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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--A health-care professional, who heads a new cancer center here, will receive the 1996 Illinois Wesleyan University Distinguished Alumna Award for Excellence in Nursing as part of Homecoming festivities this weekend.

Barbara Nathan, a 1980 IWU nursing graduate and a Bloomington resident, is executive director of the BroMenn/St. Joseph collaborative Cancer Center in Bloomington-Normal.

She will receive the IWU award tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 11) at a 6 p.m. ceremony at Jumer's Chateau, 1601 Jumer Dr., Bloomington.

Notifying Nathan of her award, Donna Hartweg, IWU professor and director of the School of Nursing, wrote: "Your leadership of the cancer center indicates the confidence community leaders have in your leadership.

"Certainly the many classes you taught on leadership and management to nursing students," Hartweg added, "have contributed to the education of our graduates. Indeed, you honor all of us with your commitment to nursing, health-care, and to the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing."

IWU nursing faculty will present the award to Nathan at a 5-7 p.m. reception tomorrow. Nathan also will be recognized at an 11:15 a.m. alumni luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Shirk Center prior to IWU's Homecoming football game at 1:30 p.m. against Millikin at Illinois Wesleyan Stadium.

Nathan is the seventh IWU nursing graduate to receive the excellence in nursing award. A School of Nursing Committee was responsible for selecting Nathan for the honor.

Nathan has served as vice president of patient services at BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Virginia and Franklin, Normal, and as a coordinator and board member for the Community Health Care Clinic, 902 N. Franklin, Normal.

She was instrumental in forming the McLean County Prenatal Clinic, 902 N. Franklin, Normal, and served as its first president. Since the clinic was established in 1993, it has served more than 3,000 county residents who needed prenatal care.