



SAMUEL MERRITT
UNIVERSITY

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Ryan Lewis, Awards Task Force Chairperson
American Assembly for Men in Nursing Awards Task Force
P.O. Box 130220
Birmingham, AL 35213

RE: Letter of Nomination for Samuel Merritt University

Dear Ryan Lewis,

I would like to nominate Samuel Merritt University (SMU) for the Best School for Male Nurses Award on behalf of the Samuel Merritt University Men in Allied Nursing Education Organization and AAMM Bay Area Chapter. I believe our students have made Samuel Merritt University a positive environment in appreciating and cultivating the future of male nursing.

The faculty and staff at Samuel Merritt University have been essential to help the male nurse population thrive. The School of Nursing continues to support and provide guidance in enabling male nurse advocates for increased enrollment of males, advocacy, education of men in nursing in the classroom, and enable Men in Allied Nursing Education (MANE) to recruit and provide resources to the student body for men in nursing.

MANE at SMU continues to be the largest and most well-organized student association on campus. MANE was also intricate in forming the AAMM Bay Area Chapter, the first in the west coast. MANE continues to uphold the established mission statement, which encourages male and female nurse collaboration within its organization and the nursing student association. Moreover, these organizations increase male nurse awareness and community service with their members, which also include female nurses, while also giving male nurses a forum to address any issue for positive growth of male nurses in the school. Male Nurse Faculty provides mentoring, guidance, and support throughout campus. Male nursing students are involved in the Student Body Association and utilize their presence during orientations to emphasize recruitment and awareness. Furthermore, numerous community service involvement continues to drive MANE. Some of these projects include Project Homeless Connect Clothing Drives, Youth in Medicine mentoring and teaching young students including male nurse guest speakers, youth on

reach and awareness, collaboration with the National Student Nurses Association and other groups on campus, and networking with our SMU Satellite schools and other nursing schools.

From my experience as a student and student leader, I have witnessed the positive outcomes the male nurses of Samuel Merritt University experience: increased self-esteem, passion for the career, and desire to educate others. I believe Samuel Merritt University is an excellent school for male nurses that not only provides technical education, but also develops future male nurses. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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<http://nursing.advanceweb.com/Article/Men-in-Nursing-5.aspx>