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NLN FOUNDATION FOR NURSING EDUCATION ANNOUNCES GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

October 2, 2003 … New York, NY… The NLN Foundation for Nursing Education, an affiliate of the National League for Nursing, awarded scholarships to 25 nursing students who will pursue careers as nurse educators. The grants will enable awardees to pursue further studies towards their masters or doctoral degrees in accredited graduate programs.

“The grave shortage of nurses is paralleled by an equally grave shortage of nurse educators,” said NLN Foundation for Nursing Education Chairperson Nancy Langston, PhD, RN, FAAN. “Through the newly-created Foundation, we are providing concrete and critically important support to nurses who wish to become leaders in nursing education. We believe our efforts are helping to assure that there will be adequate numbers of faculty to educate this and future generations of nurses.”

Awards of up to $15,000, payable over one and two years, were presented to scholarship awardees who are in masters or post-masters and doctoral programs. In order to be eligible for the scholarships, applicants had to be enrolled in a graduate-level nursing programs in one of six areas: Northern California; Southern Florida; the Dallas/Fort Worth Area of Texas; and the states of Illinois, Massachusetts, and Michigan. The highest

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ranking applicants in each area were selected through a competitive process. The awardees were introduced and honored at NLN’s Education Summit 2003 in San Antonio, Texas. (See attached for list of awardees.)

The Scholarship Program is part of the NLN Foundation’s larger campaign to encourage and support an increase in quality nurse faculty in nursing education institutions across the country. The Program’s goal is to encourage nurses to consider nursing education as a career path and to provide scholarship support to enable interested nurses to pursue the education needed to become nurse faculty.

The NLN Foundation for Nursing Education, which was established to address the shortage of nurse educators and improve the quality of nursing education, is an affiliate of the National League for Nursing, the only national organization that represents and advocates for faculty in all types of nursing education programs. For more than 100 years, the NLN has advanced quality nursing education through faculty development, research, testing services, standard setting, and benchmarking related to nursing education. The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission is an independent subsidiary of the NLN.

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