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## **Galen College of Nursing Receives Presidential Community Service Award**

LOUISVILLE, KY. – March 1, 2010 – Galen College of Nursing has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues ranging from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms.

Galen students, faculty and staff engaged in a number of charity- and service-related causes in 2009, including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk, Kosair Children's Hospital fund raising and educational efforts, educational work at Frazier International History Museum, Haiti earthquake relief efforts through Supplies Over Seas, the National Alzheimers Association's Kamp for a Kure, collecting toys at Christmas for a number of local children's charities, public health fairs and much more.

"Nursing is about giving something back," Mark Vogt, President of Galen, said. "And it's needed in more than just in a health care setting; we feel it's important that our students engage in community-based service efforts to create a more well-rounded educational experience while also doing something immediately positive."

"Congratulations to Galen College of Nursing and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Patrick Corvington, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "Our nation's students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face. They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service."

The Honor Roll includes six colleges and universities that are recognized as Presidential Awardees, with an additional 115 named to the Distinction List and 621 schools named as Honor Roll members. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service learning courses.

College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector; in 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of service, according to the Volunteering in America study released by the Corporation. Each year, the Corporation invests more than

\$150 million in fostering a culture of service on college campuses through grants awarded by its programs; the education awards that AmeriCorps members receive at the conclusion of their term of service to pay for college; and through support of training, research, recognition, and other initiatives to spur college service.

**ABOUT GALEN**

Galen College of Nursing focuses solely on nursing education and the success of each student. One of the nation's largest private colleges of nursing, Galen offers RN and LPN programs, as well as an LPN-to-RN bridge, with small class sizes, diverse clinical experiences, modern, well-equipped facilities and a committed, caring faculty. Founded in 1989, Galen College has campuses in Florida, Kentucky, Ohio and Texas. Galen's main Louisville campus is located at 1031 Zorn Avenue, Suite 400; for more information, visit [www.galencollege.edu](http://www.galencollege.edu) or call 502-410-6200.