

## SGNA Award Presented to Dr. Marilyn Schaffner

Marilyn J. Schaffner, Ph.D., NEA-BC, CGRN, Clinical Services Administrator and Chief Nursing Officer, was praised for her leadership and service in promoting gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing at both the national and regional levels.

Schaffner was presented with the distinguished service award from the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates board of directors for her accomplishments, high standards and career commitment at the organization's 40th annual meeting in Austin, Texas.

Schaffner, who has been a nurse at MUSC since 1995, has been a member of SGNA for more than 25 years. In 2000, she was named Clinical Services Administrator and Chief Nursing Officer for the medical center. Throughout her career, she has firmly believed that in giving of yourself, much can be gained in return.

The award is among SGNA's highest honors and recognizes an individual's contributions in public service, legislation and community involvement. Schaffner credits much of her success to the guidance and tutelage of mentors.

"This is the most distinguished award that I have received. To be acknowledged for the path others have laid before me is incredible," said Schaffner.



Dr. Marilyn Schaffner, Clinical Services Administrator and Chief Nursing Officer, and Phyllis Malpas, MUSC Endoscopy Manager and SGNA immediate past president