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HPNA Awards 2013 Presidential Citations

PITTSBURGH, PA, APRIL 1, 2013 - The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) has announced that **Mary Lynn McPherson, Pharm.D. BCPS CPE** and **Warden N. Burl Cain** are the recipients of the **2013 Presidential Citations**. The HPNA Presidential Citation is awarded to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to HPNA and to the field of palliative nursing. Nominees can come from various backgrounds, including but not limited to members of the media, legislators, community activists, and educators. This year's honors were presented at the 2013 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine / HPNA Annual Assembly in New Orleans, Louisiana.

- **Mary Lynn McPherson, Pharm.D., BCPS, CPE** is currently Professor and Vice Chair for Academic Affairs, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Baltimore, Maryland. She serves as a Hospice Consultant Pharmacist and is a Fellow in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Pharmacists Association, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists and the American Society of Pain Educators. Dr. McPherson has had an active and long-standing program of research on the appropriate use of medications at end of life. Her passion for interprofessional education and research, particularly in pain management and palliative care, has contributed to her long-standing relationship with the AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly and HPNA. She has authored and reviewed many HPNA publications, participated in the development of medication-related policies for the association and with her engaging and witty presentation style has educated countless professionals through other HPNA educational symposiums.
- **N. Burl Cain** was named Warden of Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP) in January 1995 by Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Known for his approaches in prison management, Warden Cain holds a degree from Louisiana State University and a master's degree

in Criminal Justice from Grambling State University and has more than 30 years of experience in corrections. He is the longest-standing warden in the history of LSP.

The Louisiana State Penitentiary (Angola) has a hospice program that is a part of the rehabilitation treatment offered to inmates. Angola was the second prison in the United States to start a hospice program. Since then, the program has grown to include dozens of inmate volunteers who go through a rigorous screening and training process. In their final hours, some inmates at Angola tend to the needs of other convicted criminals. Warden Burl Cain said it is a way for people known as "selfish takers" to finally give back.

“As a professional nursing association, HPNA is honored to bestow the Presidential Citation upon these two individuals,” said **Sally Welsh, MSN RN NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of HPNA**. “It is amazing to witness the significant impact and influence each has had on the entire field of palliative nursing and end of life care. HPNA formally thanks them for their efforts.”

About HPNA

Celebrating its 27th anniversary, with nearly 11,000 members, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a national non-profit organization of nursing professionals specializing in the specialty of palliative nursing across the life span continuum. Its mission is to lead the way to promote excellence in the provision of palliative nursing care through leadership development, education and the support of research in the field. Established in 1986, HPNA is the only nursing organization of its kind. It is part of the Alliance for Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Nursing which includes the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation and the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. Together, the organizations are working to lead the way in the advancement of the rapidly growing and increasingly important palliative care nursing specialty. To learn more, visit HPNA at www.hpna.org, call 412.787.9301, or email hpna@hpna.org.

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