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Texas Wesleyan's John Uselding honored as Healthcare Hero

FORT WORTH, Jan. 23 – John Uselding, a human patient simulator instructor at Texas Wesleyan University, will be recognized as a 2004 *Fort Worth Business Press* Healthcare Hero at the annual award banquet. The banquet will be held Feb. 19 at The City Club, located at 301 Commerce Street.

Uselding is honored as one of 40 Healthcare Heroes selected by a panel of professionals from nearly 200 nominees. He is a retired, certified registered nurse anesthetist who currently teaches at Texas Wesleyan University in the graduate program of nurse anesthesia, the largest program of its kind in the nation. Having served as a CRNA for over 30 years, Uselding has influenced many medical professionals. Locally, he has assisted with and instructed students at Texas Wesleyan and Harris Methodist Fort Worth.

In his spare time, Uselding speaks to local school children about the nurse anesthesia profession and is active in the Fort Worth community as a volunteer at the Warm Place, an organization that provides counseling for children who have

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experienced tragedies, such as the loss of a loved one.

John Martin, Director of Wesleyan’s Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, nominated Uselding for the Healthcare Heroes award. Of Uselding, he says, “John’s role as HPS (human patient simulator) instructor has led to a more prepared nurse anesthesia student entering the clinical phase of their training. This certainly works to the advantage of the patients that receive the services of these students.”

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