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THE ALTES PRIZE

Award Reception

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

The Foundry
1738 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Catherine Collins

2014 Altes Prize Recipient

Catherine Fisher Collins, Ed.D., a nurse practitioner and R.N., is recognized for her work in the Buffalo community and beyond, focusing on health care, homelessness and transitional housing for formerly incarcerated women, with a particular emphasis on the needs of African-American women, for whom there is a pattern of health care disparities, compared to the population at large.



She is the author of a series of books focusing on African-American women in the correctional system and social and health care issues. She is currently editing a book about African-American girls.

Four years ago, she started a women's radio program to educate and inform women in the region about health and social issues that impact them and their loved ones, which has had resounding support. The show, "Women's Health with Dr. Catherine Collins," airs twice monthly on 1400 WWWS.AM. It is the sole radio show devoted entirely to women's health.

In addition, Collins has spearheaded community initiatives such as Project Love and Hope for Homeless Children that served children in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C. With the Army Reserve Health Center at the Masten Avenue Armory in Buffalo, she established a volunteer weekend clinic to provide needed health services for children attending Public School #44 and residents of the Fruit Belt neighborhood with limited or no insurance. The clinic was staffed by Army medical personnel, in addition to Collins and other health professionals who volunteered their time.

Program

The Altes prize is named for retired, long-time Vice President for Academic Affairs Jane Altes, and is awarded annually to a member of the college faculty.

Welcome and Award Presentation

Nan M. DiBello, Ph.D., Dean

Award Acceptance

Catherine Fisher Collins, Ed.D.

Greetings and Recognitions

Judith Rushton



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