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## **Cheryl Schraeder Earns IWU Nursing Honor**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --Cheryl Crowley Schraeder of Mahomet, Ill., is the recipient of the 2001 Illinois Wesleyan University Distinguished Alumna Award for Excellence in Nursing.

Schraeder, who earned her bachelor's of science in nursing from IWU in 1968 and taught at the school from 1973 to 1977, received the honor during last weekend's Homecoming festivities on campus.

Since 1988, Schraeder has been head of the Health Systems Research Center at Carle Coordinated Care Services, LLC, in Urbana. In that role, she is the leader of outcomes, performance improvement, care management as well as serving as liaison with funding organizations, state and national congressional staffs and national nursing organizations.

She has been the project director and principal investigator for projects funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Health Care Financing Administration, and others.

In 2000, she was named Illinois Nurse Leader of the Year and was honored as a fellow by the American Academy of Nursing.

She has contributed to countless publications, including journals and books, and has been an assistant professor since 1984 at the College of Nursing at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the University's College of Medicine.

Among her advisory groups are the American Accreditation Health Care Commission in Washington, D.C., the John A. Hartford Foundation in New York City, and the American Nurses Association in Washington, D.C.

Schraeder received her master's degree in psychology from Eastern Illinois University and earned a doctorate in counseling and inquiry in 1982 from Indiana University.

IWU's School of Nursing launched its four-year bachelor's degree program in 1959. Students enter the School of Nursing as freshmen, begin clinical experiences as sophomores, and blend liberal arts courses with professional nursing courses throughout their four-year undergraduate careers. Clinical experiences take place at regional hospitals, home care and public health agencies, and clinics.