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## Miller to Receive IWU's School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award

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Joanne Miller

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— As part of its **Homecoming Weekend** festivities, Illinois Wesleyan will honor Joanne M. Miller, Class of 1973, with the annual School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award. The award ceremony, which will feature Miller's address, "Who's in Charge? Promoting Older Adult Health", will be held in the Center for Natural Sciences (CNS) Commons (201 Beecher St., Bloomington) on Saturday, October 12 at 9 a.m.

Miller, who recently obtained a \$1.2 million three-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is an associate professor and specialty coordinator for the Adult Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurse Programs at Rush University College of Nursing in Chicago. She is a certified nurse practitioner and an active researcher, particularly in the field of geriatric medicine. Miller is also a prolific publisher of medical-related material and actively presents at national and international venues.

She has received multiple awards for her numerous accomplishments, including the Professional Development and Teaching Innovation Awards at Rush, the Sigma Theta Tau, Gamma Phi Clinical Research Award and the John A. Harford Foundation Grant, to name a few. Miller is also a frequent volunteer for the Alzheimer's Disease Memory Walk, CROP walk for World Church Service to feed the hungry and health fairs for older adults.

In 1999, Miller earned her gerontological nurse practitioner certification from Rush, and in 1995 she received a doctorate in nursing sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 1976, she earned a master's degree in psychiatric nursing from Rush. Just before graduating Illinois Wesleyan in 1973, with a bachelor's of science in nursing, Miller became a member of the Alpha Tau Delta Nursing Honor Society.



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