



2021 NCSBN Awards Ceremony - 2020 Award Recipient – Adrian Guerrero **Video Transcript**

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Presenter

NCSBN Awards Committee

- [Announcer] 2020 Meritorious Service Award. Known to all as a problem-solver, Adrian Guerrero is often called in when issues arise in the technology or operations arena, but his expertise does not end there. He is a well-respected on the state and national level. He often serves as a mentor, earning praise for his accessibility and willingness to listen to issues and concerns.

He proactively reaches out to other states. If he recognizes they need assistance or guidance, Adrian has served as NCSBN Area II Director and now holds the position of NCSBN treasurer on the board of directors. But his dedication to NCSBN goes back more than a decade. He has served on committees and is a presenter at many conferences.

He networks with other groups and associations and to promote NCSBN, discovering ways to bring boards and other healthcare disciplines together to find decisive approaches to foster public protection. Due to his leadership, Kansas has won several awards, including national recognition for Innovative and Efficient E-Government Licensing.

He was instrumental in getting the Nurse Licensure Compact passed and testified at the state level to showcase high performance of the board. He also helped develop the Alexa Skill App. Because Adrian has made a positive impact and significant contributions to the purposes of NCSBN, including its mission and vision, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in 2020.

- [Adrian] It's with great appreciation that I appear before you today, albeit virtually, to receive this incredible honor. I'm so humbled that some of my colleagues felt I deserved this nomination and took time to prepare it. And, wow, what an amazing ride it's been.

I'd like to thank the NCSBN Awards committee for your hard work of selecting from a list of outstanding candidates, and congratulations to all the other award recipients, who each had outstanding achievements that benefited the membership. I'd like to extend a special thank you to the two executive officers I've worked for. Twenty-one years ago, the exec at the time, Mary Blubaugh, took a chance on a

young computer tech and allowed me to reach for the stars and become involved with state and national committees.

She was a friend and a model leader. Also, I'd like to thank the current exec, Carol Moreland, for her leadership and for allowing me to continue to push the envelope with new ideas and expand on my personal and professional goals. Thank you both very much. I'd also like to thank the Kansas Board Members for your support and allowing me to continue to contribute to our field of work.

And I'd like to recognize the dedicated and hardworking staff members of the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Their dedication to our mission is what makes my service possible. I'm eternally grateful to those who have contributed to my NCSBN journey. To my friends, the mentors and the NCSBN staff who saw something in me and took time to invest in my professional evolution by pushing me to speak at conferences, getting involved with committees at NCSBN, I can't thank you all enough for all you've done for me.

Those experiences helped me achieve my most pinnacle career accomplishment of having the honor of serving with some of the most dedicated, hardworking people I've ever known, the members of the NCSBN board of directors. Having the opportunity to serve alongside this elite group of individuals is something I'll cherish for the rest of my days.

I extend a sincere heartfelt thank you to all of you for the amazing work you do and I tip my cap to each of you for your efforts to further our vision of leading regulatory excellence worldwide. And most importantly, I'd like to thank my family for your love and support; in particular, my loving wife of 25 years, Darcie. She's made this all possible for me to do this. She took time off her career to raise our two sons, and there's no doubt that she laid the foundation for our children to become the people they are today.

And they both are starting their exciting lives, and we cherish everything we've learned from them. And lastly I'd like to dedicate this award to my mother and father. I am grateful for all they instilled in me, for modeling the concept of hard work and responsible citizenship. Thank you both. In closing, to all my colleagues, our work is far from over. What we've accomplished together has made a difference in many people's lives.

So let's roll up our sleeves and continue this journey with more dedication than ever. Cheers.