

PRESS RELEASE

The College of New Rochelle: First Ever WCSI Academic Affiliate™ of Watson Caring Science Institute

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Debra Simons seated center and Jean Watson to her right. With College of New Rochelle Colleagues.

Boulder, CO – Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) and Dr. Jean Watson are proud to announce **The College of New Rochelle** (CNR), New York, has been named a National Watson Caring Science Academic Affiliate™- the very first academic system to achieve formal affiliation of The Watson Caring Science Institute.

The designation recognizes **The College of New Rochelle**'s exemplary integration of caring theory and leadership commitment to offer informed Caring Science curriculum to their nursing students. **The College of New Rochelle** is the very first academic institution to have ever received the prestigious 'National Caring Science Affiliate™' recognition status.

Debra A. Simons, Ph.D., R.N. Dean, School of Nursing & Healthcare Professions at **The College of New Rochelle** and Fellow, New York Academy of Medicine, said: "It's a supreme privilege to have received recognition as an inaugural National Caring Science Academic Affiliate System!™ This is truly transformative in our dearly beloved profession. By integrating the

WCSI ethos of Caring Science into everything we do shows we are committed to providing an outstanding learning environment for students, staff and community."

Jean Watson, Founder and Director of WCSI said: "CNR is the oldest academic institution with such leadership, success, history and standards with its holistic caring curriculum. For the future of nursing education, we need to have leadership schools such as CNR held up as national exemplars for nursing education now and the future.

The College of New Rochelle has shown their commitment towards authentic, deep-rooted and sustainable Caring Science teaching and learning. To become a National Caring Science System™, The College of New Rochelle demonstrated to WCSI the authentically, deep-rooted and sustainable commitment to integrating Caring Science to transform and broaden whole person health and healing in its curriculum and culture.

The school joins thirteen other National WCSI Affiliate Hospital Systems, and eight Global WCSI Associate Systems who have achieved such a recognition.



The College of New Rochelle Staff

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About Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI)

The WSCI is an international non-profit organization that advances the philosophies, theories and practices of Human Caring/Caring Science. It was founded by Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, who serves as founder and director. Focusing on research, education, praxis and legacy, the institute aims to widen the development and understanding of Caring Science to inform our notion of quality care and healing environments. Currently there are over 400 hospitals throughout the USA with many other partner Healthcare systems globally using the WCSI theory. There are now over 350 WCSI trained practitioner leaders or 'Caritas Coaches' throughout the world. Texts on Watson's theory of caring is taught in Universities worldwide and translated into over 7 languages.

To become a National Caring Science System™ of WCSI, an organization must demonstrate specific criteria related to authentic human caringhealing practices for its whole community.

About Jean Watson

Jean Watson is a Distinguished Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita of the University of Colorado Denver, College of Nursing, where she held the Endowed Chair in Caring Science at the University of Colorado Denver and Health Sciences Center. for 16 years. She is the founder of the original Center for Human Caring in Colorado' the recipient of numerous awards and honors,

including the National Fetzer Institute Norman Cousins Award, an International Kellogg Fellowship in Australia, a Fulbright Research and Lecture Award in Sweden, and14 honorary doctorate degrees. Watson is the author of more than 100 publications in Caring Science and of more than 30 books on the Science of Human Caring[™], including the classic: *Nursing. The Philosophy and Science of Caring* which identifies the 10 core "Caritas Processes®' - universals of human caring, necessary for studying and implementing a model of Caring Science in practice. This work restores the deep-spiritual dimensions of Love with caring-healing as the foundation for preparing a new level of practitioners in Caring Science/Caritas HealthCare.

Dr Watson was designated a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing, its highest honor.

About The College of New Rochelle, New York

The College of New Rochelle School of Nursing & **Professions offers** Healthcare rigorous a academic program specializing in extensive professional preparation and a compassionate approach to patient care that is inspired by CNR's Ursuline heritage. Thev offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in nursing for students of all backgrounds, including traditional and transfer students, those looking to change careers, and RNs seeking to advance their education. Students and their experienced faculty share a deep commitment to holistic healing based on empathy, altruism, and leadingedge nursing skills.

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