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Sharon Davidson Dettenrieder honored

Professor Emerita of Nursing, Sharon Davidson Dettenrieder, MS, RN was honored October 3rd with Hartwick College's inaugural President's Award for Liberal Arts in Practice. The recognition, established this year by President Margaret L. Drugovich, celebrates Dettenrieder's work toward extending the values of a Hartwick education into her life's work. The award was presented during Hartwick's Nursing Alumni Recognition Dinner, as part of this year's Homecoming & Reunion weekend.



Dettenrieder joined the Hartwick faculty in 1986 and was appointed Chair of the Nursing Department in 2000. In the Oneonta community, she has served as an advocate and member of numerous organizations, including the Catskill Area Hospice and the EDD Memorial Fund, which she established in memory of her son, Eric. She is also a charter member of Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center's (Catskill Hudson AHEC) Board of Directors. Catskill Hudson AHEC is one of nine AHEC's statewide

whose initiative is to find solutions to the drastic shortages and serious lack of diversity within New York State's health-care workforce. Their strategies include introducing young people and adult career seekers to various healthcare career options, developing opportunities for future health professionals to receive their clinical training in underserved areas, providing continuing education and professional support to health practitioners and recruiting health professionals to underserved communities. The Catskill Hudson AHEC 11-county region is home to 29 hospitals, serving a total regional population of over 1.5 million people.

cited for being instrumental in founding the College's Transcultural Nursing program, which has provided an invaluable experiential link for generations of Hartwick nurses and bettered the lives of people in St. Thomas Parish, Jamaica. Among her many accomplishments are the establishment of Hartwick's chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society; the creation of the Partnership for Nursing Opportunities Program with Bassett Healthcare, which aids both Hartwick students and the broader community; and her work on countless critical faculty and department committees.