

DNA 20 Honors Nurse of the Year



DNA 20 is honored to name Betsy Woolf, MSN, RN, PGMT-BC, MEDSURG-BC as its 2021 Nurse of the Year. Since becoming active in DNA 20 in 2016, Betsy served on the Nominating Committee, was a Board Member at Large and has been the Vice President since 2020. She represented DNA 20 for the past two years on the Colorado Nurses Foundation (CNF) Scholarship Selection Committee. As Vice President, she redesigned the DNA 20 Newsblast which she publishes and distributes monthly to all DNA 20 members. Despite COVID, she arranged for speakers to present virtually at monthly DNA 20 meetings held in the past year. During the 2021 Legislative Session, she testified before the House of Representatives Health and Insurance Committee about Sunset Review of the Nurse Practice Act.

While working as the Pain Management Clinical Coordinator at SCL Health Lutheran Medical Center, she was a recipient of a Colorado Nightingale Award in 2016 in the Leadership, Advocacy and Innovation Category. In 2018, she received ANCC's Pain Management Certified Nurse Award. She was appointed to the Colorado Nurses Foundation Board in 2021 where she is co-chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Besides her involvement with DNA 20 and CNF, Betsy has mentored prelicensure nurses through the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence Diversity Mentorship Program and served as President of the CO Chapter of the American Society for Pain Management Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Alpha Kappa At-Large Chapter. Betsy received Associate of Science Nursing and Bachelor of Science Nursing degrees from Brigham Young University and, in 2020, a Master of Science Nursing Leadership from the University of Colorado - Anschutz. She currently is a PN Instructor at PIMA Medical Institute, Aurora, Research Manager with Verran Professional Governance Scale and owner of PaincareRN.