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## **Madonna University Nursing Students Awarded “Best in Class”**

LIVONIA, Mich. — The Madonna University Nursing Student Association (MUNSA) received the Jenzabar Foundation’s Best in Class Award for their community service and humanitarian efforts. Foundation leaders presented MUNSA representatives Teri Weiland, of Hartland, and Melissa Lukosavich, of Lincoln Park, with the award and a \$500 grant at the Best in Class Conference in Beverly, Mass., last Saturday.

MUNSA will utilize the grant to increase their community service efforts. Over the past year, members created a “Men in Nursing” calendar, and participated in the Festival of Trees, to raise funds for the Children’s Hospital of Michigan. The group also planned meals for the Ronald McDonald House, hosted a career fair for nursing students, assisted Girl Scouts with badge work, adopted a family for the holidays, and initiated and sponsored a resolution on childhood obesity for the Michigan Nursing Student Association 2009 Convention.

“As members of MUNSA, we look forward to an academic year full of community volunteer activities and legislative involvement,” said Krista Papow, MUNSA president. “It is an honor to have been chosen as ‘Best in Class’ by the Jenzabar Foundation for participating in activities that we all enjoy!”

This fall, MUNSA members will take part in the Detroit Zoo Diabetes Walk and host their fifth annual nursing career fair. The group also plans to sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner at Military Church in Detroit.

MUNSA is a chapter of the National Student Nurses’ Association. This professional organization focuses on leadership and professional development of nursing students.

“MUNSA members act as role models and mentors to other nursing students,” said Nancy Kostin, Madonna University professor and nursing enrichment and retention coordinator. “These dedicated students are a tremendous asset to the University, and to the field of nursing.”



*MUNSA representatives Melissa Lukosavich and Teri Weiland with Robert Maginn, Jr., chairman of the Jenzabar Foundation*

For over 40 years, Madonna University's ([www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu)) College of Nursing and Health has provided nurses with highly-regarded preparation and training, focused on the department's core values of wellness, professionalism and compassion. The program offers bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, nursing administration, hospice and palliative studies, health care educator, primary care nurse practitioner, and nursing and business. Madonna recently launched a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, and is accepting applications for a cohort that begins in May 2010.

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