Sherry Reck-Haines – 2009 Award Winner – Winona Campus

Maybe there is truth to the adage that some things do not change. Sherry enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program at Winona Technical Institute in 1970. There, this Arcadia, Wis. native found small class sizes and caring instructors were the staples that built relationships and friendships that felt just like family. "There were a variety of ages, we felt like we were a part of a team. We did everything together," Sherry said of her educational experiences. Fast forward 40 years, and our programs continue to provide comfortable class sizes, caring instructors and the chance to build lasting relationships in a positive environment.

To this day, Sherry's education remains a vital part of her life. She completed her Registered Nurse program through Western Technical College, worked for Tri-County Memorial Hospital for 22-plus years and is currently the Residential Services Director for Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, Arcadia campus.