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**Nyack school nurse Miriam Lynn honored  
as Health Care Professional of the Year  
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**BUFFALO, NY April 2, 2009** - Miriam Lynn of Valley Cottage will receive the Health Care Professional of the Year award, one of New York State United Teachers' highest awards, at the union's 37th Representative Assembly in Buffalo.

Lynn, a middle-school nurse at Nyack Public Schools, is president of the school nurses unit for the Nyack Teachers Association. In her capacity as a school nurse, Lynn often goes

above and beyond the call of duty, purchasing warm clothing for needy students, providing breakfast for children who are hungry and offering a warm hug and loving smile when needed. At holiday time, Lynn works closely with members of the school's guidance office to collect and distribute gifts to students whose families can't afford to buy presents.

Lynn's service also extends beyond the school doors. She and a team of surgeons and nurses volunteer with Healing the Children Northeast. Over the past summers, Lynn has traveled to Brazil and Honduras to provide free health care to sick and underprivileged children.

"Miriam's unselfish willingness to volunteer her time and talents, both within her district and worldwide, is an inspiration," said NYSUT President Richard C. Iannuzzi. "We at NYSUT are proud to count Miriam among our membership."

The RA — NYSUT's policy-making convention — begins Thursday, April 2, at the Buffalo-Niagara Convention Center and continues through Saturday, April 4. More than 2,000 delegates, guests and staff are expected to attend.

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