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**Nursing Professor Wins Educator of the Year Award**

**Dr. Kelly Pond**, professor of instruction in the School of Nursing, was honored with the 2020 Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists Outstanding Educator of the Year award. The award is given by Ohio Nurse Anesthetists Student board members in recognition of excellence in teaching and mentoring of nurse anesthetist students.

“There were more than 25 nominations from various students, and I sincerely thank them for believing in me and trusting me to help them navigate through all there is to know in this rewarding profession,” Pond says.

This is the second year in a row that a UA professor won the award. Last year’s winner was **Dr. Brian Radesic**, director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program and assistant director of the School of Nursing.

UA’s Nurse Anesthesia Program is Ohio’s largest, with more than 35 clinical sites throughout the state, Radesic says. Students from the program posted a 100% first-time pass rate on the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) exam in both 2018 and 2019, surpassing the national average rate of 82–84% per year; and the program has had a 0% attrition rate over the past four years.