PRESS RELEASE: STTI ANNOUNCES 2017 INTERNATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Virginia K. Saba Nursing Informatics Leadership Award

June 15, 2017 - The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) announces the nurses and healthcare professionals being honored for their contributions to professional excellence with the 2017 International Awards for Nursing Excellence. These awards — recognizing achievements in the fields of technology, media, chapter excellence, research, education, practice, and leadership — will be presented during the 44th Biennial Convention, 28 October through 1 November 2017 in Indianapolis.

“Our International Award recipients are recognized by their peers for their excellence and outstanding contributions to global health. I am honored to offer my personal congratulations on these achievements,” said STTI President Cathy Catrambone, PhD, RN, FAAN.

Joyce Sensmeier, MS, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, FAAN is the recipient of the Virginia K. Saba Nursing Informatics Leadership Award which honors an individual for his or her innovative and cutting-edge work in the field of nursing informatics. The individual’s work must have resulted in a significant development and sustained contributions to advance the discipline of nursing informatics. The individual’s work also must achieve a recognizable and momentous public benefit.

Ms. Sensmeier is a visionary nurse leader who has made substantive and sustained contributions to nursing informatics and who has successfully promoted awareness of the value of nursing contributions to the field of healthcare informatics, that impact quality, safety and health outcomes. Her keen insights, strategic vision, organizational skills and ability to collaborate in building broad alliances established her as a credible leader and led to the formation of a national alliance of organizations, the Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI), which is co-sponsored by AMIA and HIMSS.

She is a recognized leader who has made sustained, notable contributions that have a historic impact on healthcare, health policy and standards, industry, and education. Her involvement has included contributions to improved health outcomes through the development and adoption of effective information technologies, preserving the voice of nursing and ensuring that information about an individual is securely available through ubiquitous and standards-based health information exchange.

Today, Ms. Sensmeier’s exceptional knowledge and understanding of the importance and potential of informatics for promoting safe and high quality care have earned national and international respect, and are recognized by this Award.