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# VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARDS



## **AACN Pioneering Spirit Award**

### **Renee Twibell**

Renee Twibell, PhD, RN, CNE, serves as the nurse scientist for Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana. She is associate professor emerita and current faculty in the School of Nursing at Ball State University, where she teaches undergraduate, masters and doctoral students.

With her clinical background in critical care, education and research, Twibell has published over 40 refereed articles, completed 30 research studies and given nearly 300 professional presentations. Seventy-two of those presentations were delivered at NTI over the past 20 consecutive years. However, what matters most to her is mentoring and co-presenting with 70 different nurse colleagues, many attending NTI for the first time, and watching them experience the power of AACN.

Twibell has won state and national awards for leadership, mentoring, research and education. She has a particular interest in instrument development to advance the science of nursing. She has worked with colleagues to design and test multiple instruments, several of which have been used in research studies conducted on four continents. She finds great joy in building connections between the academic and clinical worlds, answering questions that matter to clinical nurses and spending time with her six grandkids!

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