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IWU Sesquicentennial Homecoming 2000 Nurse to Receive Award for Professional Excellence

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--A pediatric nurse, who has practiced in Peoria and the Chicago area, will receive the Distinguished Alumnae Award for Excellence in Nursing during Homecoming 2000 festivities, Oct. 13-15 at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Andrea K. Maushard-Clark, a 1989 IWU School of Nursing graduate (cum laude), will accept the honor at a ceremony Saturday, Oct. 14 at 9:50 a.m. in Stevenson Hall, room 103, 210 E. University Ave., Bloomington. Maushard-Clark also will speak about her nursing experiences to invited guests, students and alumni.

Maushard-Clark works at the Chicago Children's Hospital where she is a pediatric nurse practitioner in the department of pediatric neurology. She also has worked in the Chicago Children's Hospital's Infectious Disease/Pediatric HIV Program and Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Adult Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Before coming to Chicago, Maushard-Clark worked at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria in the Adult Neurology Intensive Care Unit.

Donna Hartweg, director of the IWU School of Nursing, said, "Dr. Maushard-Clark is presented the award due to her activism to promote the pediatric nurse practitioner role at the University of Chicago and Chicago Children's Hospital."

Maushard-Clark, who received a nursing doctorate degree in 1995 from Rush University in Chicago, was selected for the award by a panel of alumni who have received the award in the past and Hartweg.

IWU Homecoming 2000 festivities are built around the theme: "The Time of Our Lives." Homecoming will feature several special attractions for alumni returning to campus that focus on IWU's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Most notably the celebration includes the dedication of IWU's Sesquicentennial Gateway at the corner of Empire and Park Sts. The ceremony will follow with an Alumni Luncheon at the Shirk Center.

The celebration also will include morning campus tours that show how IWU has changed since the university's founding in 1850, a football game (IWU vs. Elmhurst College) and class reunion dinners. The Sesquicentennial Gala, a post-reunion party in the evening for alumni, guests and friends of the university.

IWU enrolls more than 2000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts and a \$1.65 million baseball stadium. Construction is underway on a \$26 million library and a \$6 million student center.

