

2025  
GALA  
*Building a Legacy*

Saturday May 3rd, 2025



## 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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# 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.

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# 2025 Nominees



## Mentorship

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 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  
 Jose Flores ASN  
 Esohe Grace Anaba BSN  
 Kyra Wilkinson MSN, RN, MBA-HM, CEN, CPEN, TCRN  
 Amanda Olivarez RN  
 Joselina Guzman-Arias AAS  
 Wyatt Dennis ADN  
 Krista Mantica RN  
 Jill Izzo MBA, BSN, CRRN, RN  
 Lilly Jackson BSN, MSN  
 Carmen Sesma MSN  
 Marybel Gonzalez MSN, FNP-C  
 Petra Altamirano BSN  
 Jessica Chaffin RN, BSN  
 Danae Jackson BSN  
 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  
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 Bryan Alvin Bautista MSN, RN, CHPM  
 Tiffany Walker MSN  
 Gwendolyn Terrazas FNP  
 Krista Mantica RN  
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 David Federico RN  
 Gabriella Lopez BSN  
 Rosa Rubio MSN  
 Ariel Marquez BSN  
 Brittany Chavez BSN, RN, CNOR  
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 Stacie Phillips BSN, RN  
 Melinda Mendez RN, MSN, MBA  
 Lorri Raney RN  
 Bridgett Allen DNP, FNP, AOCNP  
 Sonia Hernandez BSN  
 Edith Felix RN  
 Eric Vaughn RN  
 Mika Naranjo RN  
 Brissa Ayon BSN  
 Melissa Belcher BSN, RN, CNOR  
 Petra Altamirano BSN  
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