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Dear Members of the Council on Teaching,

It was a great honor to be a recipient of the Teaching in Higher Education award. I was able to travel to Cleveland, Ohio for the Midwest Nursing Research Society conference. There were over 300 paper and poster presentations to support the conference theme, “The Future of Nursing Research: Economic Realities and Creative Solutions”. The conference was an eye opening experience. I was able to connect with past and future nurse scientists and most importantly disseminate my work at one of the largest nursing research organizations.

My abstract was selected for the “Creative Strategies to Enhance Clinical-Academic Research Partnerships” symposia. I presented on how to integrate an electronic medical record into undergraduate nursing simulation through the use of an academic-clinical partnership between the College of Nursing and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinic. This topic is extremely relevant as many schools of nursing do not have the financial means to support an electronic medical record into their curriculum. I was able to discuss how a partnership can help reduce cost and stimulate higher level learning for nursing students. This subject tied nicely with the overall conference theme of “Economic Realities and Creative Solutions”. Overall, the presentation went well. There were no immediate questions from the audience but later in the day, one of the audience members found me to discuss my project. She was very interested in how this was developed and ways in which she could use it in her courses.

In addition to disseminating my project, I was able to attend a variety of presentations ranging from how to address the opioid epidemic to nursing job satisfaction and intent to leave the profession. Each presentation reminds you of why research and innovative ideas are essential to nursing and nursing education. There are many challenges in nursing education and health care that need to be addressed by nursing scientists. This conference was a reminder that there is a lot of research coming down the pipeline and there are a lot of innovative nursing researchers in the Midwest.

Providing me the opportunity to attend this conference helped me develop connections, knowledge, and inspiration that will last me a lifetime. I truly am thankful for this award.

Sincerely,

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