Healthcare Organizations Collaborate To Launch Only Nurse Radio Venture In The Country

Wellesley, MA -- According to the "Journal of the American Medical Association," hospitals with more nurses at the bedside could save thousands of patient lives each year. Furthermore, patients who have routine surgeries in hospitals with high nurse-to-patient ratios have an up to 31 percent increased chance of dying.

The New England School of Whole Health Education in collaboration with several local and national health care and media organizations, today announced the launch of Nurserradio.org, the first and only nurse-focused radio show and a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the global contributions of nurses in patient care and providing a voice for today’s nurses.

Developed by the New England School of Whole Health Education and supported by the American Holistic Nurses Association, Nurserradio.org was developed over the last several months with the support and sponsorship of local and national healthcare causes, organizations and media including the Florence Nightingale 2010 Initiative for Global Public Health, Partners Home Care, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Thomson Delmar Learning and Nursing Spectrum. Nurserradio.org features inspiring, insightful and moving interviews with prominent nurse leaders and healers including:

- Carla Mariano, EdD, RN, HNC, associate professor for New York University’s Advanced Holistic Nurse Practitioner program, which is the first holistic nurse practitioner program in the country.
- Deva-Marie Beck, PhD, RN, world-renowned Nightingale scholar and activist.
- Lea Barbato-Gaydos, PhD, RN, recipient of the National Holistic Nurse of the Year and Nightingale Awards.

Nurserradio.org was announced at the second annual Nightingale National Cathedral Service in Washington, DC, on May 9, which was an event dedicated to honoring Florence Nightingale and nurses as they continue Nightingale’s mission of caring and healing.

"Today’s nurses are challenged with being overworked and under appreciated, frustrated at not being able to help people the way they envisioned, many are leaving the profession which, in turn, is having a negative impact on patient care," said Mary-Anne Benedict, RN, MSN, chairman of the board for the New England School of Whole Health Education.

"Nurserradio.org provides a community for nurses to expand their knowledge of the world of nursing through insightful interviews with respected nurse leaders and healers."

Founded in 1977 and considered to be the pioneer of "a renaissance of relationship-centered care," the New England School of Whole Health Education’s curriculum provides evidence-based education delivered in a relationship-centered, supportive learning environment. This approach integrates the most current medical research with the wisdom of various spiritual teachings and a natural outlook on healing, centered on integrity and compassion. It combines one-to-one peer counseling with respectful listening, unconditional presence, the big picture of health and current evidence-based medical and integrative health information.