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**RAMAPO** — Five registered nurses and two licensed practical nurses were honored for their work at this year's annual Rockland Nurse Recognition Day ceremony.

The theme for the ceremony was "The Uniqueness of Nursing."

The keynote speaker was Susan Craig Schulmerich, a nurse and president of a consulting firm and an adjunct faculty member of Mount St. Mary's College in Newburgh.

The ceremony is held in a different location every year. It takes place during National Nursing Week.

This year's ceremony was Thursday at Summit Park, a county-run nursing home on the grounds of the Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center in Ramapo.

Nurses working in different settings throughout the county nominated their peers for the Excellence in Practice Award.

The two-page applications were reviewed by a committee, which did not know the nominees' names before making a decision.

The nominating committee was made up of nurses from Nyack, Good Samaritan and Helen Hayes hospitals, as well as home-care agency nurses, school nurses, professors from nursing schools and others.



Submitted by Bonnie Walsh

Martha Patterson, left, of Valley Cottage, United Hospice of Rockland accepts her award for Nursing Excellence from Patricia McAlpin, Rockland Department of Health, as Kathleen Hopkins of Rockland Community College looks on during a ceremony in Ramapo on Thursday

Committee members looked for specific examples of excellence by the nurse in such areas as leadership, research, and interaction with peers and patients.

The following nurses were honored with the Excellence in Practice Award:

■ Martha Patterson of Valley Cottage, a palliative care nurse affiliated with United Hospice of Rockland.

■ Tara Healy of Pearl River, a sexual assault forensic nurse affiliated with the Rockland Family Shelter.

■ Geraldine Genovese of Stony Point, community health nurse with the Rockland Department of Health.

■ Jeanette Miranda of Val-

ley Cottage, nurse at Nyack Hospital.

■ Donna Peters of Nanuet, a nursing professor at Rockland Community College.

Paul A. Lorissaint of Spring Valley, a licensed practical nurse at Rockland Psychiatric Center, won the LPN of distinction award.

Monique Luckett-Cummings of the Bronx, a student at Rockland Community College, won the LPN continuing education award.

Scholarships were awarded to Delcarmise Napoleon of Yonkers and Catherine Piscatelli of Fort Montgomery, who are attending the nursing school at Dominican College.