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Dr. Tufano Gains Recognition

OMAHA, Neb. – College of Saint Mary (CSM) congratulates Dr. Virginia Tufano, Ed.D., MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing, for receiving the Nebraska Nurses Association’s Positive Image of Nursing Award. This award recognizes nurses who portray a positive image of nursing through their clinical excellence and who have made significant contributions to improve patient outcomes, patient safety/quality, initiatives, staff satisfaction, practice changes, research or evidence-based practice projects, interdisciplinary collaboration or organizational goals.

“Dr. Tufano’s commitment to nursing and for teaching the future generations of nurses goes above and beyond her responsibilities in the classroom and clinical settings. I feel one of her greatest strengths is that she is truly passionate about the profession of nursing,” stated Dr. Kathleen Zajic, Program Director and Undergraduate Nursing Associate Professor. “Dr. Tufano is a true advocate for nursing education and the profession as a whole.”

Dr. Tufano is an Associate Professor of Nursing in both the Associate and Bachelors’ Degree programs at CSM. She also serves as an expert in cultural competence, providing guidance and support for students, colleagues and community agencies. Dr. Tufano frequently meets with students and their families, many of whom are first generation college students, providing assistance and needed resources. She joined CSM in 2004.

Natasha Chapman ’13 (nursing) said, “Professor Tufano was one of my favorite instructors to hear lecture in class. I cannot recall a single conversation with her when she didn’t have a smile on her face. You can tell that she loves teaching by how much enthusiasm and happiness she carries with her.”

In addition to the Positive Image of Nursing Award, Dr. Tufano was selected to present her abstract, “Integrating Cultural Competence into Nursing Curricula and Education,” at the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International’s 42nd Biennial Convention in November, 2013.

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