Excellence in Creativity Award
Edith Moore Copeland Founders Award

PURPOSE
The Founders Awards offer homage to the six founding nurses of Sigma and the director of nursing at Indiana University for their insights in 1922 that advanced scholarship, leadership, research, and practice. This award recognizes extraordinary excellence in creativity. Sigma membership is required. All active members and chapters of Sigma are eligible to submit a nomination.

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.

CRITERIA
Nomination should show evidence of meeting a majority of the following criteria:

1. Demonstrates creative activity to impact nursing education, practice, or research
2. Advances the knowledge base of nursing through creative activity
3. Impacts the image of nursing through creative activity
4. Disseminates results of creative activity
5. Fosters creativity in people such as colleagues, students, clients, and other healthcare providers
6. Receives recognition for creative activity

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Supporting documents required below should address a majority 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 and payment
- Supporting narrative (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 – Statement from the nominee agreeing to attend Sigma’s Biennial Convention if selected

NOTIFICATION
Award recipients will be notified in July 2019.

PRESENTATION
All awards will be presented at Sigma’s 45th Biennial Convention in Washington, DC, USA.

PAST RECIPIENTS
View a brief biography of past recipients online.

CONTACT
For further information, visit International Awards or contact Kelsey Van Wyk.