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Muriel A. Poulin Nursing Student Essay Contest

Florence Nightingale’s Influence on the Evolution of Nursing

In celebration of the bicentenary of Florence Nightingale's birth, the Nursing Archives Associates of the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University is seeking essays written by nursing students that are focused on Florence Nightingale’s influence on the evolution of nursing, both historical and contemporary. This competition is open to nursing students enrolled at all levels of study—undergraduate, master’s and doctoral.

The writer of the winning essay will receive:

- $500 prize
- Notes on Nursing by Florence Nightingale, Commemorative 2020 Edition
- Publication of the essay on the Nursing Archives Associates website
- Complimentary registration for all Boston University Nightingale 2020 events

Please submit two double-spaced copies of the essay electronically to nursing@bu.edu by February 15, 2020. One copy should not contain any identifying information and the other copy should include name, school of nursing, and contact information. Please limit the essay to 1000 words.

Essays will be accepted until February 15, 2020 and the winning recipient will be notified by March 30, 2020.

The late Muriel A. Poulin, EdD, RN, FAAN, was a former board member of the Nursing Archives Associates, Professor Emerita at Boston University and one of the authors of the original Magnet Study. An internationally renowned nursing leader and advocate for the nursing profession, she was named a Living Legend by ANA Massachusetts in 2011 and by the American Academy of Nursing in 2012. She was honored by the American Nurses Association by induction into the Nursing Hall of Fame in 2016.