The Mennonite Nurses Alumni Organization’s awards committee selected **Ryan Schneider** as the recipient of the 2011 Early Career Achievement Alumni Award.

Ryan received his B.S.N. from Mennonite College of Nursing in 2005. After graduation, he moved to St. Louis where he worked in the Emergency Department at Barnes Hospital. He continued his education and received his M.S.N. as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from St. Louis University.

He works at two centers: St. Joseph Health in St. Charles and St. Joseph West in Lake St. Louis. He continues to work in the Emergency Department as an APRN, and cares for anyone age 13 and older in all capacities.

Ryan enjoys working with emergency providers who have fostered his learning and facilitated expanding his skills within his scope of practice. This has given him greater opportunities for hands-on care at these community hospitals, which allows him to practice holistic nursing on an advanced practice level.

He is a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society for Nursing, Saint Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice, and Emergency Nurse Association.