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Georgia Southern University School of Nursing Leader Receives National Award

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Georgia Southern University Chair and Professor of Nursing, Jean Bartels, Ph.D., RN, was selected as the 2009 recipient of the Sister Bernadette Armiger Award, the highest honor given by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Bartels, who served as the President of the AACN from 2004-2006 and on the Board of Directors for 10 years, is one of only 14 leaders to ever receive the national award. She received the award at the AACNs fall meeting in Washington, D.C.

Established in 1982 to honor Sr. Bernadette Armigers distinguished service to AACN, the award recognizes individuals who significantly advance nursing education and practice. The selection criteria stress active participation at AACN meetings and service to the organization, and national recognition for significant contributions to nursing education, scholarship, leadership, and advancement of the nursing profession.

Bartels is currently serving as the Chair of the School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga. Prior to joining Georgia Southern, she served as the Chair of

Nursing at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis. from 1990-1999. She worked as a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee.

Bartels has conducted research in a variety of nursing practice and higher education areas. She has written books, chapters, and articles on topics including outcome measurement in nursing education, critical thinking in nursing, nursing education for the 21st century, service learning and community-based nursing education. Recently, she provided testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce regarding solutions to dealing with current and projected shortages of nurses and nurse educators.

She has conducted local, state, national, and international workshops, presentations and consultations on issues related to community-based

nursing practice, nursing education, ability based/outcome focused education, critical thinking, assessment processes and accreditation in higher education.

In addition to her work with the AACN, she is a member of the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing, ISSSS, the Southeast Region Nursing Research



Society, and the American Educational Research Association. She was the Assistant Editor for Education for the Journal of Professional Nursing and served on the Editorial Board. She is the President of the Board for the Ogeechee Area Hospice, Inc.

Bartels earned a PhD in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a Master of Science in Nursing from Marquette University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Alverno College and a Diploma in Nursing from the Columbia Hospital School of Nursing.

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