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2023
**Patient Care Excellence Award
and Scholarship Ceremony**

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PROGRAM

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Carmen Kleinsmith
Senior Vice President, Chief Nurse Executive
St. Luke's Hospital

Celebration of 100 Great Iowa Nurses

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St. Luke's Hospital

Celebration of Patient Care Excellence Award Recipients - 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

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Celebration of St. Luke's Foundation and Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients - 2023

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WHAT'S AN AWARD?

St. Luke's Foundation's **Patient Care Excellence Award Program** recognizes healthcare providers who demonstrate outstanding achievement in their chosen field. Award nominees are nominated by their peers, manager and/or director through a nomination process held annually in each department. Each nominee is then asked to complete an application and write an essay for consideration. The Foundation's Award Selection Committee determines the Award Recipients.

This program was established by several supporters of St. Luke's Hospital to recognize caregivers (nurses, social workers, therapists, etc). These individuals generously donated to the Foundation so a caregiver would be given financial assistance to use for educational purposes or any other intent of the donor. Through the collaboration of Foundation and Hospital staff the donor created specific criteria for the Award.

An example of this is Ron Mahany and his family. Ron, who battled cancer, set up a memorial fund at St. Luke's Foundation in appreciation of all the care and encouragement he received from his team in St. Luke's Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. Ron wanted this endowment to support the rehab department with career development, scholarships and physical therapy equipment. After Ron passed, his family and friends continued to support this endowment fund and over time, the **Ron Mahany Award** was created. Through this Award several therapists have attended national conferences and brought back to St. Luke's new ideas and evidence-based practices.

WHAT'S A SCHOLARSHIP?

St. Luke's Foundation's **Scholarship Program** provides St. Luke's Team Members with financial assistance who are working towards a post-secondary degree at an accredited college or university. All Scholarship Recipients must complete a scholarship application and write an essay to be eligible for a scholarship. The Foundation's Selection Committee determines the scholarship recipients.

Funding for these scholarships is provided through individual donors who have established a fund at the Foundation for this purpose. The intent is for the scholarship recipient to use his/her degree to advance the care for our patients.

100 Great Iowa Nurses (St. Luke's Hospital)

- 2023:** **Laura Barner**, 4 Center (Orthopedics)
Peggy Bragg, Palliative Care
Mark Butschi, Heart Center
Penny Dullea, Peri/Anesthesia Services
Jeremy Gardemann, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)
Kelli McAfee, Nassif Radiation Center
Maureen McEvoy, Palliative Care, Spiritual Care, Genetics & Risk Assessment
Kim Mente, Inpatient Hospice Unit
Rachel Petersen, Women's and Children's Center
Michelle Ross, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology) and Inpatient Hospice Unit
- 2022:** No Selections Were Made
- 2021:** **Rose Hedges**, Nursing Administration
Carrie Lawson, Nursing Support
Rebecca Moore, Staff Development
Jayne Nirschl, Work Well Clinic
Shawna Patterson, Nursing Support
Diane Seelau, Center for Women's & Children's Health
Aimee Lenton, Care Coordination
- 2020:** **Kim Bro**, Cardiac Holding
Jessica Cizmadia, 4 West (Telemetry)
Molly Eilers, 4 Center (Orthopedics)
Kerri Feldhaus, Intensive Care Unit

The 100 Great Iowa Nurses program identifies 100 outstanding nurses every year whose courage, competence, and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others. These nurses go above and beyond to contribute significantly to the profession of nursing.

ST. LUKE'S FOUNDATION PATIENT CARE EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Phil Award®

2023: Monica Farmer, Respiratory Care

2022, 2021 and 2020: No Selections Were Made

This award was established by The FACES Foundation in 2006 to recognize outstanding respiratory therapists who provide care and treatment for patients with respiratory illnesses. The PHIL Award honors the 'unsung heroes' in the respiratory therapy profession who understand that each breath matters.

Sharman Lamka established The PHIL (Pulmonary Health and Illnesses of the Lungs) Award as part of The FACES Foundation after her husband, Philip, passed away from an Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD). Sharman wanted to establish a way of acknowledging the valuable role respiratory therapists play in the lives of patients with life-threatening pulmonary illnesses. 2019 was the first year for this award at St. Luke's Hospital.

Anna Purna Ghosh Oncology Nursing Award

2023: Jessica Randall, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

2022: Leah Smith, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

2021: Jeremy Gardemann, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

2020: Victoria Voelkel, Acute Adult Float Pool

This award is intended to recognize an excellent oncology nurse who places an emphasis on human caring and compassion; demonstrates excellent clinical assessment skills; places an emphasis on the application of the most current science in his/her bedside practice; facilitates smooth transitions between levels of care and providers and leads with good corporate citizenship.

In 2010, Dr. Chirantan Ghosh established this award in memory of his mother Anna Purna Ghosh who embodied the values of selfless giving. Dr. Ghosh founded The Ghosh Center for Oncology and Hematology with the philosophy of putting the interests of patients first and providing the highest quality of care with compassion and professionalism.

C.A.R.E. Service Award

2023: Taylor Bahnsen, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

2022: Heather Wilson, 3SSU (Surgical Specialty Unit)

2021: Tate Elsbury, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

2020: Jonathan Sprague, Emergency Department

This award is presented annually to an individual who consistently provides support and assistance to patients, families and any member of the healthcare team. The recipient should demonstrate, on a daily basis, behaviors consistent with St. Luke's C.A.R.E. delivery model:

C = Continuity of care, communication and collaboration

A = Advocacy, accountability

R = Relationship-based

E = Evidence-based

Carroll and Lena Nelson Critical Care Award

- 2023:** Tyler O'Neill, Acute Adult Float Pool
Donna Prier, Intensive Care Unit
- 2022:** Harper Bean, 4 West (Telemetry)
Brittney Langston, Staff Development
- 2021:** Cody Mefferd, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
Courtney Shaw, Intensive Care Unit
- 2020:** Courtney Harmon, Intensive Care Unit
Mattea Labs, Acute Adult Float Pool

This award is presented annually to two team members who contribute to the care and treatment of critical care patients. These caregivers go above and beyond normal job performance, making significant contributions to the care of the critically-ill patient, placing an emphasis on human caring and compassion. These recipients demonstrate compatibility and willingness to comfort and console patients and place an emphasis on leadership, continued learning and good corporate citizenship.

Carroll and Lena Nelson formed the Nelson Manufacturing Corporation. Ms. Nelson was a loyal supporter of St. Luke's Hospital and she gave generously of both her time and resources. Lena donated over 20,000 hours of voluntary service to St. Luke's Hospital.

In 1981, the Carroll H. and Lena H. Nelson Critical Care Fund was established by Ms. Nelson in memory of Carroll. This fund supports critical care education for nurses and the Nelson Critical Care Conference. In September 1993 Lena received St. Luke's Foundation's Founders Award.

Dale & Ruby Morgan and Mable Ray Pediatric Nursing Award

- 2023:** Jim Burke, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
- 2022:** Cynthia Homewood, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
- 2021:** Cassie Davis, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- 2020:** Tamara Roseberry, Pediatrics

This award is presented annually to a registered nurse who contributes significantly to the pediatric or psychiatric nursing care of children. The recipient places an emphasis on science, human caring, compassion and good corporate citizenship. The nurse demonstrates the ability to comfort and console patients in their time of need.

Ruby Morgan began volunteering at St. Luke's Hospital in the early 1940s. Ms. Morgan mended sheets and filled in wherever needed. Eventually, she gravitated to the hospital nursery, where "she figured over the years, she fed, changed and rocked hundreds of infants."

Through her estate the Dale and Ruby Morgan and Mable Ray Award for Pediatric Nursing was created, which also honors Ms. Morgan's sister, Mabel Ray, who was a social science teacher at Franklin Junior High School.

Darrell Dennis Pulmonary Medicine Award

- 2023:** James "Andy" McRoberts, Respiratory Care
- 2022:** Dylan Brooks-Forseth, Respiratory Care
- 2021:** Monica Farmer, Respiratory Care
- 2020:** Christopher Barkalow, LifeGuard Air Ambulance

This award is presented annually to one individual who contributes to the care of critically ill patients. The recipient of this award demonstrates a strong commitment to continued learning, values corporate citizenship and contributes to the hospital goals via exemplary leadership skills. This person stands above his/her peers and internalizes the St. Luke's FOCUS Values in daily practice.

Dr. Darrell Dennis was a pulmonologist, who provided unparalleled dedication to his patients and unwavering respect and appreciation for the healthcare professionals who worked by his side. This award was created in 2007 through memorial gifts made in his memory from the medical community, family and friends. Those who benefit from this award will carry on Dr. Dennis's legacy of compassion, collegiality and excellence.

Elaine Young Leadership Award

2023: April Golwitzer, Resource Staffing & Support/Acute Adult Float Pool

2022: Monica Farmer, Respiratory Care

2021: Jessica Cizmadia, 4 West (Telemetry)
Adam Misfeldt, Emergency Department

2020: Molly Eilers, 4 Center (Orthopedics)

The Elaine Young Leadership Award is presented to a person in a leadership role. The recipient will be an outstanding mentor in the development of their staff to pursue high quality care and has demonstrated significant contributions to quality patient outcomes. This leader will also demonstrate a willingness to work effectively with others to promote the strategic goals of St. Luke's Hospital.

Ms. Young was instrumental in starting and excelling in critical care nursing at St. Luke's Hospital. She was passionate about preparing strong, clinical, competent nurses who also had care and compassion. After her retirement from management in 1987, she continued on as the Critical Care Educator. Ms. Young worked at St. Luke's for over 50 years, "officially retiring in 2012."

Excellence in Behavioral Health Award

2023

Behavioral Health Nurse Award: Nathan Phelps, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

Behavioral Health Support Staff Award: Maddie Moetsch, 3 East (Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit)

Mental Health Professional Award: Colleen McFarlane, 3 East (Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit)

2022

Behavioral Health Nurse Award: Molly Stover, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

Mental Health Professional Award: Whitney Broghammer, 3 East (Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit)

2021

Behavioral Health Nurse Award: Denise Hoffpaur, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

Behavioral Health Support Staff Award: Lisa Lawrence, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

2020

Behavioral Health Nurse Award: Chloe Paulson, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

Behavioral Health Support Staff Award: Sabrina Barnes, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

Mental Health Professional Award: Brittany Brdicko, 3 East (Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit)

This award is presented annually to staff nurses and support staff who demonstrate excellence in Behavioral Health. These individuals are chosen by their peers, are involved in special projects or programs within their unit or division, participate in unit or division committees, demonstrate clinical expertise, seek further nursing education and are "team players" within the Behavioral Health Division.

The Psychiatric Nursing Education Award was established by Dr. W.J. Moershel in 1984 out of his generosity and desire to educate psychiatric nurses. In 1958, Dr. Moershel helped to establish 2 East. He practiced with the A Avenue Associates until his retirement in 1985.

Gail Stork Emergency Medicine Nursing Award

2023: Cody Mefferd, LifeGuard Air Ambulance

2022: Bryan Mullarkey, Emergency Department

2021: Mattea Labs, Acute Adult Float Pool

2020: Teri Jo Griebat, Emergency Department

This award is presented annually to a St. Luke's registered nurse who demonstrates excellence in emergency medicine nursing. This nurse is involved in special projects or programs within their unit or division, participates in unit or division committees, demonstrates clinical expertise, seeks further nursing education and is a "team player" within the Emergency Medicine arena.

For 40 years Ms. Stork was a tremendous leader for St Luke's – retiring in 2014. During Gail's career, many departments excelled under her leadership. She served in leadership roles in surgery, OB, ED, corporate compliance and medical staff. She was a humble, servant leader. When Ms. Stork retired, St. Luke's Medical Staff created this award in her honor.

Karma Smith Healthcare Pioneer Award

2023: Jennie Montgomery, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

2022: Shelley Rocca, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

2021: Julie Smith, Respiratory Care

2020: Rachel Petersen, Birth Care Center

This award aims to honor a St. Luke's team member who is constantly focused on improving the delivery of healthcare through innovative evidence-based models of care.

Karma Smith, RN helped change the status quo and wasn't afraid to propose and try new, innovative ideas. In the 1990s, holistic healing wasn't seen as an intricate part of cancer therapy. However, it was something she believed in. A graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing, she encouraged the medical community to incorporate healing touch, listening to music during chemotherapy, exercise therapy and other cutting-edge approaches for patients dealing with cancer. Ms. Smith was a healthcare pioneer; as new approaches to medicine were introduced she was a catalyst in seeing them used to assist our community.

LaMorgese Award for Excellence in Neurological Nursing

2023: Jeremy Gardemann, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

2022: Laura Deyo, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

2021: Diane Godfrey, Operating Room

2020: Jessica Randall, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

The LaMorgese Award is presented annually to a St. Luke's registered nurse who contributes significantly to the care and treatment of neuro-science patients. Placing an emphasis on science, this nurse demonstrates an affection of sound principles based on scientific method and medical research. The recipient demonstrates human caring and compassion and good corporate citizenship.

In 2002, this award was established by Dr. Jim and Nancy LaMorgese. Dr. LaMorgese was Cedar Rapids' first neurosurgeon and served as St. Luke's Chief Medical Officer.

Nancy Lamb Skogsbergh and Edna Lamb Clinical Leadership Award

2023: Maureen McEvoy, Palliative Care, Spiritual Care, Genetics & Risk Assessment

2022: Brenda Oehler, Nursing Administration

2021: Lisa Ainsworth, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

2020: April Golwitzer, Resource Staffing & Support/Acute Adult Float Pool

This award recognizes a Leadership Group/Director Level, senior clinical leader, who embodies the spirit of servant leadership. This leader, like Ms. Skogsbergh, will exhibit undying commitment to St. Luke's mission, values and vision. The award seeks to give accolades to a leader who is an outstanding St. Luke's ambassador in the community. This leader's work is constantly focused on patients and their families and he/she makes all decisions accordingly.

This award was established by Ms. Skogsbergh's brother, Jack Marchant. Mr. Marchant established this award honoring Ms. Skogsbergh as well as his mother, Edna Lamb, who worked at St. Luke's from 1935 to 1955. Ms. Skogsbergh graduated from the St. Luke's School of Nursing in 1953. She worked at St. Luke's for 46 years, retiring in 1999 as Administrative Director of Patient Care Services.

Outstanding New Graduate Award

2023: Kenzie Maloney, Birth Care Center

2022: Samantha Uhlenkamp, 4 West (Telemetry)

2021: Mallory Jones, 4 West (Telemetry)

2020: Jordyn Cigrand, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

This award is presented to a graduate of an RN or LPN program within the last year. The recipient demonstrates a genuine interest for patient needs, works well with others and offers assistance where needed. This nurse shows a commitment to continued learning and demonstrates competence and leadership.

Ronald L. Mahany Award

**This award is determined in the fall.*

2022: Scott Buchheit, Hospital Therapies

Kristi Derycke, Witwer Children's Therapy

Katrina Mahoney, Hospital-Based Outpatient Therapy

Alli Reck, Acute Care

Jessa Stueck, Therapy Plus

Mackenzie Waughop, Rehab Administration

2021: Justin Kasprzyk, Therapy Plus

Kendra Kregel, Witwer Children's Therapy

Michelle Langston, Physical Therapy

Angie Moss, Rehab Administration

2020: Alisha Armstrong, Medical Social Services

Kelli Johnson, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Tina Myers, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Dan Wolfs, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

2019: Deanna Boddicker, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Nicole Halvorson, Witwer Children's Therapy

Laura Hepker, Witwer Children's Therapy

Natalia Mitchell, Witwer Children's Therapy

The Ronald Mahany Award recognizes those who work within St. Luke's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Division who have contributed significantly to the care and treatment of patients needing rehabilitation. Nominees will exemplify St. Luke's FOCUS Values.

Ron Mahany created a memorial fund in appreciation of all the care and encouragement he received from his team at St. Luke's Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. Ron wrote specific to the endowment established in his name, "It is always good to make a difference for organizations that really help people on a day-to-day basis." After Ron passed away, many family and friends made gifts in his memory. While Ron was a devoted family man, he was also known as a talented engineer with over 50 U.S. Patents in technology to his name.

Smulekoff Family Award for Nursing Excellence

- 2023:** **Kimberly Biechler**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Aimee Eastman, Birth Care Center
Carol Fridal, Emergency Department
Kayleigh Grace, Birth Care Center
Danielle Simonson, House Supervisor/Float Pool
- 2022:** **Deanna Cavazos**, 3SSU (Surgical Specialty Unit)
Kim Driscoll, PACU (Post-Anesthesia)
Rhapsody Kirkpatrick, 3SSU (Surgical Specialty Unit)
Lacy Kleinsmith, 3SSU (Surgical Specialty Unit)
Laura Till, Birth Care Center
- 2021:** **Shannon Hermsen**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Brittany Jansen, Inpatient Hospice Unit
Jenna Kuehner, Acute Adult Float Pool
Angela Meyers, Operating Room
Emily Williams, Inpatient Skin Care
- 2020:** **Megan Bonar**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Nathan Johnson, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
Jenna Kleve, Acute Adult Float Pool
Julie Smith, 2 East (Adult Behavioral Health)
Colette Webster-Moore, Heart Holding

This award is presented to nurses who have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and the ability to communicate in a positive and therapeutic manner with patients, families and other staff. They function as a patient advocate, they are flexible in meeting unit needs and often have achieved certification or advanced education in their specialty area.

In 1980, St. Luke's Foundation recognized A.L. Smulekoff with its Founder's Award. This award was given to Mr. Smulekoff for his personal dedication to St. Luke's as a long-time board member (Foundation and Hospital). When he received this award his family decided to honor him by establishing this award for nursing excellence. As a board member, Mr. Smulekoff was a champion for St. Luke's nurses, their well-being and continuing education.

Social Worker Award

- 2023:** **Kayla Thenhaus**, Medical Social Services
2022: **Barb Garlinghouse**, Medical Social Services
2021: **Kelsey Freed**, Medical Social Services
2020: **Cami Lawrence**, 2 East (Adult Behavioral Health)

This award is presented to one St. Luke's social worker who exhibits excellence in the practice of social work. This recipient exemplifies the St. Luke's Standards of Excellence and demonstrates leadership skills within the department, hospital and community.

The Social Worker Award is funded through the Criswell Endowment. Violet Criswell was a native of Benton County and trained at Rush Presbyterian in Chicago. She worked as a school nurse. Ms. Criswell's estate requested her endowment support healthcare provider's education.

Ted Townsend/St. Luke's Auxiliary Leadership Award

- 2023:** **Rose Hedges**, Nursing Administration
2022: **Jessica Cizmadia**, Nursing Administration
2021: **Carrie Lawson**, Nursing Support
2020: **Amy Kramer**, Hospitalist Program

This award recognizes an outstanding UnityPoint Health - Cedar Rapids team member who embraces Mr. Townsend's spirit of transformational leadership. This team member, like Mr. Townsend, is passionate about creating valuable and positive change within their team, hospital, healthcare system and/or community. They expect the best from everyone including themselves in their pursuit to find better ways to work together to deliver the healthcare we'd like our loved ones to receive.

This Award was created by St. Luke's Auxiliary in 2018 to honor Ted Townsend and mark his contributions and accomplishments as President and CEO of St. Luke's Hospital. One of Mr. Townsend's greatest achievements was to build a culture of engagement among St. Luke's team members.

Dr. Stephen and Peg Vanourny Award for Excellence in Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing

2023: Jade Kennaway, Birth Care Center

2022: Amy Burmeister, 3SSU (Surgical Specialty Unit)

2021: Lauren Vislisel, Operating Room

2020: Kayleigh Grace, Birth Care Center

This award is presented to a nurse who contributes significantly to the care and treatment of obstetrical or gynecological patients. The recipient places an emphasis on science, demonstrates an affection for sound principles based on scientific method and medical research; demonstrates human caring and compassion; and displays good corporate citizenship.

Dr. Vanourny was a founding physician for OB-GYN & Associates. He also served as St. Luke's Hospital President and CEO from 1996 to 2002. Dr. Vanourny was instrumental in the creation of the Nassif Heart Center and Nassif Center for Women's and Children's Health.

ST. LUKE'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ann & Forbes Olberg Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship assists individuals pursuing a health-related degree or special education.

2023: Rowan Queathem, Abbe Mental Health Center

2022: Nadine Qadoura, 4 West (Telemetry)

2021: Brittney Jansen, Inpatient Hospice Unit

2020: Joshua Long, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Ann and Forbes Olberg were generous friends to the community of Cedar Rapids. St. Luke's Foundation is a beneficiary of their generosity through an endowment they created at The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.

Forbes was an attorney and vice-president at Merchants National Bank. He was active in civic, public service and community affairs. In 1978, he was appointed by Governor Robert Ray to the Iowa Development Commission and served for 16 years. Forbes also served as a trustee of St. Luke's Foundation, Cornell College, and Herbert Hoover Presidential Library. Ann was a trustee of Brucemore and Cedar Rapids Art Association.

Beatha Kuntz Scholarship

This scholarship assists nursing students. Beatha's will stated, "it is my wish and request the student(s) receiving this scholarship be required by said school of nursing to do bedside nursing for at least a period of one year upon graduation."

2023: **Shelley DeWeerd**, Inpatient Pharmacy
Kathryn Foote, Digestive Health Center
Katrina Langstraat, Intensive Care Unit

2022: **Shelley DeWeerd**, Inpatient Pharmacy
Danielle Misfeldt, Intensive Care Unit
Aubree Vlasek, Laboratory

2021: **Katrina Langstraat**, Inpatient Hospice Unit/Intensive Care Unit
Craig Liscum, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
Anika Pizarik, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

2020: **Paige Callanan**, IV Therapy/Float Pool
Danielle Misfeldt, Intensive Care Unit
Cassie Waller, 4 Center (Orthopedics)

Brian D. Zimmerman Scholarship

This scholarship assists individuals pursuing a non-clinical or health-related degree.

2023: **Trevor Koritz**, Hospital Therapies

2022: **Morgan Sohn**, Administration

2021: **Katie McGowen**, UnityPoint - Home Medical Equipment

2020: **Erin Young**, Human Resources

This scholarship was created by Brian's wife, Julie, and his children, Maria and Kyle, to honor his courage when faced with adversity. Brian built and owned a financial planning firm, Securian Advisors MidAmerica, for more than 30 years. He strived to "live a life of significance" for both his family and his firm, which he believed came from helping others. Brian was a loving and giving husband, father, grandpa, son, brother and uncle. This gift is in gratitude to those who cared enough to make a difference for him and his family during a difficult time.

Dr. Charles Schwartz, Scholarship

This scholarship assists individuals pursuing a health-related degree or special education, who agree to work at St. Luke's Hospital.

2023: **Hannah Axline**, Witwer Children's Therapy

2022: **Michele Tangeman**, Intensive Care Unit

2021: **Kaitlin Pauls**, Behavioral Health Float Pool

2020: **Sarah Bengtson**, Witwer Children's Therapy

Dr. Schwartz was a family practice physician from 1955 to 1978 in Cedar Rapids. He was instrumental in the success of the Cedar Rapids Family Practice and Continuing Education Programs. The Schwartz Fund was established in 1978 by his friends to honor him for his dedication in promoting medical education in Cedar Rapids. From 1978 to 1989 the fund supported the "Dr. Charles Schwartz Medical Education Lectureship." In 1989 the fund's intent changed to provide scholarship assistance for St. Luke's team members.

Dr. E.L. Mansfield Scholarship

This scholarship helps individuals pursuing a health-related degree or special education, who agree to work for St. Luke's Hospital.

2023: **Lindsey Gasper**, Inpatient Hospice Unit

2022: **Brittany Myers**, UnityPoint Clinic - Westside Family Medicine

2021: **Krystal Osborn**, Cardiology Clinic

2020: **Autumn Wood**, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Dr. Eber Lewis Mansfield was Cedar Rapids' first physician, opened practice here in 1847. He was one of the first physicians to use St. Luke's Hospital when it opened in 1884. In 1979, he was honored posthumously with the formation of the E.L. Mansfield Memorial Lectureship Fund. In 1989 the fund's intent changed to provide scholarship assistance for St. Luke's team members.

Grace Wormer Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship assists nursing students.

- 2023:** **Angela Carlile**, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health)
Alexandra Heald, Operating Room
Madison Moetsch, 3 East (Child & Adolescent Center)
Tannah Tedesco, Acute Adult Float Pool
- 2022:** **Emily Fisher**, 2 East (Adult Behavioral Health Unit)
Heather Hindman, 4 West (Telemetry)
Cody Mefferd, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
Angie Mollenhauer, Inpatient Hospice Unit
Lindsey Ricklefs, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
- 2021:** **Cynthia Homewood**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Lindsey Ricklefs, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Namira Romero, EPIC Support
Michele Tangeman, Intensive Care Unit
- 2020:** **Julie Baburek**, Emergency Department
Katelyn Burns-Thompson, Intensive Care Unit
Courtney Harmon, Intensive Care Unit
Brittney Jansen, Inpatient Hospice Unit/Emergency Department
Jordan Kelly, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
Bonnie Lunsford, Emergency Department
Namira Romero, Epic Support
Amelia Wenner, Emergency Department/Digestive Health

Grace Wormer began as a librarian at the University of Iowa Library June 1912 and served her first interim as acting director in 1922. This first interim appointment was with the understanding she would serve "until a suitable man can be found."

She remained head of the order and binding department, and then served as acting director two more times until 1943. Ms. Wormer was appointed Assistant Director of Special Collections in 1949 and developed the Iowa Authors Collection. When Ms. Wormer retired in July 1954, this collection was near 2,500 volumes representing 500 different authors. In 1986, her Last Will and Testament created this scholarship to benefit nursing students at St. Luke's.

Greta Schuchmann Scholarship

This scholarship helps nontraditional students. Preferably a student pursuing their LPN to RN or RN to BSN.

- 2023:** **Shelley DeWeerd**, Inpatient Pharmacy
- 2022:** **Cody Mefferd**, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
Angie Mollenhauer, Inpatient Hospice Unit
- 2021:** **Amie Price**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
- 2020:** **Caralynn Scott**, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

The Greta Schuchmann Scholarship was established in 1983 by Fred Schuchmann in honor of his late wife, Greta who was an active St. Luke's volunteer. Fred and his family continue to be good friends of St. Luke's Foundation.

Dr. J. Stuart McQuiston Scholarship

This scholarship assists individuals pursuing a health-related degree or special education, who agree to work at St. Luke's Hospital.

- 2023:** **Haley Varo**, Inpatient Pharmacy
Brennen Wright, Inpatient Pharmacy
- 2022:** **Jennifer Montgomery**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
- 2021:** **Julie Baburek**, Emergency Department
- 2020:** **Jeanne-Marie Fournier**, 3 East (Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health)

Dr. McQuiston was Cedar Rapids' first internist and practiced here for over 50 years. He was active in the community plus local and state medical associations. The McQuiston Fund was established in 1978 by family and friends when he received St. Luke's Foundation's Founders Award. From 1978 to 1989 the fund supported the "Dr. J. Stuart McQuiston Medical Education Lectureship." In 1989 the fund's intent changed to provide scholarship assistance for St. Luke's team members.

Louisa E. Peak Scholarship

This scholarship assists active, graduating high school student volunteers at St. Luke's Hospital. The scholarship recipient must plan to enter a humanistic occupation such as teaching, healthcare or social work.

2023: Ryan Cater

2022: Meena Ramadugu

2021: Tanvi Garg
Rebekah Petersen

2020: Penelope Gardner
Shivani Manikandan
Ella Popenhagen

Louisa Peak was a teacher in the Cedar Rapids Community School District. She spent most of her career teaching and nurturing middle school students. While she was a teacher, Louisa became an active volunteer in school activities, community and at St. Luke's Hospital. When she retired, Louisa volunteered at St. Luke's for 40 hours a week. Louisa Peak was St. Luke's first 10,000-hour volunteer in 1978. When Louisa passed away in 1981, her family created a scholarship in her honor to pay tribute to her two life interests: Children and Volunteering.

Margaret Averill - St. Luke's Auxiliary Scholarship

This scholarship assists a team member pursuing a nursing or health related degree.

2023: Angela Genskow, Birth Care Center
Jennie Montgomery, MCN Operations

2022: Katelyn Burns-Thompson, Surgical Specialty Unit
Courtney Shaw, Intensive Care Unit

2021: Katelyn Burns-Thompson, Surgical Specialty Unit
Courtney Harmon, Intensive Care Unit

2020: Lauri Mitchell, AbbeHealth
Lindsey Ricklefs, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Margaret Averill Margaret Averill was a woman ahead of her times. Born in Michigan in 1898, Margaret graduated from college in an era when most women did not have access to higher education. After she married Worth Averill and relocated to his hometown of Cedar Rapids, Margaret raised a family while also looking for other outlets for her boundless energy. She volunteered with the American Red Cross, was a proud member of the DAR, and helped establish the Cedar Rapids Junior League.

In 1948, Margaret founded the Auxiliary at St. Luke's Hospital. The Auxiliary has been vital to St. Luke's Hospital and our patients for over 70 years. During that time, Auxiliary members have raised more than \$7 million to help fund new equipment, expand services, and endow nursing scholarships. The impact of its selfless members can be seen in every corner of the hospital, from the Floral and Gift Shop to baby caps lovingly crafted for our smallest patients.

Margaret Averill passed away in 1998, one week shy of her 100th birthday, but her legacy at UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's lives on. In 2020, the Auxiliary created the Margaret Averill Scholarship in her honor. Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each will be awarded annually to two UnityPoint Health team members pursuing a nursing or health-related degree.

Maxine VanHamme Scholarship

This scholarship assists a nursing student who has a financial need.

2023: **Kylie Kramer**, Emergency Department

2022: **Kathryn Foote**, Digestive Health Center

2021: **Heather Hindman**, 4 West (Telemetry)

2020: **Heather Hazelwood**, UnityPoint Clinic – Diabetes & Kidney Center

Maxine “Mickey” VanHamme always put others before herself; husband, raising four children, and volunteering in the community. As a younger woman she spent many years helping at Trinity United Methodist Church. She could be found teaching Sunday School, MYF youth Fellowship, and loved preparing menus and food for the Retirement Group and at other church events. Her main love was volunteering at St Lukes Hospital and for the Red Cross. Spending over 36 years at St Lukes, her favorite job was pushing the craft cart from room to room, visiting with patients and making their days more pleasant. Mickey passed on August 24, 2016, and through her estate this scholarship was created.

May G. Gortner Scholarship

This scholarship assists St. Luke’s team members enrolled in a BSN, clinical nurse specialty and/or master’s degree program.

2023: **Elisabeth Parilo**, Intensive Care Unit

2022: **Lia Dickes**, 3SSU (Surgical Specialty Unit)

2021: **Alexandra Kamerling**, UnityPoint Clinic - Mt. Vernon Family Medicine

2020: None

Merle and Myrtle Yanecek Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship assists St. Luke’s Hospital team members pursuing a BSN nursing degree.

2023: **Carolina Amigon**, 6 West (Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit)

Merle and Myrtle were appreciative of the care, compassion and knowledge of the St. Luke’s Hospital nurses who provided care for Merle who suffered with COPD. Merle loved to joke with his nurses and may have been a “little difficult.” But he was grateful for the wonderful care they gave him. His request was to create something to help the bedside nurses who cared for him.

Merle Yanecek was born October 18, 1922 in Walford, IA. He graduated from Walford High School and Iowa State College. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. Myrtle Hall was born on September 6, 1928 in Garner, IA. She graduated from Garner High School in 1946 and was the Homecoming Queen her senior year. It was in Garner, where Merle was teaching GI school, that they were introduced by Myrtle’s brother, also named Merle.

Merle and Myrtle were married on December 4, 1948. Merle and Myrtle had three children – Kay, Myrna and Ted – all of whom were born at St Luke’s. Merle worked in agriculture for his entire career, retiring from Kent Feeds in 1984. Myrtle worked in the trust department at Central State Bank in Muscatine, IA until she retired.

After retirement, Merle and Myrtle moved to the Meth-Wick community. Merle passed away on June 20, 2013 and Myrtle on July 10, 2021.

Natalie and Joe Cohn Scholarship

This scholarship assists team members pursuing a nursing degree.

2023: Alexis Lacayo, Acute Adult Float Pool
Erin Neppl, 4 Center (Orthopedics)

2022: Jessica Dillavou, Critical Care Float Pool
Alexandra Heald, Operating Room

2021: Taylor Bahnsen, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)
Caralynn Scott, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

2020: Lauren Kromminga, Intensive Care Unit
Tina Myers, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Joe and Natalie were long-time supporters of many community non-profits, including St. Luke's Foundation. In 1998, Natalie's Last Will and Testament created the Natalie and Joe Cohn Nursing Scholarship.

Norma Newmeister Scholarship

This scholarship assists individuals pursuing a non-clinical or health-related degree.

2023: Megan Vranish, Abbe Mental Health Center

2022: Miranda McGovern, Imaging

2021: Tara Weir, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

2020: Kelcie Whaley, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Norma Newmeister has been a generous, dedicated and compassionate friend to St. Luke's Hospital, Foundation and Auxiliary for more than 40 years. She logged more than 12,000 hours volunteering for the hospital and auxiliary. In 2011, Norma received St. Luke's Lifetime Dedication of Volunteerism Award and the Governor's Award for 40 years of volunteering presented by Governor Branstad. She served on the Auxiliary's Board of Directors for 31 years.

Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship assists individuals pursuing a non-clinical or health-related degree.

2023: Kiyra Caviness, St. Luke's Cardiology Clinic
Megan Ogburn, Cardiac Holding

2022: Megan Ogburn, Cardiac Holding

2021: Melissa Feldmann, Birth Care Center

2020: Tara Weir, 6 West (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation)
Melissa Feldmann, Birth Care Center
Marcy Johnson, IV Therapy

Opal and David Fagle Scholarship

This scholarship will assist a team member enrolled in a program to obtain a degree in nursing, bachelor of science in nursing or an allied health career program (beginning or advanced).

2023: MaKenzie Vifian, Sterile Processing

2022: Craig Liscum, LifeGuard Air Ambulance

2021: Nicole Craig, Intensive Care Unit

2020: Katrina Langstraat, Inpatient Hospice Unit

This scholarship was established through a gift made by David Fagle to honor his wife's legacy in nursing. Ms. Fagle graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in 1952 and earned a bachelor's degree from Wartburg College in 1968. Over the years she worked as a registered nurse in several hospitals and ended her professional career as an instructor at the Mercedian School of Practical Nursing and director of health services and health education for the Marshalltown Community School District.

Dr. Roy & Bess Keech Scholarship

The Keech Scholarship assists nurses selected to participate in St. Luke's Hospital's – Mount Mercy University's onsite expedited RN to BSN Program.

2023 BSN Program:

Angela Amling, Inpatient Hospice Unit
Molly Stover, 1West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)
Alexis Lacayo, Acute Adult Float Pool
Carolina Amigon, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)
MSN Program:
Harper Bean, 4 West (Telemetry)
Michelle Ross, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology) and Inpatient Hospice Unit

2022: **Jessica Dillavou**, Critical Care Float Pool
Emily Fisher, Adult Behavioral Health Unit
Sam Flomo, Operating Room
Michelle Luntadila, Intensive Care Unit
Cody Mefferd, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
Angela Mollenhauer, Inpatient Hospice Unit
Kelsey Zieser, 3SSU (Surgical Specialty Unit)

2021: **Misty Klendworth**, Medical/Surgical Float Pool
Austin Koch, Emergency Department
Kaitlyn Nekola, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)
Megan Nordine, Emergency Department
Bailey Strausser, Surgical/Vascular/General

2020: **Harper Bean**, 4 West (Telemetry)
Krystal Bragg, Operating Room
Jordyn Cigrand, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)
Cynthia Homewood, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Amie Price, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Taylor Soeken, 4 West (Telemetry)

Established in 1969 from the estates of Dr. Roy and Bess Keech, this scholarship extends support to nursing students, whose field will enable them to continue to impact the world around them. Dr. and Mrs. Keech's mission through this funding is to "make available to worthy young people the advantage of an education in nursing for their benefit -- in order that they will be in a better position not only to help themselves, but to extend their influence to others."

St. Luke's Auxiliary Scholarship

St. Luke's Auxiliary offers scholarships to assist a St. Luke's team member, volunteer, auxilian or a child of a St. Luke's Hospital employee or auxilian pursuing a nursing or health-related degree.

2023: **Mikah Lunsford**, Daughter of Bonnie Lunsford, Emergency Department
Audrey Miller, Daughter of Melissa Miller, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Shaylee Minear, Daughter of Bev Minear, Emergency Department
Cadence Sutcliffe, Daughter of Laurel Sutcliffe, UnityPoint Clinics – Diabetes & Kidney Center

2022: **Sarah MacDougall**, Daughter of Deb MacDougall, Physical Therapy
Alyssa Mente, Daughter of Kim Mente, Inpatient Hospice Unit
Audrey Miller, Daughter of Melissa Miller, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

2021: **Tanvi Garg**, Daughter of Dr. Ritu Bansal, St. Luke's Dental Health Center
Christina Harrelson, Daughter of Mary Harrelson, Birth Care Center
Audrey Miller, Daughter of Melissa Miller, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

2020: **Natalie Knapp**, High School Volunteer
Shivani Manikandan, High School Volunteer
Ella Popenhagen, High School Volunteer

Ted and Lillian Feder Scholarship

This scholarship assists team members pursuing a nursing degree.

2023: **Angela Amling**, Inpatient Hospice Unit
2022: **Anika Pizarik**, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
2021: **Kerrigan Johnson**, Medical/Surgical Float Pool
2020: **Kelene Westendorf**, Digestive Health Center

Ted and Lillian were long-time supporters of many community non-profits, including St. Luke's Foundation. Ted was the owner and operator of Feder & Sons Scrap Iron. He was not able to complete his high school education but valued learning and wanted to help future students reach their educational goals. This scholarship was created to help those wishing to further their education.

Theodore Townsend Jr. Scholarship

This scholarship assists a UnityPoint Health - Cedar Rapids team member who is committed to enhancing their educational career and/or leadership skills by providing financial support for academic courses, continuing education, educational conferences and/or professional certification.

2023: Morgan Sohn, Administration

2022: Marie Brewer, Sterile Processing

2021: Tyler Jensen, LifeGuard Air Ambulance

2020: Kelcie Whaley, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Ted served as St. Luke's Hospital President and CEO from 2002 to 2018. This scholarship was created by the Cedar Rapids community to honor Ted and mark his contributions and accomplishments for his commitment and service and the tremendous impact he had on our healthcare community as well as Cedar Rapids.

Walter A. and Ida K. Kansky Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship assists nurses in training.

2023: MaKenzie Vifian, Sterile Processing

2022: Katrina Langstaat, Inpatient Hospice Unit

2021: Kelene Westendorf, Digestive Health Center

2020: Amanda Ogden, Nursing Services

Ida was a life-time member of St. Luke's Auxiliary. In 2001, when she passed away, her Last Will and Testament created the Walter A. and Ida K. Kansky Memorial Scholarship.

Yaw Scholarship

This scholarship assists nurses in training.

2023: Michael Briesemeister, Son of Eric Briesemeister, Administration
Sarah Feller, Daughter of Clark Feller, Pathology
Graci Kalous, Daughter of Brenda Kalous, Pharmacy

2022: Ella Hayden, Daughter of Jennifer Hayden, Breast & Bone Health
Ella Husemann, Daughter of Krista Husemann, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
McKenna Nekola, Daughter of Kimberly Nekola, Volunteer Services

2021: Tanvi Garg, Daughter of Dr. Ritu Bansal, St. Luke's Dental Health Center
Christina Harrelson, Daughter of Mary Harrelson, Birth Care Center
Audrey Miller, Daughter of Melissa Miller, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

2020: Abby Feldmann, Daughter of Vicki Feldmann, Imaging Services/MRI
Anna Huggins, Daughter of Joan Huggins, Albert C. and Helen Nassif Radiation Center
Rilee Lansing, Daughter of Brenda Lansing, UnityPoint - Cardiology Clinic
Justin Yem, Son of Kelly Phan, Pharmacy

Bob Yaw loved to brag he started his friendship with St. Luke's when he was born at the hospital on December 20, 1913. Mr. Yaw became a leader at St. Luke's when he joined the hospital board. During his tenure, he saw a need for the hospital to have a Foundation. His foresight led to the establishment of St. Luke's Foundation in 1977. He took it upon himself to gather leaders from the Cedar Rapids area to build a Foundation that gave people the opportunity to make contributions and serve the healthcare needs of eastern Iowa. In 1998, he established the Yaw Scholarship to assist children of St. Luke's Team Members.

ST. LUKE'S FOUNDATION PATIENT CARE EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINEES

*Denotes Award recipient

Anna Purna Ghosh Oncology Nursing Award

Peggy Bragg, Palliative Care

Alix Ewalt, Float Pool

*Jessica Randall, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

C.A.R.E. Service Award

Kris Albert, Respiratory Therapy, Pulmonary Function, ICU/MICU

*Taylor Bahnsen, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

Zoe Ceynar, 4 West (Telemetry)

Nicole Duncalf, Intensive Care Unit

Lindsey Gasper, Inpatient Hospice unit

Katy Grubb, Cardiac Cath Lab

Mary Heavens, Float Pool

Ryan Justice, PACU (Post-Anesthesia)

Cassie Lusk, Birth Care Center

Jayla Morgan, Surgicare

Anika Pisarik, NICU/Pediatrics

Emily Schmidt, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)

Sean Schoephorster, Diagnostic Cardiology/EKG

Ellie Schwarzhoff, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Nygil Stifer, Diagnostic Cardiology/ECHO

Kaley Swallow, Vascular Interventional Lab

Carroll H. and Lena H. Nelson Critical Care Award

Deb Bemer, Staff Development/Night Resource Nurse

Kristi Erhart, Cardiac Cath Lab

Sara Erickson, Respiratory Therapy

Wendy Manning, Vascular Interventional Lab

Bryan Mullarkey, Emergency Department

*Tyler O'Neil, Float Pool

Jen Powers, 4 West (Telemetry)

*Donna Prier, Intensive Care Unit

Ann Sterenchuk, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)

Deb Zastrow, Electrophysiology Lab

Dale & Ruby Morgan and Mable Ray Endowment Award

*Jim Burke, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

Abby Steils, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Darrell Dennis Pulmonary Medicine Award

Alexis Lacayo, Float Pool

*James "Andy" McRoberts, Respiratory Therapy

Brandi Mensching, Intensive Care Unit

Nathan Simonson, LifeGuard Air Ambulance

Allyson Wagner, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)

Elaine Young Leadership Award

*April Golwitzer, Resource Staffing & Support/Acute Adult Float Pool

Heather Hindman, 4 West (Telemetry)

Michelle Meyer, Intensive Care Unit

Megan Ogburn, Cardiac Holding

Kelly Printy, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

Excellence in Behavioral Health Award

*Colleen McFarlane, 3 East Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit)

*Nathan Phelps, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

Aldwin Tindoc, 1 West (Older Adult Behavioral Health Unit)

*Maddie Moetsch, 3 East Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit) and
Behavioral Health Float Pool

Gail Stork Emergency Nursing Award

Mariah Conrad, Float Pool/IVT

*Cody Mefferd, LifeGuard Air Ambulance

Karma Smith Healthcare Pioneer Award

Jessica Cizmada, Nursing Support

Shayla Dursky, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

Mallory Kaemmer, Radiation Oncology

Alaina Kuper, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)

Cody Mefferd, LifeGuard Air Ambulance

Molly Mefferd, Float Pool/House Supervisor

*Jennie Montgomery, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics

Beth Parilo, Intensive Care Unit

Amanda Staab, Center for Women's and Children's

Dan Wolfs, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

LaMorgese Award for Excellence in Neurological Nursing

Kara Flack, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)
Amy Frazier, Intensive Care Unit
*Jeremy Gardemann, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)
Audrey Scheer, Float Pool
Sydney Stahl, Float Pool
Victoria Voelkel, Float Pool

Nancy Lamb Skogsbergh and Edna Lamb Nursing (Clinical) Leadership Award

Jordan Kelly, LifeGuard Air Ambulance
MaryBeth Keuter, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)
*Maureen McEvoy, Palliative Care/Spiritual Care
Brenda Oehler, Nursing Administration
Michelle Ross, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)

Outstanding New Graduate Award

Isabel Berg, Emergency Department
Shalay Bronemann, NICU/Pediatrics
Brooke Elbert, Intensive Care Unit
Lydia Franzenburg, PACU (Post-Anesthesia)
Brie Fuller, Emergency Department
Ben Heath, 4 West (Telemetry)
*Kenzie Maloney, Birth Care Center
Tori McNeal, Cardiac Holding
Christine Ridenour, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)
Brandy Shoemaker, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)
Joel Thompson, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)

Ronald L. Mahany Award

Megan Andresen, Physical Therapy
Megan Annis, Occupational Therapy
Brittney Besser, Witwer Children's Therapy
*Scott Buchheit, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)
Mackenzie Coleman, Witwer Children's Therapy
Katie DeBower, Physical Therapy
*Kristi DeRycke, Witwer Children's Therapy
Megan Flynn, Witwer Children's Therapy
Michelle Gaston, Physical Medicine & Rehab
Julie Gasway, Witwer Children's Therapy
Michelle Gehl, Witwer Children's Therapy

Vanessa Heathman, Physical Medicine & Rehab
Laura Hepker, Witwer Children's Therapy
Megan Hughes, Witwer Children's Therapy
Kelsey Kuester, 6 West (Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation)
*Katrina Mahoney, Physical Therapy
Natalia Mitchell, Witwer Children's Therapy
James Pazour, Occupational Therapy
*Alli Reck, Occupational Therapy
Emily Robins, Witwer Children's Therapy
Lindsey Rowley, Witwer Children's Therapy
Jessie Schlotfeldt, Witwer Children's Therapy
Kris Sehr, Therapy Plus
Zoe Staves, Witwer Children's Therapy
*Jessa Stueck, Therapy Plus
*Mackenzie Waughop, Physical Medicine & Rehab

Smulekoff Family Award for Nursing Excellence

Josie Berns, Palliative Care
*Kimberly Biechler, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit/Pediatrics
Kristen Cunningham, PACU (Post-Anesthesia)
*Aimee Eastman, Birth Care Center
*Carol Fridal, Emergency Department
Lori Gewecke, STAR Office
*Kayleigh Grace, Birth Care Center
Jamie Koopman, 4 West (Telemetry)
JeannaKuehner, IV Therapy
Katie Lalley, Surgicare
Brittney Langston, Staff Development/Night Resource Nurse
Ashlee Ritscher, Pain Clinic
Linda Schwiebert, Inpatient Hospice Unit
Courtney Shaw, Intensive Care Unit
*Danielle Simonson, Emergency Department
Leah Smith, 5 Center (Oncology/Neurology)
Pam Winchester, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)

Social Worker Award

Sarah Hefflefinger, 6 Center (Pulmonary Specialty Unit)
*Kayla Thenhaus, Medical Social Services

Dr. Stephen and Peg Vanourny Award for Excellence in Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing

*Jade Kennaway, Birth Care Center

Thank you to the following committees for their dedication, commitment and support to Nurse's Week and St. Luke's Foundation.

Nurse Week Planning Committee

Jessica Cizmadia, Nursing Support
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Tina Rice, Emergency Department
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Kallie Griffin-Gutierrez, Operating Room
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Sandi McIntosh, Emergency Department
Rebecca Moore, Staff Development
Brenda Oehler, Nursing Administration

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Rebecca Moore, Staff Development
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Linda Neilsen
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Mark Willis, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Thank you to Coe College's Nursing Department for making today possible. Through their assistance and generosity we are able to utilize the beautiful Sinclair Auditorium for today's ceremony.