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2021 NCSBN Awards Ceremony - 2020 Award Recipient – Patricia Sharpnack **Video Transcript**

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Event

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Presenter

NCSBN Awards Committee

- [Announcer] 2020 Elaine Ellibee Award. A testament to Patricia Sharpnack's leadership skills is the fact that she was elected by her peers on the Ohio Board of Nursing for three terms. The governor also recognized her leadership as board president by calling upon her to participate on the governor's cabinet Opioid Action Team and collaborate with the governor's office, state agencies, and other regulatory boards to fight the opioid epidemic.

She was selected to present at Sigma's 30th International Nursing Research Congress in 2019, where she collaborated with nursing scholars from around the world involved in the advancement of Nursing Science. Her position as dean of the Ursuline College of Nursing has been invaluable in forging better communication and changing board policies dealing with various aspects of education when needed.

She has also advanced NCSBN strategic plan and initiatives. Some of her significant contributions in fulfilling those initiatives include creating a pathway for military and service members to become licensed LPNs, promoting relevant and responsive APR and regulation, and advocating for regulatory approaches that are responsive to changes in nursing practice and education.

Patricia's exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment to regulatory excellence and public protection is why she was given the Elaine Ellibee Award in 2020.

- [Patricia] I am honored to be recognized as the 2020 recipient of the Elaine Ellibee Award. I am humbled that you as peers selected me for an award that commemorates the contributions of Miss Ellibee who strongly believed in the importance of public protection, superior patient care, and continuing education for nursing leaders.

I am grateful to the Ohio Board of Nursing Executive Director, Betsy Houchen, for her support, mentorship, and friendship. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to learn from and work with her, the excellent staff, and the board members from Ohio. Being involved with both the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and the LBN has been incredible and life-changing.

I frequently share with my board, my college administration, and my students that appointment to the OBN, serving three terms as president, and being an active member in the NCSBN has been the finest experience of the 44 years I've been a nurse. The importance of engagement in policy and regulation has become an essential component in the coursework of students at all levels at the school that I lead.

My involvement with NCSBN has been a wonderful learning experience and has afforded me the opportunity to build relationships with regulatory and nursing professionals across the country. It has allowed me to earn the postgraduate certificate in Health Policy and Media Engagement at George Washington University as a member of the inaugural class, and it has enhanced my capacity to mentor through the Institute of Regulatory Excellence.

Furthermore, I had the opportunity to understand in detail the design of the next generation NCLEX and I appreciate Dr. Phil Dickinson and NCSBN's commitment to measuring new graduate nurse clinical judgment skills to ensure safe, competent practice. Serving in regulatory nursing has revealed the remarkable impact that my board and ultimately NCSBN has had on the delivery of quality-focused and safe nursing care in this nation and globally.

I am grateful to so many of you for your support, your mentorship, your authenticity, and your friendship. Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of this world for a slice of time and I pray that we will continue to cross paths in our quest to advanced nursing practice.