

2023 Helen Lamb Outstanding Educator Award

Susan Parry McMullan PhD, CRNA, CNE, CHSE, FAANA, FAAN Acceptance Speech

I am incredibly honored and deeply humbled to stand before you today as the recipient of the Helen Lamb Outstanding Educator Award. This prestigious recognition fills my heart with joy and gratitude, knowing that my dedication to educating the next generation of CRNAs has been acknowledged and celebrated.

To my nominators, Drs. Amy Yerdon, Joe Pellegrini and Mike Greco, thank you for nominating me for this award. To the AANA Board of Directors thank you for bestowing this incredible honor upon me.

I would like to thank my original mentor, Dr. Margaret Faut Callahan, who guided me in my first faculty role, and lastly UAB School of Nursing past Dean Doreen Harper for believing in me, and giving me the opportunity of a lifetime.

I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to mentor and guide countless students, each with their own dreams and aspirations. To my students, both past and present, this award is a testament to your hard work, dedication, and unwavering passion for this noble profession.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of your educational journey. May we continue to educate, inspire, and transform the field of nurse anesthesia for years to come.