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**CATHERINE BENDER HONORED WITH
NIGHTINGALE AWARD FOR RESEARCH**

Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce **Catherine M. Bender**, PhD, RN, associate professor in the Department of Health and Community Systems at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, received the Nursing Research award for 2007. Bender was honored at the 18th annual gala on October 12, 2007 at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Bender was one of six nurse exemplars honored in six practice categories. Winners were selected from over **120** distinguished nominations

The Nightingale Awards Gala honors exceptional nurses practicing in the Commonwealth. The awards program is intended to give state and national recognition to its recipients. Each award recognizes outstanding nurses in various areas of practice.