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NAANA HONORS KARIMAH ZUHDI TARAZI WITH ANGEL OF MERCY AWARD; DR. MAHA ALBDOUR DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH ON BULLYING OCTOBER 18, 2018

Detroit, MI, September 27, 2018 – The National American Arab Nurses Association (NAANA) announces that Karimah Zuhdi Tarazi, RN, BS, has been named the 2018 Angel of Mercy Award for her lifelong dedication to nursing in her native Palestine and beyond. The Angel of Mercy Award Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 6 p.m., at Byblos Banquets, 7258 Chase Road, Dearborn.

Renée Ahee, president of NAANA, said, "Karimah Zuhdi Tarazi has taken her nursing career beyond the walls of healthcare institutions and national borders, into four continents and cyberspace to reach patients and to encourage a new generation of nurses to be creative in how they apply their profession. She describes the nursing profession as 'a room with innumerable doors which open to opportunities to serve.' While we customarily recognize Arab American nurses who help or make a significant impact on the Arab American community, we also acknowledge the work of those nurses who expand the nursing profession.

Dr. Maha Albdour, PhD, APHN-BC, RN, Advanced Practice Nurse and Associate Professor of Nursing at Wayne State University, will present the keynote address, "Arab American Adolescents Bullying Experiences: Implications for Healthcare Research and Practice." Dr. Albdour will also address the impact of bullying on Arab American and African American youth.

In addition to presenting the Angel of Mercy winner, scholarships for 2018 will be awarded to five nursing students.

Individual tickets for the Angel of Mercy Banquet are \$100. Individual banquet tickets and tables of 10 tickets as well as ticket for the seminar can be purchased at <u>www.n-aana.org</u> or by <u>clicking here.</u> Sponsorships are available by contacting Theresa Tejada at 313-963-8383 or <u>events@n-aana.org</u> or by visiting <u>www.n-aana.org</u>.

NAANA was established in 2003 as a voice, a network and a resource for men and women in their pursuit of employment and advancement within the nursing profession. NAANA focuses



primarily on the Arab American nurse but it is an inclusive nursing organization fostering knowledge of cultural diversity and sensitivity between members and the community in the area of transcultural health care.

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