

OHSU Nurse of the Year Awards



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Advanced Practice

Shelby Lee Freed, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

Family Medicine, Richmond Clinic

A nurse who leads and advances or strengthens nursing, either as a profession or in the delivery of patient care within and beyond OHSU. In role-based practice, this nurse is a scientist who monitors and evaluates standards, measures expertise, practices excellence, and links the professional roles with outcomes.



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Congratulations Shelby Lee Freed

“In the midst of the chaos brought about by COVID, Shelby Freed emerged like a lighthouse in a squall, leading us to the firehose and helping us to organize around this fire of a pandemic with her COVID testing protocols and calm, unflappable leadership.”



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Advancing the Profession

April Castaldi, BSN, RN
Neonatal ICU

A scientist who monitors and evaluates standards, measures expertise and links the professional role with outcomes, within and beyond OHSU.



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Congratulations April Castaldi

“April has taken her experience, her own trauma, and applied scientific methodologies to transform her own practice and the practice of those around her, to shift the paradigm of family-centered care to Trauma Informed Care, where the continuum of health and well-being of families are at the heart of the experience.”



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Ancillary

Jericah Kariuki, CNA

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A CNA, CMA, LPN, EMT, technician (surgical, telemetry, mental health, or other specialty) or hospital unit coordinator who supports nursing with excellence in patient care.



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Congratulations
Jerica Kariuki

“Jerica not only provides outstanding patient care, she has stepped up into the role of precepting our new students and new hire CNAs and is a thorough and kind trainer.”



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Clinical Care

Nathan Harris, BSN, RN, CCRN
6A PACU

A nurse who demonstrates excellence in direct care delivery in any clinical setting. The practitioner directs and manages care in a therapeutic manner to inspire others to transform and to transform practice.



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Congratulations Nathan Harris

“Nate recognizes how taxing surgery is (both physically and mentally) on patients and has an innate calming presence that immediately puts patients at ease. When Nate walks into a patient room, I often hear him introduce himself and say, 'It's nice to meet you!' and he truly means it.”



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Clinical Nurse Leader

Bill Branigan, MN, RN

7N NSICU

A nurse (Charge RN, Nurse Educator, Nurse Champion, Lead RN) who leads self and others to ensure practice standards are upheld and the environment supports professional role and practice.



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Congratulations Bill Branigan

“Through his informal and formal mentorship and teaching on our unit he supports professional role and practice in direct embodiment of the OnSoble model. His influence makes our unit a better place to be a nurse and a better place to be a patient.”



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Community Service

Leslie Cosey, BSN, RN, CCRN

6A PACU

A nurse who makes significant professional or voluntary contributions to the community. Through community service, the nurse transfers knowledge in a manner that promotes dialogue, open communication and interdisciplinary relationships in the community



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Congratulations Leslie Cosey

“Leslie undertook a massive drive for foster families. She created a greater connection to the community at a time when we were physically separated. In all of this, Leslie has kept the focus of her work on those who would benefit from it.”



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Distinguished Nurse

Judi Workman, MSN, RN, NE-BC

Nursing Administration

The Distinguished Nurse Award is presented to an expert role-based nurse who has been in practice more than 15 years. This nurse has taken the lead through innovative leadership, fostering involvement in the profession, or forming and engaging partnerships within the community.



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Congratulations Judi Workman

“Judi is and always has been a 'nurses' nurse - the type of leader who is by your side, fighting your fight, representing your cause, supporting your ambitions, leading your development, empowering you to be amazing.”



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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Bianca Bosch, BSN, RN, CCRN

Rebecca Velasquez, BSN, RN, CCRN

7A MICU

A nurse who models outstanding effort to enhance equity and inclusion at OHSU or in our communities.



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Congratulations
Bianca Bosch &
Rebecca Velasquez

“Bianca and Becca have given us the tools to provide more supportive and inclusive care to our patients. We are truly lucky to have these two to help us serve our BIPOC and under-represented minority communities.”



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Kindness, Good Spirit

Larry Bever, RN

Cardiac Cath

A nurse who brings joy to the workplace.



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Congratulations Larry Bever

“Larry is an incredible nurse. He is wonderful to watch when he interacts with patients. He treats every patient like a friend and most important patient.”



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Management

Nikki Wiggins, MSN, RN, CCRN

Neonatal ICU

A nurse who demonstrates exceptional management of nursing or patient care services in any setting. This nurse manages the role and application to ensure practice standards are upheld and the environment is designed to support the professional role and practice.



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Congratulations Nikki Wiggins

“Nikki is a tireless advocate and has led efforts in a grass-roots movement, which has transformed care and unit culture. Her dedication to staff, patients, and families is unparalleled.”



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Mentoring

Christine Bartlett, MSN, RN, NE-BC

Critical Care

A nurse who provides positive professional influence, guidance, and support to other nurses in any setting. This nurse inspires others to transform service and care.



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Congratulations Christine Bartlett

“Chris possesses a communication style that is collaborative, supportive, and intuitive. Through her constant guidance, she has helped develop my communication skills and abilities to connect with my team. Chris has truly provided a significant part of the foundation our ICU cluster is now built on, one of respect, teamwork, and collaboration.”



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Nightingale

Kate Ballard, BSN, RN

9N Peds Acute Care

A role-based nurse who has been in practice less than 18 months. This nurse exemplifies outstanding and caring leadership and professionalism as a beginning practitioner.



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Congratulations Kate Ballard

“Kate has been a primary advocate for Senate Bill 698, which requires pharmacies to provide translated prescription labels, lobbying over 30 legislators, testifying in committee hearings and negotiating amendments. The bill is expected to improve medication safety for approximately 200,000 Oregonians. She also engages other nurses in advocacy. Bravo!”



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Patient Advocate

Jill Pyle, BSN, RN
Care Management

A nurse who has provided patients or people with a stronger voice to influence communities, policies, and health.



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Congratulations Jill Pyle

“Jill is an outspoken and fearless RNCM who goes above and beyond to advocate for her patients. Jill is able to think holistically and sees the big picture for patient care beyond the walls of the hospital.”



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Teaching

Lorin Daniels, BSN, RN, CNRN

7C NSICU

A nurse who contributes significantly to the education, professional development, or long-term learning of other nursing professionals. This nurse is a teacher who helps others to learn practice.



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Congratulations Lorin Daniels

“Lorin's many efforts and her inspirational leadership have been a significant contributor to the improved morale and staff engagement within the NSICU team.”



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