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<u>Massachusetts Nurses Association Honors New England School Of</u> Whole Health Education With Three Awards

Wellesley, MA -- The New England School of Whole Health Education -- the pioneer of Whole Health Education, and a provider of holistic-inspired educational programs for consumers, health care workers and institutions -- announced that its director and two members of the advisory board were the recipients of awards at the Massachusetts's Nurses Association's (MNA) annual convention, in Boston, MA.

Founder and Program Director Georgianna Donadio, DC, MSc, PhD, was honored with the MNA Advocate of the Year Award, while Chairman of the advisory board Mary-Anne Benedict RN, MSN, received the MNA Nursing Education Award. Advisory board member Elaine Carter, RN, BSN, was presented with the Human Needs Service Award.

The MNA Nurse Advocate of the Year Award recognizes the contributions of an individual, who is not a nurse but has made outstanding contributions to nurses and the nursing profession. Donadio began her career as a practical nurse and was selected for this prestigious award for her almost 40 years of working to advance the profession of nursing through the creation and delivery of educational programs that serve both nurses and patients. In addition, she was honored for this award because of her founding of the only nurse-focused radio in the country, Nurseradio.org and for the education of nurses locally and nationally through her frequent speaking and writing.

Benedict was the recipient of MNA Nursing Education Award, which recognizes an MNA member who is a nurse educator and has made significant contributions to continuing education. Committed to ensuring that patients receive informed, compassionate and quality care, she has worked throughout her long nursing career to creatively implement nursing practice standards.

As recipient of the MNA Human Needs Service award, Carter was recognized by MNA for performing outstanding services based on human need, with respect for human dignity, unrestricted by consideration of nationality, race, creed, color or status. The care manager for high-risk pregnant inner city teens, adults and children at Brigham and Womens Hospital's Asthma Center she serves an inner city population whom are often at risk for development of asthma due to socioeconomic and environmental conditions.

"Considering how many other well-deserving MNA members and candidates were nominated for these awards, we are extremely honored to have been selected," said Donadio.