



**The Rural Health Practitioner of the Year** recognizes a direct healthcare clinical provider for their leadership in delivering health services to rural populations. Factors taken into consideration include providing outstanding care, involvement in the community, and lasting contributions to the healthcare system. The Louisiana Rural Health Association is honored to recognize **Trina Keller**, Family Nurse Practitioner at Our Lady of the Lake - Riverside, as the 2023 Rural Practitioner of the Year.

Trina Keller, FNP, has lived in Livingston Parish her entire life. She began her career in rural health in 2014 at Riverside Family Medicine in Maurepas, Louisiana. Trina's patient population grew quickly, and she was soon held in high regard by the community, becoming the "go-to" provider in the area. As a member of the community she serves, Trina is dedicated to her patients and their health.

Trina treats patients of all ages, provides whole-patient care, and performs many procedures in the rural health clinic, including joint injections, laceration repairs, and incision and drainage. Trina is known for going above and beyond for her patients and can often be found scouring the internet for patient resources. Her excellence in examination, diagnostic interpretation, and prescribing lead to her patients' fast recovery and long-term well-being. In addition to improving the health and well-being of her own patients, Trina is assisting in ensuring the future of rural health care access by serving as a preceptor for Family Nurse Practitioner students.

Donna Felder, Physician Practice Manager II at Assumption Primary Care, in her nomination of Trina for this award, described Trina as "an exceptional provider" who has "has a strong work ethic, has a strong connection and commitment to her patients while providing stability and support for her co-workers."

In grateful appreciation and distinguished recognition of her hard work, devotion, and commitment to excellence in rural health care, the Louisiana Rural Health Association is honored to recognize Trina Keller, FNP as the 2023 Rural Health Practitioner of the Year.

