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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University alumna Barbara Nathan was named the 2009 Healthcare Executive of the Year by the American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA). Nathan received the award during the 2009 AAMA Annual Conference in Las Vegas on November 19.

The award is the Academy's highest and honors a candidate whose work has provided an environment for delivering the maximum level of quality care with dignity and human concern. According to AAMA, whose mission is to advance excellence in healthcare leadership, Nathan exemplifies this commitment to care.

Nathan graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1980, and spent 15 years in nursing and hospital administration with BroMenn Healthcare in Normal. In 1996, she became the executive director of the Community Cancer Center and its Foundation. She facilitated the creation of the center, which covers the continuum of cancer care from community education on prevention and early detection, to treatment and survivor services. Over 13 years, Nathan raised more than \$99,000,000, and significantly improved care processes, multidisciplinary treatment and increased the level of technology available to patients.

Active in national associations dedicated to health, Nathan has served on the Board of the American College of Oncology Administrators (ACOA) since 2004, and is completing her term as ACOA President. Other professional roles have included appointment and election roles in the Illinois and American Organizations of Nurse Executives, and the Voluntary Hospitals of America. She has guest lectured at the college level and mentored dozens of interns.

Her community and volunteer activities have included the Bloomington Kiwanis, YWCA and the United Way. She has also held regional and local positions with various national cause-related medical organizations, such as the ALS Association, Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" and the American Cancer Society.

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