Virginia K. Saba Nursing Informatics Leadership Award

NOMINATION TIMELINE

1 November 2026-1 March 2027

NOTIFICATION

Award recipients will be notified in July 2027.

PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at Sigma's Biennial Convention.

PURPOSE

The Virginia K. Saba Nursing Informatics Leadership Award honors an individual for their innovative and cutting-edge work in the field of nursing informatics. The individual's work must have resulted in a significant development and sustained contributions to advance the discipline of nursing informatics. The individual's work also must achieve a recognizable and momentous public benefit. **Sigma membership is required.** The recipient will receive a stipend and be invited to present a special session at Sigma's Biennial Convention.

ELIGIBILITY

All active Sigma members worldwide are eligible to be nominated for this award. **Members may not self-nominate; any self-nominations will be disqualified**. Current Sigma International Board of Directors, Sigma staff, Sigma consultants and contracted staff, and members of the judging committee are not eligible. Nominees can receive only one award per biennium. Nominees can accept only one nomination per biennium. Recipients from 2023 and 2025 are not eligible to receive the same award in 2027.

CRITERIA

Nominations should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following criteria:

1. Is an established leader in the field of informatics related to nursing and health from a national and international perspective
2. Makes contributions in the field of nursing informatics and has a sustained, notable, and historic impact on the healthcare industry, education, and/or research
3. Participates in a significant or major breakthrough in the field of informatics
4. Serves as the nursing informatics leader in a prominent healthcare institution, university, business, or other healthcare settings or serves as a consultant in the field
5. Is a recognized informatics expert whose work has the capacity and scope to enhance quality, safety, outcomes, and decision-making

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Supporting documents required below should address a majority of the above criteria. Entries that do not meet the criteria and requirements below will be disqualified. A complete online nomination consists of:

- Online entry form
- Supporting narrative, from the nominator (1-2 pages)
- Two letters of support from diverse sources supporting the criteria (interprofessional colleague, supervisor, coworker, etc.—excluding nominator)
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Letter of acceptance—A statement from the nominee accepting the nomination and agreeing to attend Sigma's biennial convention if selected as the award recipient

- Supporting documentation—Materials or summaries that provide direct evidence of meeting the award criteria (not to exceed 10 pages). This includes videos, writing samples, articles, photos, etc. This is an opportunity to expand on the summary provided by the supporting narrative. Additional letters of support will not be considered.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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