What Is the DAISY Faculty Award?

The DAISY Foundation, as part of its service to the nursing profession’s role in patient care, established The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty (includes clinical teaching staff as well). The purpose of this program is to provide to colleges/schools of nursing a national recognition program they may use to demonstrate appreciation to teachers for their commitment and inspirational influence on their students. The Foundation hopes that, in some way, this program will contribute to a positive work environment for faculty in schools.

About the DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died of complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. (DAISY is an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system.) During Pat’s 8-week hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses provided not only to Pat but to everyone in his family. So, one of the goals they set in creating a Foundation in Pat’s memory was to recognize extraordinary nurses everywhere who make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people by the super-human work they do every day.

Specific Criteria used to select nominees:

- **Excellence in Teaching**
  - Demonstrates expertise in content area (e.g., fosters evidence-based practice in classroom or clinical/community environment)
  - Sets high standards for student achievement
  - Fosters the development of critical thinking skills and evidence-based practice in classroom or clinical/community environment(s) through pedagogically sound, innovative, and engaging teaching methods.

- **Quality Relationships with Learners**
  - Engages in caring and sensitive interactions with students, while facilitating learning in the classroom and clinical/community environment(s).
  - Fosters an environment in which transparent and respectful communication is expected of all, role-modeled by the faculty member, and rewarded (i.e., when students do the same).
  - Treats all students fairly and in an unbiased fashion.

- **Leadership and Collaboration**
  - When issues arise, addresses them effectively, fairly, and in accordance with existing policies and procedures
  - Collaborates effectively with other professionals to facilitate student learning.

Specific Materials Needed to Nominate a Teacher:

- A letter that includes details of your relationship to the nominee and your credentials if a member of the community or academe, a statement about the context in which you know the nominee, and details as to how he/she meets the criteria listed above with information that substantiates ‘extraordinary’ accomplishments.

How to Nominate an Extraordinary Faculty Instructor:

Students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community partners may nominate a deserving UW-Milwaukee College of Nursing teaching faculty or staff member by emailing a letter of recommendation (Please put Daisy Nomination in the Subject Line of your email) and send to the attention of Susan Wolff at wolf3@uwm.edu. You must submit an actual “letter of recommendation” to be considered a nomination. This link will direct you to the UWM College of Nursing directory. [http://uwm.edu/nursing/people/directory](http://uwm.edu/nursing/people/directory)

Deadline for submitting nominations is April 17, 2020 at 5pm CST.