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## UMMC NURSES RECEIVE RECOGNTION AT NIGHTINGALE AWARDS CEREMONY

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JACKSON, Miss. – Mississippi's 2011 Nightingale Awards recipients from the University of Mississippi Medical Center include, front row, from left, Jana Neely, Nurse Rookie of the Year; Edrie George-Royals, Mississippi 2011 Hall of Fame; Michelle Welander, Nurse Manager of the Year; and back row from left, Tina Martin, Faculty Member of the Year; Rebecca Askew, Nurse Educator of the Year; and Chris Powe, Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year.

The late Mickey Aldridge, who was a TelEmergency nurse practitioner at Holmes County Hospital and Clinics in Lexington, was inducted into the Mississippi Nurses Association 2011 Hall of Fame.

The ceremony, held March 7 at the Downtown Jackson Marriott, honored nurses who provide exceptional care in the health-care industry in Mississippi. The MNA and the Mississippi Nurses Foundation presented the awards.

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