

Native American Recognition Days Lifetime Achievement Award (2008)

*Pictured: Patricia K. Hibbeler, CEO Phoenix Indian Center, Bev Warne, Award Recipient,
Diane Yazzie Devine, CEO Native American Connections*



Recipient: Beverly Warne (Lakota)

Bev Warne is the Project Director of the American Indian Students United for Nursing (ASUN), at the Arizona State University College of Nursing & Healthcare Innovation. The ASUN Project was established in 1990 by a grant from the Indian Health Service (IHS), which offers a scholarship for American Indian students who are admitted into the Upper Division Nursing Program. The Project was awarded in August 2008 for the new five year competitive grant cycle. The purpose of the project is to increase the number of American Indian nurses who provide health care for American Indian people through out the country.

As Project Director of ASUN, Bev is responsible for the overall programmatic and financial management of the project, for its day to day operation, and for the evaluation components. ASUN provides student retention activities with academic support and cultural/social events. The ASUN Project works collaboratively with on-campus and community resources such as the American Indian Student Support Services and the Phoenix area Native American Nurses Association.

Bev has long been an advocate and communicator of traditional American Indian values and beliefs. She taught Nursing and American Indian Culture courses for seventeen years at Mesa Community College (MCC) bringing richness to the program because of her traditional background and lifestyle. At MCC, she served as the American Indian Nursing club advisor, the Cultural Division Committee Chairperson, and as a facilitator for the Maricopa Community College District cultural orientation program.

A lifetime commitment to American Indian Health, Bev's professional career dates back to the 1960's, and she still serves in a community volunteer capacity with a number of organizations, including long time board member with Native American Connections. Bev received a Diploma in Nursing from St. John's School of Nursing in Rapid City South Dakota, a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Nursing from Arizona State University.

Bev has been married to Jim Warne for 45 years and they have two sons and 3 grandsons. Her sons Jim Warne, Jr. (PhD. Candidate) and Don, MD, MPH are both committed to American Indian Health issues. Jim is the Director of the Center for American Indian Rehabilitation at San Diego State University and President of Warrior Society Development, LLC. Don is the Director of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and CEO of the American Indian Health Management and Policy, an Indian-owned consulting company.

Bev has previously been recognized for her work through the Arizona Public Health Association's Award for Excellence in Nursing (1990); the ASU Native American Alumni Association's Award for Outstanding Leadership and Community Service (1999); the Native American Nurses Association's Nursing Hall of Fame Award (2005); the Global Nursing Foundation's Mentorship Award (2006).

ASUN Website: <http://nursing.asu.edu/asun/>