

## Northwest State Faculty Member Lori Bird Appointed NLN Ambassador

*Program facilitates communication between National League for Nursing and nurse educators*

Archbold, Ohio – Northwest State Community College is pleased to announce that Lori Bird, nursing faculty member, has been appointed by the National League for Nursing to serve as an NLN Ambassador. As a participant in this elite corps, Ms. Bird has information to keep faculty and administration informed about the NLN's initiatives, grant opportunities, conferences, publications, workshops, and other benefits available to NLN members.

"We created this selective program to make it as easy as possible for nursing faculty and nursing programs at all levels of academia to understand what the NLN has to offer to enhance professional development and status," explained NLN CEO Dr. Beverly Malone. "At the same time, we expect the Ambassadors to communicate to NLN professional staff and the board what issues and challenges are of greatest concern to nurse educators in the field so that we can maximize the effectiveness of our programming and services. The Ambassadors are, in effect, the NLN's 'eyes and ears' on campus."

Ms. Bird has over 30 years of experience in the nursing field. She has been an instructor at Northwest State since 1988 and has helped to assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of several nursing courses at the College. Ms. Bird also serves on the Board for the Filling Home of Mercy in Napoleon, Ohio and is a member of several professional associations including the American Nurses Association and the National Education Association.

The NLN Ambassador Program was established in the fall of 2006 with an initial cadre of 126 members who teach in all types of nursing programs – practical nurse, associate degree, diploma, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral. Today there are over 700 ambassadors representing schools of nursing in 50 states and 5 countries. New Ambassadors are appointed twice a year to meet the goal of having one NLN Ambassador in every school of nursing. Dr. Malone stated, "We are confident that the insights gained through this valuable relationship will help make the NLN more responsive to the needs of our dedicated nurse educators."

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