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Maxson-Ladage Named Labette Community College Cardinal Citee

Dr. Wanda Maxson-Ladage has been named the 2012 Cardinal Citation Award winner by Labette Community College and the LCC Alumni Association. This is the highest honor bestowed by LCC to an individual for lifetime achievement.



The Cardinal Citation Award is presented annually at Commencement. The criteria are that: the nominee must be a living person who has had significant lifetime achievements to his or her profession, community, state, or nation; the nominee must have a current or past association with Labette Community College; and the nominee does not have to be a graduate of LCC.

Each year LCC and the LCC Alumni Association recognize an individual for a lifetime of outstanding service to his/her community and/or to the college. A distinguished panel of community members review nominations and recommend a Citee. On the evening of commencement, the Citee is honored during a reception in which families, invited guests, all former Citees, and the public are invited. The individual is also presented an award and speaks at Commencement.

The Citee's framed portrait is

hung in the Gallery of Cardinal Citation Recipients in the college's main administration building.

Dr. Wanda Maxson-Ladage has been a lifetime resident of Labette County where she was the youngest of the six Maxson children. She grew up and attended Hawkins rural school, Edna Grade School, and graduated from Edna High School in 1947. She was employed as a bookkeeper at Maxson Commission Co. at Parsons Stockyards and was soon married and had four daughters, Penny, Paula, Kim and Mona. Between 1947-1968 she focused on housework, and raising children, which she enjoyed. In the late 1960's family life changed and Wanda decided she needed an education. The following is a list of colleges attended, employers, professional organizations, civic activities, and awards:

Colleges & Universities Attended: Labette Community College—Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) 1972, Pittsburg State University—Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) 1976, Master of Science in Technical Teaching (MS Tech. Teaching) 1979, Educational Specialist Degree- Vocational Technical Education (EdS Vo-Tech Ed.) 1980; Kansas State University Doctorate Degree (PhD) in Adult and Occupational Education 1985

Employers: Katy Hospital one year, Coffeyville Memorial Hospital five years, Parsons State Hospital six months, Labette Community College 21 years.

Professional Organizations: American Nurses Association 26 years, Kansas State Nurses Association 26 years, KSNA #3 26 years, Emergency Department Nursing Association (EDNA) four years, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society 1977, National Organization Ad. of ADN charter member, Kansas Organization Ad. of ADN eight years, National League of Nursing 17 years, Kansas Council of ADN Educators 17 years, nurse consultant 17 years, Advisory Q/A Board and Pharmacy Board, Woodworth Enterprises Club 25 years, LCMC-CEU committee four years, Southeast Kansas Regional Mental Health Commission Advisory three years.

Civic: LCC Board of Trustees, 14 years served, LCC Foundation eight years, LCC Alumni Association Charter and Lifetime member, Labette County Extension Council two years, LCC Athletic Booster Club, member of First Baptist Church of Altamont, and many more.

Articles Published: “Caution! Don’t Toss Out the Baby with the Bath Water,” AD Nurse 1986 and “What Images Do You Display?” AD Nurse 1988.

National Honors: 1984 Who’s Who in Midwest, 1987 Who’s Who in American Nursing, 1989 Notable American Women, 1990 Who’s Who in American Education, and 2007 Cambridge Who’s Who Among Executive Professional Women in Nursing & Health Care.

Dr. Maxson-Ladage and her husband, Dwayne Curtis Ladage, live in Parsons and have 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She will be honored at The Cardinal Citee Reception prior to commencement on Friday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Commercial Bank. The public is invited to attend. For more information regarding the LCC Alumni Association Cardinal Citation Award, please contact Lindi Forbes, LCC Executive Director of Foundation & Alumni, at (620) 820-1212 or by e-mail at lindif@labette.edu.