# 2025 GALA Building a Legacy



### Mission

The Yuma County Nurses Foundation exists to organize an event to celebrate all Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in Yuma County, Arizona in honor of the American Nurses Association's National Nurses Week. This celebration occurs every May and includes a dinner, the presentation of awards, and recognition of Yuma County Nurse of the Year.

Purpose
The Yuma County Nurses Foundation created in 2024 is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization inspired by the tradition of the Yuma County Nurses Celebration that began in 2009. The Yuma County Nurses Foundation is dedicated to continuing the tradition of honoring all Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Yuma County.









### **Gala Program** 2025 Schedule

Saturday May 3rd, 2025

6:00-7:00 Social Hour/Cocktails

7:00 Welcome

7:00-8:00 Dinner

8:00-9:30 **Awards Presentation** 

9:30-12:00 **Dancing** 

10:30 Last Call

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### **Meet the Board**



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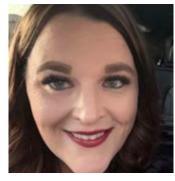


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2025 YCNF Gala Nominations

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## **Keynote Speaker**



#### Fabiana Bowles, MSN, RN

is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Arizona State University with over 25 years of nursing experience spanning clinical practice, education, and leadership. Her dedication to maternal-child health and nursing education has made a lasting impact in both Arizona and Virginia, where she has served as faculty at institutions including Virginia Commonwealth University and Arizona Western College her alma mater.

A passionate advocate for diversity, equity, and the professional growth of nurses, Fabiana has actively contributed to organizations such as the Arizona Nurses Association, the Virginia Nurses Association, and the

National Association of Hispanic Nurses, where she currently serves as Recording Secretary. Her leadership also extended to the Regional Centers for Border Health, where she served as Board Chairman during her years residing in Yuma.

Fabiana's career reflects the 2025 ANA theme, "The Power of Nurses," through her legacy of empowering students, mentoring future nurses, and advocating for underserved communities. Recognized with the Teacher of the Year award and the Christi Brito Light of Nursing Award, she continues to illuminate the path forward for the next generation of nursing professionals.

#### **Entertainment**

**Luz Rios** is a soulful vocalist and community advocate. By day, she helps seniors navigate insurance as a trusted Medicare Health plan Advisor; by night, she captivates audiences with her soulful voice. Deeply involved in the community, Luz blends her passion for service and music to uplift and inspire.



### 2025 Nominees



#### **Mentorship**

Ashley Reese BSN, CNOR Lealoni Ussery RN Veronica Soto BSN Jaquelin Esquer BSN Alexandria Estrada BSN, RN Lisa Dennis RN AS-ADN Brooke Hansen RN, BSN Trisha Estes BSN Carolina Monte BSN Christian Tejeda ASN Junya Fischer MSN, BSN, RN Bryan Bautista MSN, RN, CHPM

Esohe Grace Anaba BSN

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Amanda Olivarez RN

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Kendra Cleinmark RN

Brissa Ayon BSN

Kimberly Smith RN Jasmine Mendez BSN

Adriana Gonzales BSN, RN

Margery Smith DNP, FNP-C

Eduardo Moreno BSN, RN, CCRN

Michelle Vickers BSN

Gilberto Ramirez RN, BSN

Natalie Lopez BSN



#### **Clinical**

Kindra Gonzales RN, WCC Lizbeth Mora RN, ADN Joselina Guzman-Arias AAS Estevan Hurtado ADN Gina Botello DNP, PMHNP-BC, FNP-C Mae McGrew BSN Bridgett Allen DNP, FNP, AOCNP Lizandra Garcia BSN Denisse Mendoza BSN, RN Pamela Valtierra BSN

Junya Fischer MSN, BSN, RN Esperanza Soto ADN

Selah Fontanes RN Claudia Montes RN Huetta Graham ADN

Mireya Gomez BSN

Annalisa McBride MSN, AGPCNP

Sofia Fletcher RN

Jill Izzo MBA BSN, CRRN, RN

Alfredo Gonzales ASN

Lilly Jackson BSN, MSN

Lorrita Ortiz MSN-Ed, BSN, CRRN

Arlene Vendivil BSN Hilda Corona RN-BC

Jacqueline Fuentes Camacho DNP, FNP-C

Liliana Soto-Acosta BSN

Kristie Wright MSN-Ed, ACUE, RNC-MNN

Berenice Moreno ADN

Genevieve Machado DNP, APRN-RNP, FNP-BC

Maria Gill RN Linda Dennis RN Iriana Munoz BSN



#### Leadership

Megan McCarthy DNP, ANP-c, CVNP-BC Kristin Little MSN, RN

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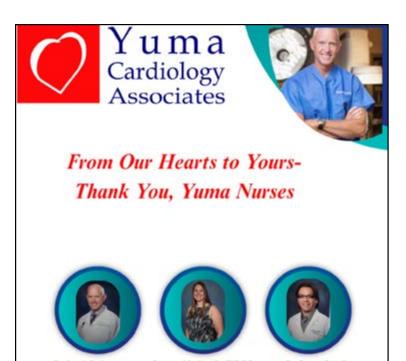
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