



**20 FOR 2020 NURSES
AWARD RECIPIENT**

TEXAS NURSING ORGANIZATIONS HONOR LILIANA MONDRAGON

Two leading Texas nursing groups recently named Liliana Mondragon, RN, BSN, as one of the 20 most outstanding nurses in the state.

Mondragon, manager for the primary care medical home program, is being honored with the “20 for 2020” award by the Texas Nurses Foundation and Texas Nurses Association. The designation was bestowed upon Mondragon in December 2020 as a part of the Year of the Nurse and Midwife celebration.

Nominated by peers, colleagues, community or family and selected by the boards of the state nursing groups, these nurses have made a difference in creating a culture of care and playing a vital role in supporting health and wellness.

Elaine Khanwilkar, MSN, RN, Mondragon’s manager, submitted her for the award. “Liliana has made remarkable contributions to the practice of ambulatory care nursing. She is a nurse advocate who embodies our organizational values, and works diligently to positively impact the lives of patients and fellow clinicians,” she said.

In her nomination, Khanwilkar noted that Mondragon:

- Serves as a role model for nurses by leading committees and programs that promote professional practice in clinics.
- Volunteers as a site coordinator for many initiatives to support overseas service members and local non-profit agencies.
- Facilitates team member engagement to achieve goals for Spanish translation certification.
- Strives to improve patient education tools as new information is obtained.
- Creates one-page guides for nurses to use in clinic as references to enhance patient care.
- Collaborates with physicians to develop supportive documents for the Integrative Medicine Clinic to treat chronic pain.
- Participates as a mentor to new nurses and to staff considering a nursing career.
- Leads monthly nursing “Lamplight” program to promote collaboration and sharing of professional knowledge.

Nurses are the nation’s largest group of health care professionals. They serve a critical role within America’s health care infrastructure. Nurses have proven to be compassionate, innovative and resilient in the face of the biggest public health crisis of this century.

Congratulations to Liliana for setting a stellar example as a nurse leader!

WATCH LILIANA MONDRAGON'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH:

