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Phillips Beth Israel Dean Receives GEM Award

NEW YORK, June 10, 2014 -- At a gala event held on June 3 at the Teaneck (NJ) Marriott to honor regional finalists for Nurse.com's GEM (Giving Excellence Meaning) Awards, Janet Mackin, RN, EdD, Dean, Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing, received the GEM Award for Education and Mentorship.

Dr. Mackin was honored for "advancing nursing education and practice that have impacted academic excellence and student success." Stellar among her many accomplishments is the school's accreditation as a baccalaureate-level college which enables Phillips Beth Israel to open a uniquely designed RN to BSN program starting in the Fall.

The Mount Sinai Health System had a finalist in four out of six categories with a total of 30 outstanding nurses representing healthcare organizations in New York and New Jersey. In addition to Dr. Mackin, Mount Sinai finalists were:

-- Marilyn Bookbinder, RN, PhD, FPCN, Dept. of Pain Medicine & Palliative Care Director of Nursing and Quality, Mount Sinai Beth Israel – Advancing and Leading the Profession

-- Alexis Sherman, RN, BSN, CWOCN, ostomy nurse clinician, Mount Sinai Hospital – Clinical Nursing, Inpatient

-- Irene Jankowski, MSN, ANP-BC, CWOCN, Wound, Ostomy and Continence Specialist, Mount Sinai Beth Israel -- Patient and Staff Management.

In her acceptance, Dean Mackin acknowledged the support of the Phillips Beth Israel Board, particularly co-chairs Janet Green and Ruth Nerken, who attended the event, as well as the faculty and staff with whom she does "mutual mentoring." "Two of the smartest things I did in my life are to go into nursing and to marry my husband Jim," said Dr. Mackin.

The annual GEM Awards are presented by Nurse.com, a publication of the Gannett Healthcare Group serves seven regions across the U.S. Dr. Mackin and other NY-NJ regional winners will vie for national honors which will be awarded later in the year.

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