

2008 CoARC Excellence in Respiratory Care Education Award

CoARC presented its second annual ***CoARC Award for Excellence in Respiratory Therapy Education*** to Youngstown State University's Respiratory Care Program at a reception for educators held in conjunction with the 2008 American Association for Respiratory Care Summer Forum in Phoenix, Arizona (July 11-13). Graduates of the Ohio-based program earn a baccalaureate degree in respiratory care. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding programs that go beyond meeting the standards for accreditation. Youngstown State's program was selected from a group of 14 nominees for its noteworthy achievements in distinguished leadership within the profession, distinction in the area of teaching, demonstrated major contributions to the respiratory care profession, and student and faculty community involvement.

Louis N. Harris, Ed.D, RRT started the Youngstown State program in 1977, serving as its program director until his retirement in May, 2008. For most of these years Janet Boehm, MS, RRT (former AARC president) served as the director of clinical education, retiring in May 2007. The current program director, Terry Volsko, MHHS, RRT, FAARC, and the director of clinical education, Mary Yacovone, MS, RRT were early graduates of the program. Dr. Harris and Ms. Volsko accepted the plaque and monetary award in the presence of approximately 85 reception attendees.

Congratulations to the Respiratory Care program at Youngstown State University for its excellence in Respiratory Care education!

