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## **Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing Receives National League of Nursing Accolade As Center of Excellence**

### **Latest PBISN honor caps retiring Dean's 14-year tenure**

July 28, 2014 -- The National League of Nursing's (NLN) has announced that Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing has earned its prestigious four-year designation as a Center of Excellence (COE) in Nursing Education™ in the category of Student Learning and Professional Development.

Phillips Beth Israel is one of six centers of nursing education that have been designated a COE in 2014. The COE program was inaugurated in 2004 and, with this year's awardees, there are now 35 schools across the country that have attained COE recognition. The awardees will be formally recognized at the NLN Education Summit in Phoenix, AZ in September.

This latest honor earned by the school caps the 14-year tenure as Dean of Janet Mackin, EdD, RN, who is retiring on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Mackin, who led the successful effort to expand the school's program with its NYS-approved RN to BSN degree program, was also recently the recipient of Nurse.com's Giving Excellence Meaning (GEM) Award for Education and Mentorship. She is also the recipient of Mount Sinai Beth Israel's 2014 Care and Compassion Award.

During last May's graduation, the Phillips Beth Israel Board Co-chairs Janet Green and Ruth Nerken recognized her outstanding service to PBISN and Dean Mackin's visionary leadership, dedication and passion. In all, she is retiring after 35 years of service, counting her stint in various positions at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, including Director of Nursing Education, and at the former Continuum Services as Corporate Director for Training and Organizational Development.

"Janet helped grow the school and expand it to its current college status. We are grateful for her leadership and support," said Associate Dean Lynn Rubenstein, MA, RN, who has been named Acting Dean.

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