- **Katrina Fetter**
  WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital
- **Janelle Harris**
  Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- **Lauren ("Elle") Trainor**
  Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health

Nursing Administration – Nursing Informatics

- **Harrison Jackson**
  WellSpan Health
- **Jana Kass**
  Geisinger Health
- **Rebecca Stamm**
  Penn Presbyterian Medical Center

Nursing Administration – Senior Level/Executive

- **Elizabeth Connelly**
  Main Line Health
- **Leeanna McKibben**
  University of Pittsburgh
- **Carol Smith**
  WellSpan Surgery and Rehabilitation Hospital

Nursing Education – Academia

- **Michael Evans**
  Penn State University, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing
- **Sharon Mingo**
  Chestnut Hill College
- **Amy Reed**
  WellSpan Health

Nursing Education – Staff Development

- **Emily Cavanagh**
  Penn State Health Holy Spirit Medical Center
- **Laurie Hlodash**
  WellSpan York Hospital
- **Rebbecca Leister**
  Penn State Health Hampden Medical Center
- **Katherine Singer**
  WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital

Jayne Felgen Legacy Award WINNER

- **Vicki Shifflet**
  Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!