VNS Health

2026 VNS HEALTH ANNUAL AWARDS Ceremony

October 26, 2026

3:30 p.m. Reception

4:30 p.m. Awards Presentation

Opening Remarks *by Dan Savitt*	
Social Services Professional of the Year *Presented by David Rosales*	Asha Lyons
Nurse of the Year *Presented by David Rosales*	Jane Reilly
Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year *Presented by Brenda Riordan*	Charlene Cano
Occupational Therapist of the Year *Presented by Brenda Riordan*	Stacey Mislavsky
Physical Therapist of the Year *Presented by Brenda Riordan*	Maricel Bumanlag
Contact Center Shared Services Agent of the Year *Presented by Nancy Vitale*	Stacie Rivera
Rose Madden-Baer Advanced Practice Clinician of the Year *Presented by Sonali Wilborn*	Dr. Victoria Kopke
James R. Withrow Jr. Home Health Aide of the Year *Presented by Tom Cocozza*	Indira Ortiz

2026 ESPRIT Awards	
Presented by Tom Cocozza	Miniely Valdez
Presented by Angela Perri	Stephania Casimir Monica Mercado
Presented by Andrew Wise	Roxanne Gay
Presented by Jessica Fear	Crystal Laikhram Felicia Dorsey
Presented by Jerry Mammano	Wai Kiu Man Ja'Qulyn Davis
Presented by Tim Peng	Samira Husseini Jonathan Fan

2026 Phyllis Mills Living Legend Award *Presented by Dan Savitt*	Margaret McDonald

2026 Outstanding Team Performance Award *Presented by Dan Savitt*	Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Float Team: Adeline Mannino Julio Caracciolo Kareen Lewis Patrick O'Connor

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2026 ESPRIT Award Nominees (79)

Adeline Mannino
Alicia Carpenter
Andrea Morris-Arzu*
Angelica Garcia
Anna Jenkins*
Anne M. Attanas*
Aoife Ducke
Ariel Zhao
Asad Esa*
Authern Xu
Aziza Tikue
Beverly Ward
Celina Rogers*
Christel Powley
Christine Odom
Cindy Louie
Clare Falkowski
Claudia DiStefano
Crystal Laikhram*
Dana Evans
Daniel Isgro*
David Waldron
Diana Simons
Ebony Williams
Elizabeth Betty Hilleman*
Emily Houghton*
Eugenie Bony
Felicia Dorsey*
Freddy Quinones*
Hannah Schwartz*
Irveline Valerus-Charles
Janet Corlett
Ja'Qulyn Davis*
Jasmine Lugo
Jin (Jessie) Zhu
Jevon Anthony
Johanne Colin
Jonathan Fan*
Jon-Joseph Nepaul
Justin Bain
Kathleen Mutze
Kelly Harned
Kelly Triumph
Li-wen Tsai*
Marilyn Davis
Maryann Marsic*
Mayaben Jokhakar
Mikalina Tambasco*
Mikayla Hubert
Minerva Gamarra
Miniely Valdez*
Monica Mercado*
Nakkia Artis
Nancy Adams-Kenny*
Natalie Kovacs
Nelson Delgado
Nicole Pitt
Oscar Romero
Patrick O'Connor*
Raven Zarate
Risikat Amolegbe
Rizza Dumalag*
Roger Herr*
Roxanne Gay*
Roxanne Watson*
Samira Husseini*
Sasha Vergez*
Seth Simpson*
Sharon Toney
Stacie Rivera
Stephania Casimir*
Stephanie Chan
Steve Wong*
Theresa Gormely*
Vejica Fernandez Garcia*
Wai Kiu Man*
Walker Keenan*
Xuehua Li
Yolanda Lindo

2026 Phyllis Mills Living Legend Award Nominees (26)

Candice Goodwin
Christine Odom
Debbie Starace*
Deirdre DeLeo*
Elizer Cooper-Audain*
Elsa Lam*
Erika Eskowitz
Jannette Gordon
Joseph Gallagher*
Margaret McDonald*
Marina Kalitka
Millie Moy-Thompson
Nancy Girlando
Naseebah Khan
Natasha Merjuste
Nicole Stubbs
Ritchell Dignam
Robert Segarra
Roger Herr*
Roisin Rogers
Sandra Barron
Sean Sullivan
Seth Meisel
Simone Brown
Sofya Shell
Yerika Edwards

2026 Outstanding Team Performance Award Nominees (22)

Asian Team at VNS Health Plan* CHHA Bronx Team*
Chinatown NNORC Team*
Claim System Configuration*
Clinical Review Managers (CRMs)*
DME Outpatient Team
DME/Supply Realignment Pilot Team*
Escalation Team*
Frontline AI Transformation Team* Frontline Connection Team*
BH Health Home Administrative Team
HR Shared Services
Intake Team CHHA
NORC Nursing Team*
Queens BH Mobile Crisis Float Team
Rehab Clinical Management Team*
Staten Island Home Care Team
Utilization Mgmt CMS Program Audit Team
Utilization Mgmt Outpatient Team
VNS Health Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Float Team*
VNS Health Bronx Adult Mobile Crisis Team*
WOCN RN Support Managers

*Finalists