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Texas Nurses Association Honors Dr. Chambers

A midwife who has delivered more than 2,000 babies was recognized by the Texas Nurses Association in November as an outstanding nurse. Angelina N. Chambers, PhD, RN, CNM, who now serves as professor and associate dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Nursing, was one of 20 outstanding nurses recognized by the Texas Nurses Association, District 9.

“I feel happy, fortunate, and humbled to be recognized by my nursing peers in Texas,” Dr. Chambers said. “It is a wonderful lifelong lesson to realize that I was applauded for simply doing what I found to be interesting and most passionately fulfilling.”

The honorees are nominated by their peers for their exemplary work in the profession of nursing. TNA said those recognized demonstrate expertise in professional practice, serve as role models to others, contribute to the quality of healthcare within our community and demonstrate commitment to the profession of nursing.

Dr. Chambers said what she enjoys most about working at St. Thomas is helping “at risk” students to succeed.

“I always tell my students, ‘We admitted you into this program because we know that you can do this. Now, let’s talk about what is distracting you this semester,’” she said. “As a teacher in the classroom, I am accessible to the students, and I also learn from them. As associate dean I have the privilege and responsibility of formulating and implement policies that actually help all of the students.”

Dr. Chambers earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Skidmore College. From Yale University, she received a Master of Science in Nursing that specialized in nurse-midwifery. She earned a doctorate in nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Prior to her current appointment, she practiced nurse-midwifery and taught for 30 years in New York, Connecticut and Houston. She has received six awards for teaching excellence. Dr. Chambers has served as an international lecturer and a clinical group leader in the Dominican Republic, Guam and Trinidad.

From her professional achievements, Dr. Chambers hopes students realize they can follow their intuition rather than to follow the crowd.

“It is OK to think outside the box and thereby develop innovative ways of delivering safer health care,” she said. “Most of all, I want them to learn to listen to women, protect women and their families, and to do it all with a sense of passion.”



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