

# Dean Receives 2020 School-Based Health Care Champion Award

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The School-Based Health Alliance recognizes Mary Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN, as the recipient of the 2020 School-Based Health Care Champion Award.



The award honors individuals who develop and lead impactful partnerships with the school-based health care field. We sought out nominees—from the education, health care, public health, and related sectors—who demonstrate innovative strategies and dedication to collaboration to bring comprehensive quality health care services to schools.

This year, we are delighted to recognize Mary's work in developing and leading the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program, a partnership between the Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing (NAWSON), that supports the DOE to achieve student, school, and system success through school-based health care services. We applaud Mary's efforts to address individual and population health, as well as her success in increasing children's access to medical care across Hawaii. Mary's thoughtfulness, innovation, and strong advocacy for children are inspiring.