Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards Award
Dorothy Garrigus Adams 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 professionalism. *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 a leadership role in encouraging the use of and promoting the growth of professional standards
2. Expands understanding of professional standards to increase the quality and quantity of practice
3. Utilizes professional standards to advance nursing practice
4. Participates in the evolution and/or interpretation of standards of the profession

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 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

PAST RECIPIENTS
View a brief biography of past recipients online.

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