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**Two Nurses Honored with the Bayada Award for  
Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice**

Mt. Laurel, NJ — June 26, 2009 — Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions presented the 2009 Bayada Award for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice on Friday, June 5. The ceremony honored recipients Carol Durham, EdD(c), MSN, RN and Ruth McCaffrey, DNP, ARNP-BC in Arlington, VA. The awardees received a cash prize of \$5,000 and were recognized as having made a significant contribution to nursing by the use of new technology.

Durham, a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Nursing, was honored with the Education Award for *Improving the Care of the Acutely Ill Elder*. She created an innovative approach to distribute simulation technology to long-term care facilities. The project provided nursing care teams with the opportunity to update and build skills in caring for the elderly.

McCaffrey, an advanced registered nurse practitioner at Florida Atlantic University at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, received the Practitioner Award. She developed a computerized assessment tool to determine the risk of deep vein thrombosis, a blood clot in a deep vein. The tool has significantly reduced veno-thrombotic events and is being used throughout the United States and Europe.

Ann Baiada, director of Bayada Nurses, gave a speech at the ceremony, stating, "We are brought here today to celebrate two innovators who are making a difference in the lives of patients and advancing the profession of nursing by embracing technology's gifts."

Mark Baiada, founder and president of Bayada Nurses, and his brother Mel, benefactor of Drexel University's Baiada Center for Entrepreneurship in Technology, established the award in 2004. Entries were judged by the technology's innovativeness and its impact on nursing education or patient care, and must be in use six months or longer.

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