

Note from Executive Director



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OW! WOW! WOW! That sums up the feeling generated at the 12th Annual Wild on Wounds Conference, held September 2-5 in Las Vegas. What an exciting 4 days! With more than 1,100 attendees, the conference was busy, bustling, and full of nonstop activity. Sessions were available for all levels of clinicians, from beginners to advanced, and were based on 2014 participant feedback. This year, we added something new: Clinicians could watch webinars in a dedicated room and obtain continuing education credit. We received a great deal of positive feedback about the different learning options.

Once again, NAWCO had a question/answer area set up in the middle of the action. I'd like to thank our board of directors and certification committee members for volunteering their time to staff the area and answer inquiries from attendees.

Each year NAWCO gives three awards to deserving clinicians who go above and beyond the daily routine to provide exceptional care to their patients with wounds. It's such a rewarding experience for the awards committee to receive and read the many nominations. As always, there were many outstanding submissions, but only three could be chosen, making the selection process difficult.

In the previous issue, I reintroduced all of the award winners since the inception of the awards program in 2007 through 2014. The 2015 winners were announced and recognized during the closing session, titled "Pay it Forward." Board of directors Presi-

dent Debbie Dvorachek and Vice President Katie Pieper presented the awards to the winners.

Here are just some of the impressive comments that were made about the award winners.

Outstanding Work in Diabetic Wounds: Margarita Joni Rose Villar, BSN, RN, WCC

- "Consistently displays high ethical standards and maintains integrity with patients as well as hospital staff."
- "Volunteers to see clinic patients, educates staff on total contact casting and its effects on healing the diabetic wound."
- "Recruits/mentors other wound care professionals in the prevention and treatment of diabetic wounds."

Outstanding Research in Wound Care: Candice Curtin, BSN, RN, WCC, DWC, OMS

- "Presented a poster at the 2015 VNAA (Visiting Nurse Associations of America) conference."
- "Received first-place poster award for a case study series done on Diabetic Foot Ulcer Management at the Desert Foot Podiatry Conference in 2012."
- "Working on validating a pressure ulcer staging tool that will help clinicians stage appropriately."

Outstanding WCC of the Year: Marissa Richardson, RN, CRRN, WCC

• "Provides the leadership role with

- wounds in the HealthSouth hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas.
- "Able to articulate proper technique at all levels of licensure."
- "Provides wound care training and conducts one-on-one education with patients on how to take care of their wounds at home after discharge."

NAWCO is proud and honored to have been able to recognize the achievements of such a dedicated group of wound care clinicians. All of us at NAWCO congratulate the 2015 Award Winners.

Look for my introductions of the remaining board of director members in the next issue of *Wound Care Advisor*.

New certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were certified from August to September 2015.

Ariel Ackerman Howard Aguada Audrey Akinlotan Ekaette Akpabio Vickie Allen Heather Alnwick Noori Al-Waili, MD Wendee Amero Kelly Anderson Maria Anoche Angela Arcuri Anne Ashton Rhonda Babineaux Jennifer Baecker Linda Bailey Sandra Baldwin Rebecca Barker Natalee Barnett April Barrera Bonnafe Baticados Christine Beebe Jessica Bennett Arlene Berdijo Karen Berger Indira Bhagwandin **Jennifer Bohrtz** Susan Bourbon

Cherie Brawner Colleen Brennan Jorge Bringas Jennifer Brokaw Deborah Brown Teresa Buckley Jeanne Buckman Kimberly Burk Kimberly Burton Lisa Campbell Linda Carrigan Sarah Casavant Stephanie Cassell Adriana Castellanos Liane Chambers Neferteria Chatman Ana Chavalo Campos Volha Chernik Young Kyung Cho Cynthia Clare Kimberly Clemens Donna Cleveland Kristin Cohen Lori Cole Marilvn Collins

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Janessa Copenhafer Tiffany Crawford Mary Creger Kimberly Curry Paige Danielson Jessica Davidson Teresa Davis Matthew Decker Mary Delira Lisa Dicken K Slade Dietz Karley Ditgen Roger Dodson Hillery Dolford Irene Dominguez Prendes Bertha Dowell-Smith Robert Duscher Rachella Early Karla Eddins Christine Eidson Nilma Elias Santiago Patricia Elmore Heather Ezzell Marianna Facco Mara Fader Iane Fernau Donald Fillman Christopher Finlaw Robin Finney Geri Fitch Hon Fong Angel Foster

Brandi Fowler Ingrid Franklin Dawn Freeman Lilli-Ann Gallagher Gloria Garcia Peggy Gardner Lynn Gehr Jennifer Geiger Charlene Germer Tracy Getman Helen Gipson Kathleen Glasco Koupu Goffa Susan Gortney Erica Gould Elizabeth Graybill Engle Greenwood Joseph Grimes Naomie Guiteau Robyn Halley Ashley Haltness Sonya Haptonstall Cara Harris Chad Hauge Connie Helmer-Iordan Shelly Herron Elizabeth Hirn Sarah Hizon Lisa Hobbs Regina Hoeferlin Lisa Holpin Jodie Huddleston

Lynn Huett Jenny Huff Brenda Hughes Ianet Hull Susan Huonder Pauline James Julie Jamgochian Sheryl Jenkins Ihoni Johnson Juanita Jones Anisha Kadalimattom Roy Kain Rupert Karl Andrew Kastello, MD Lori Kent Sabrina Khor Lizza Kister Cassandra Klemm Wanda Krause Betty Kuo Lea Lavarias David Lehninger Rebecca Lehtola Evelyne Lemy Tiffany Lollis Larisa London Kristina Long Coreen Long Beatriz Luna Jannet Mangold Leslie Marcelo Georgette Mason Marissa Masterson Andrea Measor Lynn Mello Gaone Merafhe Mai Milan Janet Miller Suzanne Miller Laura Millevolte Stephen Morgenstern Crystal Mosley Barbara Murphy

Stacy Newbern Agnes Newlin Yvonne Norris Stephanie Novak Caroline O'Brien Shannon O'Brien Mayola On Arthur Onofre Eugenia Overfield Julie Oyen Socorro Paguirigan Malori Paplow Sunita Patel Dana Patton Irene Pearson Todd Pelton Michelle Perkins Tammy Perry Lananh Phan Suann Phillips Ingrid Piedrahita Justine Piper Melanie Poole Bethany Przybylski Laurie Ramirez Marta Ramos Rivera Brenda Recker Vivian Redmon Jennell Reed Tamara Retzlaff Geraldine Rienstra Lalaine Rivera Kimberly Rolfson Jisah Romero Kondeleye Ross-**Johnson** Teresa Roth Janet Round Paulina Ruffa LaToya Russell Brenda Sabata Viviane Santos

Cory Scott Judi Segbefia Chervl Sickles Melissa Sivola Terrill Skaw Kiersha Slowter Jamie Sparenberg Susan Speed Zarina Steward Mary Stewardson Elishia Stillwell Michael Strickland Wendy Sutherland Jennifer Szalkowski Nicholas Tan Judy Thompson Kelli Thornburg Angela Tidwell Rachel Tolar Denise Tomerlin Jessica Townsend Jennifer Townsend Vera Misty Troyan Bernadette Truhn Stephen Tynan Carolina Uranga Elaine Valbuena Rosetta Villeneuve Immacula Volcy-Desir Robyn Wakeling Cvnthia Walker Frances Ward Sara Washa Stephanie Washlock Melissa Wasmund Ianette Watt Kenneth Wearner Amy Welch Sarah Westra Melanie WhimpeyVanya Williams Tiffany Wilson Linda Wilson Tina Winfrey Susan Wirsing Missy Wojtysiak Angie Wopat Michelle Wright Rachel Yip

Recertified certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were recertified from August to September 2015.

Ma Nida Advincula Elsa Aguilera, MD Jennifer Antonelli Amber Ashbrook Maggie Austrie Rebekah Baldauf Gail Baldwin Tracy Ball Ramon Banea Mary Barnes Marlene Barnett Lizbet Basulto Kathreen Beals Paula Beck Tammy Benson Joan Berry Renee Bigbee Pamela Blatter Robin Blevens Kimberly Blitzer Lorraine Boehm Xzyjoy Bongat Sarah Booth

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Jennifer Schlag

Tara Borda Amanda Borden Gaynell Bowman Denise Boyke Stephanie Bradshaw Trovoyum Branson Mary Braswell Francesca Briem Sabrina Briggs Lunetha Britton Karen Brown Amanda Burkeybile Jimmy Buyao Hannah Cardin Margaret Carfi Bonnie Caster Marilyn Christianson Lvdia Clark Theresa Coates Ingrid Concepcion Stephanie Cook Kristen Crane Meagan Culak June Cunningham Beverly Cunningham Valerie Davidson Rachelle Davis Debra DeFreitas-Cook Elverta Delahay Barbara DeMatteis Caterina Di Giovanna Vicky Dooley Rosario Druja Janet Duff Gabrielle Dupre Debra Eberwein Colleen Edson Alice Eide-Mason Jennifer Elledge Kimberly Engen Wendy England

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Tara Hertel

Kyra Hill Sasha Holden Ianie Hollenbach Deborah Horner Stephanie Houle Marissa Hudler Vashti Ivey Filor Izanian Alicia Johnson Lynn Johnston Kimberly Karnes Melanie Kehmeier Connie Kerrigan Steven King Anita Krumm Danielle Kvam Jeanelle Lao Jeanne Lawson Christie Leath Dawna Lemelin Erika Lewis-Hargrove Kathleen Libutti Eunice Lim Lisa Lockwood Darylyn Long Richard Longley, MD Debra Loveridge Debbie Maas Jennifer Mackie Mary MacLean Karen Magnani Lisa Maiolie Tracey Majernik Amanda Malia Kathy Malone Rebecca Malone Hannah Mand Lucila Manlapaz Dawn Marineau Katie Markeson

Alison Means Mark Melton Rebecca Mikula Claudine Miranda Darlyne Mitchell Heidi Mitchell Kelley Monroe Michelle Moore **Jessica Morrow** Teresa Mrstik John Muccitelli Anita Muro Sharon Murr Rosemary Natale Kimberly Nelson-Hojnacke Eileen Novotny Mary Oakes Karen Oberlin Tracie Panting Tracy Paris Tammy Parker Naguita Parker-Richardson Sonja Pennington Jessie Peralta Nancy Peralta Ana Perez Mabel Perez Jennifer Peterson Kimberly Petit Teresita Pido Carola Pisani Debra Pizzorni Kerri Pratt Mary Beth Pratt Yenna Kerry Prendergast Judy Puletti Karen Ray Kasie Reed Martha Reid

Bonny Reinhart

Kelli McDonald

Heather McHenry

Joel Reitz Bradley Renner Darcie Rey Helen Reyes Jeanne Rice Rebecca Richter Burke Linda Rickards LaReine Rickmon Melonie Rieck Claudette Robinson Michele Robinson Nicole Rooney Kelley Saiz Svetlana Sakirsky Teresa Samsel Angela Savage Stacy Schiurring

Tracey Schofield Cindy Schott Meve Shakespeare Elena Shur Judy Skaggs Kelly Skinner Ellen Spillane Shannon Spivey-Mayo Becky Spray Gemma Suh Melanie Sutton Naoko Takahashi Rhonda Talbot Connie Taylor Mykka Taylor Mary Thomas Melody Thomas

Carol Thompson Amy Thornton Martha Thornton, **DPM** Ning Tian Cynthia Tibert Samantha Tirrell Beryl Tobing Sandra Vaughan Helen Verceles Christina Vigil Katherine Wade Alan Waishkey Karen Walker-Albright Angela Wallis Cynthia Watkins Kathy Watrous

Joann Watson
Norma Wells
Barbara West
Samuel Whatley
Brenda Williams
Sharon Williams
Bobo
Michele Ybarra
Franco Zauli
Sheila Zimmer
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