



MASBHC Annual Susan Borinsky Outstanding School-Based Health Center Nurse Clinician Award

About the Award

Susan Borinsky was lost to COVID-19 on November 1, 2020. In her memory and to honor her long-standing devotion to and career as a nurse practitioner in Baltimore school-based health centers, the Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Center is creating the Annual Susan Borinsky Outstanding School-Based Health Center Nurse Clinician Award. The award will be conferred each year to an outstanding nurse or nurse-practitioner who demonstrates passion and commitment to serving children and youth in a school-based health center in Maryland. The recipient of the Susan Borinsky award will recognize a nurse or nurse practitioner who always goes 'above and beyond' to manifest the vision of quality school-based health care for all young people. Selection of the awardee will be made by members of the MASBHC board in consultation with Mark Borinsky, Susan's husband.

Nominations

Nominations will be solicited from the school-based health center field. Anyone can nominate an individual. Eligible clinicians need to be currently working or have worked in a school-based health center for at least 5 years. Applications will be made through submission of a short essay that speaks to the qualities and commitments shown by Susan Borinsky during her career. Questions to consider when writing the essay:

1. How does the nominee demonstrate their passion for working in the school setting?
2. How does the nominee go above and beyond to ensure quality care for students?
3. How does the nominee ensure top quality health education and prevention for their students?
4. Describe the impact of the nominee's clinical expertise on students, families, school community and/or colleagues. -please be specific (e.g. impactful diagnosis, teaching, mentoring).



Eligibility

Eligible nominees:

- Current Nurse or Nurse Practitioner in school-based health center
- At least 5 years of service in the school-based health care field

About Susan Borinsky

Susan Borinsky worked almost 30 years in School-Based Health Centers in Baltimore, Maryland. She originally worked as a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and left to work as a school nurse at Walbrook High School in the school-based health center in April, 1991. She immediately realized working in a school and a school-based health center was her calling and her passion prompting her to become a nurse practitioner. Her dedication to her advanced practice degree and to her work in a SBHC made her a ready mentor to other nurse practitioner students in her SBHC. Susan had a huge heart, a ready hug for everyone - students and coworkers alike. Susan was a dedicated mentor and educator to her students and constantly advocated on their behalf. She was passionate about educating them on their health be it about diabetes, trauma and abuse or how to access to birth control and ensuring they used it. She was never one to let a lab report slip by her and made sure she connected to the lab couriers as well as the staff at the lab to ensure timely processing especially during school holidays. School-Based Health Centers and Susan Borinsky in many ways were synonymous.