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**ARN Past-President Michele Cournan Bestows President's Award to  
Jill Rye, DNP RN CRRN CNL FARN**

CHICAGO (November 27, 2019): The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) Past-President Michele Cournan, awarded Jill Rye, DNP RN CRRN CNL FARN, the 2019 President's Award. The award was presented at REACH 2019, ARN's Annual Educational Conference, held November 6 - 9 in Columbus, OH.

Cournan said, "In Jill's *spare time* she has given tirelessly to ARN, including actively participating on many committees, working on the development of the ARN Competency Model and leadership courses, writing for the 8<sup>th</sup> edition Core Curriculum, and teaching the Mini IMPACT Course! Having been a director on the ARN Board, Jill is on ARN's Council of Leaders and as ARN's current Lead Nurse Planner, she plays a primary role in ARN's educational content and creation. Jill's dedication to ARN and the specialty of rehabilitation nursing goes above and beyond.

I am confident that Jill will continue to help ARN ensure that rehabilitation nurses, in all settings, have the knowledge and expertise to make a positive difference in the lives of our patients and the rehabilitation nursing specialty."

Rye is the Rehab Unit Supervisor at Avera McKennon Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

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