

ACADEMIC AWARD

Dr. Carol Papp, '68

“Education is the pathway to opportunity,” Dr. Carol Papp tells young people. “You will never be able to imagine where your path in nursing will take you in the future,” she assures them, “so, be ready educationally when opportunities in nursing come your way.” Carol, a 1968 nursing alumnae from Saint Anselm who went on to earn her Doctor of Nursing Practice in Clinical Leadership from Case Western Reserve University, and an Master’s Degree in Counseling from the University of Bridgeport, knows well of what she speaks. Carol never would have imagined when she graduated from Saint Anselm that she would go on to be the founding Dean of the University of Bridgeport School of Nursing in Connecticut. An experienced clinician, nurse educator, administrator and clinical leader for more than 40 years, Carol has worked for decades to cultivate practitioners and leaders in the medical field. As a Certified Nurse in Professional Development, she has led countless programs and initiatives to improve staff nursing education and clinical practice. During the past thirty years Carol has served within Bridgeport Hospital in progressive roles and responsibilities in nursing management, including Nursing Director of the Maternal Child Health Division, Staff Development, and Hemodialysis. Prior to being appointed founding Dean, she served as the Director of Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing for over three years. Carol is a member of the Connecticut League for Nursing, the National League for Nurses and a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. As a member of the Connecticut Council of Deans and Directors, she is involved in many initiatives to support nursing education and the educational mobility for nurses. Education has indeed been the pathway for Dr. Papp. But more importantly she has made it the pathway for hundreds of other people who now provide outstanding care to people around the world by following the lessons of compassion, precision and strong leadership which they learned from this proud graduate of the Class of 1968. We are pleased to therefore to honor Dr. Carol Papp with the 2019 Alumni Association’s Academic Award.