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CU College of Nursing alumna, Marnie McKercher, named School Nurse Administrator of the Year

Awarded by the Colorado Association of School Nurses

AURORA, Colo. (November 10, 2021) – Marnie McKercher, DNP, recently received recognition as the 2021 School Nurse Administrator of the Year, presented by the Colorado Association of School Nurses. In 2018, Dr. McKercher graduated with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice and a Master's of Public Health from the University of Colorado College of Nursing and Colorado School of Public Health respectively. McKercher is the Health Services Lead Nurse Consultant at Aurora Public Schools and serves on the CU Nursing Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Each year the Colorado Association of School Nurses recognizes nurses who have demonstrated excellence in school nursing practice and leadership in school health. According to <u>Aurora Public Schools</u>, during her nine year tenure as Lead Nurse Consultant at APS, McKercher has worked tirelessly to keep school nurses and school administrators informed and empowered in all things nursing and school health. She is regarded as an outstanding role model by her peers, and most recently, became a pivotal leader in guiding the district's pandemic response plan. In addition to her role in APS, McKercher is active in the community and the nursing profession.

McKercher joined the CU College of Nursing Alumni Association Board of Directors in July of 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. "Throughout the last year, Dr. McKercher has been a pillar within the alumni community. This award is a testament to her outstanding efforts on behalf of the communities she serves," said Alumni Association Board President, John Malsbary.

"There is no greater honor than to be nominated and awarded by one's professional peers. The award shows a belief in the leadership, direction and training that I provide to APS school nurses that, in turn, supports the health and wellness of the entire APS community," says McKercher.

Learn more about Dr. McKercher and the other Aurora Public Schools honorees here.

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