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Our Lady of the Lake College Professor Receives National Recognition

Baton Rouge, LA – Albert N. Swafford, Jr., Ph.D., physiology professor at Our Lady of the Lake College, has been selected by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) as the 2011 Didactic Instructor of the Year.

This award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the education of student nurse anesthetists in the classroom. This contribution benefits the profession of nurse anesthesia by raising the educational standards that further the art and science of anesthesiology, resulting in higher quality patient care.

Dr. Swafford was nominated for this award by his students and by instructors in the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia (MSNA) program at the College. Dr. Phyllis Pedersen, Director of the MSNA program explains, "I am ecstatic to hear that Dr. Swafford has been chosen for this very prestigious award. He has a unique ability to convey complex information with a compelling and personable teaching style. Not only is he a mentor for our students, but contributes in a multitude of ways to the quality of our program."

Before joining Our Lady of the Lake College, Dr. Swafford taught graduate and undergraduate classes in several institutions in the South. He earned his Ph.D. in Physiology at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Swafford will be recognized for his significant contributions to the profession of nurse anesthesia during the AANA Annual Meeting on August 7, 2011 in Boston, MA.

Offering master's, baccalaureate, and associate degrees, Our Lady of the Lake College is a four-year, independent institution, providing a strong foundation in the liberal arts and continuing



its highly-regarded health sciences and nursing programs. Established in 1923 as a nursing school by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady (FMOL), Our Lady of the Lake College holds to a Franciscan tradition of service, offer a healing and spiritual presence for the community and especially those most in need. To learn more about Our Lady of the Lake College, please visit www.ololcollege.edu.

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