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# Reinking '87 to be Honored as Distinguished Nursing Alumna

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—This year, Illinois Wesleyan University's [School of Nursing](#) will honor Cheryl Reinking '87 with its Distinguished Alumna Award for Excellence in Nursing during [Homecoming](#) festivities.

Reinking is currently the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, Calif., where she oversees all nursing departments as well as other clinical areas. As a member of El Camino Hospital's Magnet Committee, Reinking has helped the hospital achieve Magnet status in 2005, 2010, and 2015, a distinct recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for excellence in nursing.

After graduating from Illinois Wesleyan with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Reinking earned a master's degree in nursing from San Jose State University. She began working at El Camino Hospital over 29 years ago as a direct care nurse, and held various management and director positions before assuming her current role as CNO.

She has published articles on improving patient's transition from acute care to post acute care and is the recipient of multiple awards, including the El Camino Hospital Leadership in Action Award in 2005 and a Silicon Valley Woman of Influence Award in 2013.

On Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m., a social and awards ceremony honoring Reinking will be held in the Center for Natural Sciences, where she will give remarks, "My Notes on Nursing." Following the social, tours of the School of Nursing's recent renovations will be available.



Cheryl Reinking '87

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