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Inaugural Awards Presented at the TCAA 22nd Annual Conference

NORTH CAROLINA — Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) hosted its 22nd Annual Conference April 28th through May 3rd at the Luxor Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. This year, the organization introduced two inaugural awards at its Annual Business Meeting Luncheon. The TCAA Award of Distinction for Outstanding Leadership was developed to allow members of the trauma community to recognize peers who have made significant impacts in the field of trauma through leadership, clinical achievement or advocacy. The Circle of Excellence Award was developed by the TCAA Board of Directors to provide recognition to individuals for years of service, achievement and dedication to the field of trauma.

TCAA Board Chair, Eileen Whalen presented the Award of Distinction for Outstanding Leadership to Barb Jensen for her commitment to advocacy, education and service. Jensen is currently Manager of Trauma Services and a member of the Forensic Nurse Team at EvergreenHealth, a Level III Trauma Center in Kirkland, WA. She has practiced as a Registered Nurse for 39 years, serves in various leadership capacities and is called on for her clinical expertise to advise on trauma related topics throughout Washington state. As a member of the Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Team, Jensen has served, supported and advocated for victims of physical and sexual assault. More recently, she, along with colleagues developed Active Shooter and Stop the Bleed training programs for employees and members of the local community.

Whalen, along with TCAA Immediate Past Chair, Dr. Samir Fakhry also presented the Circle of Excellence Award to Dr. John Fortune for his many years of service and dedication to the field of trauma. Dr. Fortune currently serves as a “clinical coach” in the Clinical Simulation Laboratory at the University of Vermont Medical Center. His career as a trauma and acute care surgeon spans 35 years. Dr. Fortune completed his undergraduate, medical school studies and general residency at Duke University. After spending time at the University of California San Diego, Albany Medical Center, the University of Arizona (Tucson), Southern Illinois Medical School (Springfield) and Upstate Medical University (Syracuse), he settled at the University of Vermont where he served as Trauma Medical Director and residency program director. Dr. Fortune also developed TCAA’s signature Trauma Medical Director and Advanced Trauma Medical Director courses which the organization offers annually to trauma surgeons. TCAA appreciates Dr. Fortune’s contributions to the trauma community and values his continued leadership.

ABOUT TCAA

The Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) is a non-profit 501c6 trade association dedicated to securing the economic viability of trauma centers and systems across the country. The Association’s mission is to foster the development of a national system of trauma care so that access to excellent care for the seriously injured is assured. We are the voice for trauma centers on Capitol Hill and across the country. TCAA is the premier source for trauma center information. Members receive individualized advice from the nation’s most experienced consultants in trauma center operations, finance, and trauma systems. TCAA houses an extensive data warehouse to support the fiscal viability and operational sustainability of America’s trauma centers. For more information, visit <https://www.traumacenters.org>

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