

**STEPHEN CHARRY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE  
2024 NOMINATION**

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| <b>Name:</b><br>Dr. Margie Francisco   | <b>Course / Department / Division:</b><br>Nursing |
| <b>Nominated By:</b><br>Olivia Colmone | <b>Date of Nomination:</b><br>February 8, 2024    |

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| <b>1. Challenges students to pursue goals. Prepares students to make life choices.</b>                         |
| She asks us questions to see what we know.<br><br>She works hard on making podcasts for her students to learn. |
| <b>2. Improves students' skills for employment and/or success in academic endeavors.</b>                       |
| Showed us how to do our skills and then let us practice them so we can learn ourselves.                        |
| <b>3. Motivates students to be an active and concerned citizen of the community.</b>                           |
| Encourages volunteer work in exchange for credit   |
| <b>4. Is engaged on campus and/or in the community.</b>  |
| She is the light of the nursing programs   |



**STEPHEN CHARRY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE  
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**Degree (s), schools attended, industry experience:**

1975: Putnam County High School

1978: Saint Francis Medical Center School of Nursing: Diploma in Nursing

2001: Northern Illinois University: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

2005: Saint Francis College of Nursing: Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Educator

2013: University of Phoenix: Doctorate of Education, Curriculum Instruction and Design

**Industry Experience:**

I was employed by St. Margaret's Hospital In Spring Valley for 46 years until the closure In July of 2023. My last position was as nursing supervisor.

**Position at the college:**

Full-time Nursing Faculty

**Classes taught:**

I have had experience teaching some aspect of every nursing course in the curriculum. I have served as a lecture, clinical, lab, and seminar instructor. My main teaching focus currently:

NUR 1100: Foundations of Medication Administration (Lecture)

NUR 1200: Foundations of Nursing Practice (Lecture, Lab, Seminar, Clinical)

NUR 2212: Holistic Nursing IV (Clinical)

NUR 2211: Holistic Nursing III (Lecture, Seminar, Clinical)

ALH 1001: Terminology for the Health Field

**Years teaching at IVCC and years teaching elsewhere:**

I have been with IVCC since 2005 as a full-time faculty for the nursing program. I also am an adjunct instructor for Grand Canyon University teaching in their Graduate Nursing Program as a distance learning educator.

**Programs, committees, student organizations in which involved:**

I am the co-advisor of Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society and have been since the introductory year.

I have served as a student tutor and remediation coach.

College-wide committees: I have served on several college-wide committees as my teaching schedule allows: Assessment, Curriculum

Nursing Program: I have been the lead for the Self-Study preparation for the ACEN accreditation site visit twice, the last being spring of 2023. I am responsible for outcomes measurement for compliance with an ACEN standard. I have mentored numerous Graduate students as well as new faculty, several having been Graduate students who worked with me during their degree completion.

Nursing Committees: Nursing Faculty, Nursing Advisory, Fair Testing, and ACEN Standards work groups as well as many numerous ad-hoc committees over the years.

#### Professional activities outside the college:

I have been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life as well as served as an Illinois ambassador for the National Relay for Life in Washington DC where I met with congressional leaders to discuss cancer research and cancer care. I have been a Reach to Recovery volunteer, meeting with and counseling those facing the diagnosis of breast cancer.

#### Professional organization memberships:

I am a member of the Organization of Associate Degree Nursing (OADN), the National League of Nursing (NLN), as well as Sigma Theta Tau, the International Nursing Honor Society. I was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau when I was a student at NIU as well as Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

#### Presentations, publications, exhibits, etc.

I have presented at the Organization of Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) national conference on several occasions when the National Honor Society for Associate Degree Nursing, Alpha Delta Nu, was being formed. I was active in the development and initiation of this honor society, first at the state level, and then at the national level.

In 2013, I was received the Ruby Cealy Distinguished Alumni Award from Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

#### Hometown:

I was raised in Putnam County having grown up in the Magnolia-McNabb area. My parents (John A. and Louise McKirgan were also lifelong residents and raised their large family of 6 children) with an emphasis on family values, community, and work ethics. I was a graduate of the Putnam County school systems and very proud of my PC roots. I have lived in Spring Valley since I have been married, which is my husband's hometown.

#### Family:

I have been married to my very supportive husband, Pete for nearly 46 years. We have three daughters: Gina (Alex) Riva, Karla (Matthew) Carboni, and Maria (Derek) Baird. They have blessed us with six grandchildren: Dominic (15) and Luca (11) Carboni; Giuliana (11) Riva; and Cecelia (11), Bruno (7), and Luciana (5) Baird. We are thankful they all live in the Illinois Valley area, and we spend a lot of family time together.