

AWARD 8
William B. Dennis Humanitarian Award
Sponsored by IAHCSSM



The William B. Dennis Humanitarian Award was established by the former ASHCSP in honor and memory of Bill Dennis, who passed away in January 2001. It's an award and tradition that IAHCSSM is pleased to continue and offer to its members.

Bill was an active member of his local central service chapter, the North Carolina Hospital Central Service Association, and director of sterile processing at Duke University Hospital in Durham, NC. A member of ASHCSP for more than 20 years, Bill served as president and on the board of directors, and was a nationally recognized leader in the central service field. He was on numerous committees and spoke at various conferences, and was the 1983 recipient of ASHCSP's highest honor – the Leonard Leipus Award. In 1982 he received the Dr. John J. Perkins Award for his contributions to the field.

Bill also had a deep commitment to humanitarian causes. He actively provided humanitarian aid through church organizations, traveling to Panama and Cuba to distribute much needed medical supplies. In the mid-70s, Bill encouraged African-Americans and women to move into prominent positions within his department, far beyond the conventions and expectations of the time.

Friends and coworkers described Bill as modest, generous and always ready to crack a joke. He was committed to his vocation and to his outside philanthropic endeavors. Much like Bill, the recipient of this award exemplifies a deep commitment to humanitarian issues and the central service field.

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This annual scholarship, now being awarded by IAHCSSM, is intended to promote professional development by assisting in ongoing education, and can be used to fund an IAHCSSM member's annual conference attendance or other educational activity leading to professional development and certification.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Members can apply directly or nominate another member for this award.

1. The candidate must be an IAHCSSM member in good standing for at least one year.
2. The candidate must be involved in humanitarian causes at the local, state or national level.
3. The applicant or nominee must submit a one-page statement detailing the nominee's humanitarian efforts; including their years of participation (supporting documentation of humanitarian efforts is required).

Note: IAHCSSM members may receive this award one time only.

The award recipient will be reimbursed \$500 to participate in the IAHCSSM annual conference. The winner will be presented with a framed certificate during the Awards Luncheon at the IAHCSSM Annual Meeting.

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Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator's Name _____

Title _____

Hospital _____

Hospital Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone # _____

*Applicant grants permission to IAHCSMM to reprint and distribute this submission.

Deadline: March 1

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