# LUHS Nurses Week Activity Calendar

**May 9 - 13, 2016**

**Theme:** Ethical Practice, Quality Care

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  - On-Campus Units
  - Chaplain staff will coordinate with unit managers to set up times

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**Events**

**Monday**
- Blessing of Hands Primary Care & Ambulatory Clinics
  - Chaplain staff will coordinate with unit managers to set up times

**Tuesday**
- 9TH ANNUAL NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY
  - Tobin Hall 1630 - 1730

**Wednesday**
- Unit Potluck Celebration

**Thursday**
- Sports Themed T-shirt Day

**Friday**
- Award Recognition Reception
  - SSOM Dining Room 120
  - 1730 - 1830

**Note:** The nurses’ gifts will be distributed throughout the week.
CNE Corner

Dear colleagues,

As we celebrate Nurses Week, I would like to thank all of our nursing colleagues for your dedication and service to our Loyola patients.

As I look back on my career in nursing, I am struck by all the changes in healthcare over the years. For nurses, the impact has been significant. The roles and opportunities that have been created for us are almost overwhelming.

There have been doors opened in areas of practice that I would have never thought possible 35 years ago. Here at Loyola, we see our advanced practice colleagues managing specific patient populations while many of us provide care to patients in venues beyond the inpatient setting.

We are involved in improving quality, managing length of stay and coordinating care along the continuum. As we travel on our journey to improve the healthcare of our community, we will continue to be depended upon and to be an active force in changing the way we provide care.

I am very proud of all our nurses at Loyola and extremely impressed with your willingness to take on this challenge.

In keeping with our Magis values, we all need to continue to do more in the support of our mission. I read all of our patient and family comments and the main theme is how much they love and are thankful of our nursing staff!

Once again, I thank you for all you do and wish you a happy Nurses Week!

Sincerely

Karen
Starting July 1st, the Education Stipend will be on the fiscal year – from July 1st to June 15th. You will not be reimbursed for activities attended from June 15th to June 30th to allow time to complete the application review before the end of the fiscal year.

Since we will now be administering the stipend in the fiscal year, we will start fresh as of July 1st, regardless of the date of your last application.

Request for funds must be submitted within the fiscal year of the activity, July 1st to June 15th.

With the change from calendar year to the fiscal year, all applications for this year need to be in by June 15th.

Associates may submit one application per fiscal year up to $300/year. Multiple activities may be submitted on 1 application (up to a total of $300/year). If funds are available, reimbursement will be granted after proof of completing the activity (certification, recertification, conference, or presenter fees). Eligible associates include RNs (including Managers and APNs), LPNs, CMAs, and ORTs in a ≥ 0.5 FTE after one year of employment, free of corrective action or work improvement during the previous 12 months.

We are implementing a new guideline starting July 1st to encourage associates ≥ 0.5 FTE to become certified:

- If you take the certification exam and pass on the 1st attempt, you will be reimbursed up to $300. This would meet your $300 fiscal year stipend reimbursement.

- If you take a certification exam and fail, you can apply for 50% of the failed exam fee. If you retake the exam and pass or fail on your 2nd attempt during the same fiscal year, you will be eligible to apply for 50% of that exam fee. These 2 certification requests for funds can be in the same fiscal year, even though the combined amount may exceed $300. You can only submit two failed certification exam fees at 50% reimbursement during your Loyola career. If you take and pass the exam in the next fiscal year, you are eligible for up to $300 reimbursement.

- If you choose not to re-take the exam in the same fiscal year, you may apply for 50% of the failed exam fee and include other activities on the stipend application, up to $300. If you include other activities with your failed exam and reach the $300/year, you will not be eligible for any additional funds for that fiscal year, including additional certification exam fees.

For complete details, go to loyola.wired > Departments > Nursing > Education Stipend Packet
2016 Nurse Excellence Nominees

92 nurses were nominated for the Nurse Excellence Award!!
10 nurses were selected as the 2016 Nursing Excellence Award Winners.
Congratulations to all the nominees!
Please attend the 9th Annual Nursing Recognition Ceremony on
Wednesday May 11th, Tobin Hall at 4:30p.m.

Clinical Expert

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Nurse’s Prayer

Gracious God,

I thank you for this new day of life. Throughout this day, please help me to meet You in each patient, care-giver and colleague, in each event that comes my way.

Continue to teach me when to listen and when to ponder and when to share. With the simple Joy that is Your gift, may I go about my tasks, great and hidden.

In difficult moments, please help me to hear whisperings of Your Wisdom and to act on these with courage and compassion. In all this, refresh me, please, Gentle God, even as I grow in caring for myself. Let me end each day trusting in Your care for me and all those I have met.

Amen
Happy Nurses Week to all the Loyola Nurses!

PAC Triage Nurses, we thank you!
I’d like to take this time to thank our Triage Nurses for all their hard work and dedication. Our triage nurses here in the Patient Access Center (PAC) are skilled, knowledgeable and caring. Being the liaison between the patients and the physicians they can assist with patient inquiries including medication refills and authorizations, provide solutions and advice for clinical concerns, schedule outpatient testing, and advise and communicate questions to the physicians. As dedicated professionals, they help the patient navigate the healthcare system, and follow-up with the patient to assure that they are highly satisfied with the care that they receive. Thanks you for all you do for our patients.
Cheryl Grendahl

BPCI Nurses, we thank you!
The BPCI Nurses are essentially pioneers at LUHS in developing a way to navigate through new processes, building new work flows, removing barriers and identifying the best Models for the BPCI program and team in the future. Every week you are able to generate new perspectives on how to create a better outcome for our patients and their transitions of care. I would like to say thank you for your dedication to the profession and your ability to make a difference in patients’ lives. Cheryl Grendahl

Thank you to the staff on 7SW!
You are awesome and have worked so hard this past year improving quality and patient satisfaction. You have much to be proud of and celebrate and you are very much appreciated!
-jc

Porsche, I’m so glad you have joined our team in the POB. It’s amazing we functioned without a nurse in the clinics. I know the CMAs and the physicians appreciate everything you do, as do I. Happy Nurses Week. Keep up the great work. -Sue Shivley

Heart and Vascular Team, Thank you for all the great work you do for our patients, physicians’ practices and always going above and beyond the call of duty. From your staff at Heart and Vascular Center.
Farida Razvi

Thank you to the Clinical Staff at LOC Surgery,
Thanks for extra hours, staying late, coming in early and giving your 110% whenever it is needed!!! Clinic would not run so smoothly without your sacrifices. Appreciate your dedication!!!
Thanks, Elaine Wilson

To Denice Bakerdjis, Clinical Coordinator for Elmhurst and Oak Park (Boblick group):
Unlimited THANK YOUs to Denice. She runs a tight ship and she is a great resource for all. She knows her stuff and we are fortunate to have her! It’s my pleasure to work with her.
Lynne V. Chavez

To Porsche Richardson, RN for POB 414 and 416:
So happy that Porsche has joined our team as we reintroduce RNs into our groups. She is a great help and the physicians are thrilled to have her as a resource. Thanks for all that you do! Lynne V. Chavez

Special thanks to all Outpatient and Inpatient Dialysis Nurses. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated!
Bessie Baldovino
To Sue Shivley, Clinical Coordinator for the Loyola at Gottlieb primary/specialty care sites at the POB and off-campus sites:
I love working with Sue, as we run around from site to site. She is a great resource for staff as well as physicians. She is always willing to take on more – which is the name of the game! Very fortunate to have her on my team!
Lynne V. Chavez

The idea of team is; “Simply stated less me and more we.” Kathy, has embodied this in the past year as well as any member of our team. She has stepped up when needed and not necessarily when asked. She has been the backbone of the clinic and has taken over the intravitreal injection program providing great service to patients and providers. In this case, one person has equaled three. She has come to work with a can do attitude and the ability to take on any challenge. She is a delight to be around and has managed a very stressful environment quite well. We could not do what we do without her.
She has gone above and beyond while making someone’s day by providing comfort and the gift of sight.
Appreciatively, Vinny

To all the Ambulatory Registry Staff,
What a great group of Ladies – I appreciate all the work you do in the many clinics that you work. Your dedication to your profession is above reproach and it is my pleasure to work with each one of you.
My Best to you in this coming year, Ellen

Oral Health Center:
To a great team of nurses! The three of you are an awesome team and I am excited that everyone has stepped up to the plate and taken control! You are truly "The Three Musketeers"!!
Love, Tina

To all of my other clinical team members; both CMAs and my PCT II:
Our clinics could not run without you. Thank you for all of your dedicated hours and hard work.
Lynne V. Chavez

To all of our nurses at Elmhurst and Oak Park:
Thank you for your hard work and devotion. We couldn’t do it without you. Your hard work is much appreciated!!!!
Lynne V. Chavez

To The Clinical Staff at Elmhurst and Oak Park Primary Care,
Thank you for ALL your hard work and dedication to care for our patients! There are countless ways you show your care, concern and compassion, not only to our patients, but toward each other. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work with ALL of you!
Happy Nurses Week!
Denice Bakerdjis

LOC General Surgery Clinic:
To my Gen Surgery Nurses! I greatly appreciate all that you do! Your positive attitude and team work reflects every day! You are an awesome team, and I am honored to work with you!
Love, Tina

A BIG SHOUT OUT to all of the nurses in Ambulatory. You “bring to life” our tag line…..We also treat the human spirit. Very privileged to be working with you. Thanks so much for taking such good care of our patients.
Cathy Lenz
To all my medical assistants in Norridge, Chicago, Oak Park South and Suites 414 and 416: Thank you for all your hard work every day in the clinic supporting the physicians and me. I could not do my job without you. You all are the best! Sue

To all the Nursing Staff in the 5th Floor Acute Rehab: Once again, as a team, you have all proven the strength of teamwork, dedication and resiliency. Your hard work is seen and felt by our patients, leaders and the entire institution. Know that I am very proud to have you as my teammates as we forge on the next phase of our future as rehabilitation nursing staff! Thank you for everything and celebrate this week as you make a difference!
Maria Benette Macailing

"I have been fortunate to have had a long career in Healthcare. During that time I have worked with many individuals. My time at Loyola has provided me with the benefit of working with some of the finest nurses that I have ever encountered.

It is my privilege to work with them on a regular basis. To all of them, have a great nurses week. You deserve it!!"
Bill Seliga

"5 Tower & Cardiac Rehab
Thank you to all the 5 Tower and Cardiac Rehab staff that go above and beyond every single day when caring for our patients. I appreciate you energy, creativity and teamwork and I’m proud to have the privilege to work with each of you.
Thank you for all you do & Happy Nurses Week!
Pam Skocir, RN, MSN, MHA"

Thank you to the Superheroes of Oncology!
To the Cancer Service Line Nursing Staff From the Management Team

Oakbrook Terrace Medical Center
Happy Nurses Week! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to providing outstanding care to our patients. Your hard work is appreciated and you are wonderful examples of treating the human spirit. It is a pleasure and honor for us to work with you all. Thank you!
Susan Martinkus and Terri Leonhardt

To the Employee/Student Health Nurses,
Happy Nurses Week. Thank you for all the efforts you make to keep our employees and students safe and well. It is a pleasure to work with you all.
Anita Calistro

To the GI Lab RNs:
Thank you so much for all your hard work! Your compassion and dedication to providing people-centered care is truly appreciated. I am so grateful to work in a place with such fabulous caregivers who consistently strive for excellence. Happy Nurses Week!
Julie Johnson

To all the Nurses in LOC Peds and Peds Hem Onc: Thank you for all you do for our patients and each other! You are the best! We appreciate you and feel fortunate to work with such a great group of professionals. Thank you for bringing your best each day!! Robyn and Mary Ellen

Nurse Link
To the Anticoagulation Nurses,  
Happy Nurses Week. You are a great group of nurses and I am delighted to work with you. Your level of expertise is your gift to our patients. The attention to the detail that is needed for this critical medication is imperative. Thank you for your knowledge, hard work and dedication. Anita Calistro

To the NICU staff:  
Thank you for the constant support and dedication you portray to the smallest patients. The compassion you show when caring for the NICU patients is amazing. You guidance and support to the families during the most stressful times of their lives makes an irreversible impact on them. They remember you forever which is an amazing honor. I am proud of each of you and your devotion to the patients and families we serve. I wish each of you the happiest nurses week. You are an amazing group. 
Theresa Martinez

To the staff in the Women’s Health division:  
I have had the wonderful opportunity to become your leader over the last few months and you have inspired me. The compassionate care portrayed each day to the patients is truly remarkable. Your ability to coach them during delivery, support them post-delivery, and hug them during a loss is absolutely amazing. Thank you for your hard work and dedication each day. There has been a lot of change and definitely ups and downs but as a manager I am honored to experience this with you. I appreciate each and every one of you and wish you all a wonderful nurses week. Theresa Martinez

To the General Medicine Nurses,  
Happy Nurses Week. I appreciate all that you do for our providers and patients. Your flexibility with the schedule and willingness to cover our clinic is appreciated as well. Keep up the good work on improving our patient satisfaction efforts. It is a pleasure to work with you all. 
Anita Calistro

To the NICU staff:  
Thank you for the constant support and dedication you portray to the smallest patients. The compassion you show when caring for the NICU patients is amazing. You guidance and support to the families during the most stressful times of their lives makes an irreversible impact on them. They remember you forever which is an amazing honor. I am proud of each of you and your devotion to the patients and families we serve. I wish each of you the happiest nurses week. You are an amazing group. 

Theresa Martinez

River Forest  
Happy Nurses Week!  
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to providing outstanding care to our patients. Your availability and care does make a difference in our patients lives. Your hard work is appreciated and you are wonderful examples of treating the human spirit. It is a pleasure and honor for us to work with you all. Thank you! 
Susan Martinkus and Mai Nacht

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Happy Nurses Week. I appreciate all that you do for our providers and patients. Your flexibility with the schedule and willingness to cover our clinic is appreciated as well. Keep up the good work on improving our patient satisfaction efforts. It is a pleasure to work with you all. 
Anita Calistro

Thank You!

To All our Nurses in Oakbrook Primary Care and OB/GYN:  
Thank you for your support, dedication, and kind spirit. 
Your knowledge and commitment to the nursing profession, Loyola, and our patients is Amazing! 
I feel blessed to have you all on our team—“It’s Home”  
Happy Nurses Week!  
Laureen

We would like to thank Judy Bradfield, Jeanette Cronin, Joy Dorsch, Nancy Forcier, Sandy Gronkiewicz, Marinza Jimenez, Mary O’Driscoll, Judy Rey, Cindy Sacha, and Jessica Spitelli for all they do for our GI patients. We appreciate each and every one of you for making it a better experience for our patients. Thank you!!! Heidi Heintz
As another year has gone by, I reflect on the many opportunities we have had. There continue to be changes and challenges for our unit and you continue to surprise me with your willingness to meet the challenges. The quality of care that you give is a constant reminder of how seriously you take the role of nursing. Happy Nurses Week!! You do make a difference to our patients.

–Peggy

LOC Neurology/Neurosurgery

I would like to recognize our nursing and APN team in neurology and neurosurgery for all they do in providing exemplary care in line with Magis values for all patients. Your professionalism, leadership, care, and compassion are second to none! Deb, Dee, Donna, Jan, Joyce, Amy, Jaeliegh, Sharon, Ruth, Anna, Magan, Erin, Angela, and Kelly; I am truly lucky to work with a group of such distinguished professionals who work so diligently within the team to always put the patient’s needs first. My sincere heartfelt thanks for all that you do! Happy Nurses Week!

Respectfully,
Mike

Nursing Staff at Wheaton

Happy Nurses Week! Thank you for your unending dedication and the compassionate care you provide to our patients. Your hard work is appreciated and you are wonderful examples of treating the human spirit. It is a pleasure and honor for us to work with you all. Thank you!

Susan Martinkus and Susan Fenton

Loyola Children’s Center for Health at Oakbrook Terrace

Happy Nurses Week! You are an amazing group of Specialty Pediatric nurses. Your compassion and care that you so freely give to our patients and their families is beyond compare. Your hard work is appreciated and you are wonderful examples of treating the human spirit. It is a pleasure and honor for us to work with you all. Thank you!

Susan Martinkus and Cindy Denton

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the nurses on the trauma team for doing an exceptional job. Your work is excellent in the clinical, non-clinical and community areas. Your love of nursing and making sure all of the trauma patients receive superb care goes without question. Your vision for the future has kept all of us positive and focused. I know I have asked you to exceed all of your goals and this is certainly evident every day. Every trauma team nurse has shown wonderful stewardship by helping each other during times of need. I am humbled by the loyalty, dedication and passion you all have for your career as nurses. Thank You.

Jan Gillespie, RN

Oakbrook Terrace Primary Care

Happy Nurses Week to our OB/Gyne and Primary Care nurses! Thank you for your compassion and care you so freely give to our patients every day. Your hard work is appreciated and you are wonderful examples of treating the human spirit. It is a pleasure and honor for us to work with you all.

Thank you!

Susan Martinkus and Laureen Phillips

NURSE LINK
Many thanks to Hickory Hills specialty nurses, Sara Burke & Linda Sterba, who have been the major contributors to the success of the Endocrinology team at this site. While they are also responsible for the nursing needs of the other specialty physicians, they make the endocrinologists feel like we are the only providers they support.
Dr. Gerald A. Charnogursky

To the Ortho nursing team:
Thank you all for tireless efforts in providing the best care coordination for our orthopedic patients. You are an amazing team of nurses who are the experts in coordinating patient care.
Michelle Baldridge

I would like to say thank you to all of my Burr Ridge Clinical Coordinators:
Stephanie Kendzior
Lynn Hughes
Aurora Trinka
Marsha Moran
Nora Primiano
Thank you for your excellent work and your support. It deserves all my appreciation and I am very fortunate to have a team that carries out difficult work every day. I appreciate your styles of work and your sincere kindness. Well done!
Michelle Harnell

I would like to thank the wonderful staff at Elmhurst North! Christine and June thank you for running the front desk. Marlene for working as hard as you do at both front desk and in the clinic. Amy and Connie thank you for being great team members and for being amazing nurses! Thank you Maria for running the Medispal!
Christine Copher, RN

Sue Shivley:
"Thank you for your support of Oak Park South".
From Olga, Joanna, Noreen, and Julie

I want to Thank Pat Bonk from Hickory Hills.
She is a very hard worker and has a smile on her face no matter what you ask her to do.
Shanti Nair

It was you who cared for my Father when he was ill, and my Mother during her Cancer. You who held my son’s hand when he had his first shot and told him he is brave.
It was you who listened to my ‘whole story’ and then helped me understand my options when my husband was going through a difficult time after surgery.
You glide through your days healing the sick with your hands and your heart. You are the difference makers at the Ambulatory sites and in the inpatient Units. We need you everywhere, clinics, bedside, for population health and for triage and beyond.
Nurses are my Heroes and every one of you deserves a Cape!
Allyson

Happy Nurses Week to the MICU team!
Once again you have astonished me in your resilience, your nursing care and your friendship. You are a remarkable group and every day I am thankful for having the opportunity to work with each of you. I am so proud of the nursing care you provide, the compassion you show to our patients and successes we have achieved. This has been a very busy year and I appreciate your resilience and ability to embrace the many changes that have occurred. You are very special and I am humbled to be your manager. Happy Nurses Week!
Barb
Nursing is rarely boring or predictable. In few other professions we are present at life’s most momentous events, from birth to death, from crisis to recovery. For those who thrive on variety and the full spectrum of human drama, every day brings a range of new situations. – 3NW staff; I may not say this every day, but you are the greatest bunch of individuals I have ever known and worked with. Thank you for all you do each and every day to make sure that the patients and their families are well taken care of. I could not ask for a better group of staff to go through and handle the crazy ups and downs of the unit. I love, care and appreciate all of you and everything that you do. HAPPY NURSES WEEK!! – Becky Daniels

Cardiovascular Nurses and APN’s ..... have HEART

H uge commitment to excellent care
E xtraordinary Nurses
A re always Caring
R eady Willing and Awesome .
T errific Team Work

Happy Nurses Week and Thank you for working from the "HEART"
Gayle Payonk

- Happy Nurses Week to the NEW PCU team!
  Congratulations on successfully transitioning to our new unit! This has been a busy and exciting time as we developed and opened the new PCU. I am thankful for all you have done to gain new knowledge and skills and especially to welcome our new team members. Be proud of what you have accomplished! You are an extraordinary group of nurses and I am excited to see where we will go and what we can achieve. Happy Nurses Week!
  Barb

Happy Nurses Week 2016!
A heartfelt thank you, to our pediatric and pediatric critical care nurses whose purposeful demonstration of caring and compassion is enhanced by the way they navigate through the highly technical environment today as we celebrate the impact that nurses have on our patients, families and each other in today's highly technological health care environment.

The Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center would not exist were it not for you, the nursing professional who comes to learn and work with us, who refers patients to us, and who collaborates with us in their care. We’ve long realized that our partnership with you is vital to our success.
We are committed to continually improve your ongoing education while improving our communication with you on a daily basis. And because we embrace teamwork and collaboration our shared governance is an outcome of your dedication to the right choices for yourselves, patients, families and staff.

Please know how grateful and proud I am of every nurse at the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital for the expertise, compassion, and sensitivity that you share with our patients, families, and colleagues each and every day. Clp

To our oncology service line nurses and APN's:
You are the Body and Soul of the Oncology Service Line. I am grateful to all of you for the extraordinary care you provide to our patients. You are an amazing group filled with compassion and care. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful professionals. Enjoy nurses week- as we celebrate all of you. BRAVO!!!

Happy Nurses Week
Gayle Payonk
I would like to thank all of the Nurses that work in Burr Ridge for all of your wonderful treatment to your patients every day. You all deserve my heartfelt thanks! Thank you for being patient and kind to all of your coworkers, patients and their family members. It is always a pleasure to work with all of you and thank you for making it easy for me. You’re the Best!
Michelle Harnell

To all the staff in LOC Women’s health
Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our patients.
We have had a challenging year and everyone’s hard work and dedication has been amazing.
Thank you to a great team!
Sharon Bird

I would like to thank all the Nurses that work in LaGrange for all their hard work. I want to express my sincere thanks for the attention you give to all of your patients every day! It has been a great opportunity to work with you all in such a challenging clinical environment. Keep up the great care you give to all your patients!
Michelle Harnell

To the entire nursing staff of the Burn Center and the Burn/Trauma Clinic, as we recognize you during Nurses’ Week 2015, I want to thank you for the continued professionalism, teamwork, and unparalleled dedication that you show our patients and their families on a daily basis. Even with the stress and sometimes overwhelming emotions that accompany your unique job, you tirelessly face difficult situations with compassion and grace. I witness the clinical skill, spirit and kindness you display every day, and that is what makes the Burn Center an amazing place. I am so proud of each and every one of you, and I’m proud to have you as a part of the Loyola Burn Center Team. May God bless your hands that do the remarkable work that improves the quality of life for hundreds of patients every year. You truly are extraordinary people.
Jeanie Leggett

To the ED Nurses:
“To do what nobody else will do, a way that nobody else can do, in spite of all we go through; that is to be a nurse.” – Rawsi Williams
For everything you do every day, in the midst of chaos and disaster, in the midst of sorrow and pain, in the midst of the unbearable situations in which most people could not do what you do. For the compassion you give to our patients and families and the support you give to each other, and the resilience and perseverance you demonstrate on a daily basis that makes the impossible possible, I thank you!
Happy Nurses Week!
Katrina

To the Population Health Team-
Thank you to the entire team for all of your hard work and dedication to ensure that our mission is fulfilled on a daily basis. I want to thank each one of you for the individual contribution that you bring to the Pop Health team and Loyola. You are appreciated! Happy Nurses Week!!!!
Tiffany Jamison-Batts, Ed.D, MSN, RN
Interim Manager, Population Health ACE/ACO
Happy Nurses Week 2016

to all the wonderful nurses
I have the pleasure of
working with every day!
It is a privilege to get to
work with such wonderful
people!

Sandi McCullough

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OR Nurses at ASC, Russo, GMH:
On behalf of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, we would like to recognize and thank you all for taking such great care of our patients and physicians in the surgical care environment. We so appreciate all your efforts in making a safe, efficient, collegial and collaborative environment. Happy Nurses Week!
Dr. Alex Ghanayem and Lynette Wilkos-Prostran

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Orthopaedic Department Nurses:
On behalf of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, we would like to take the time to thank you all for your hard work, dedication, compassion and coordination of care for our patients. Today we recognize and honor our nursing colleagues. Thank you for all you do!
Dr. Alex Ghanayem, Lynette Wilkos-Prostran & Michelle Baldridge

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To the entire staff of the ASC,
The ASC is a fantastic TEAM. I appreciate each and every member of the ASC team. There is great teamwork and support done every day working with each other, the patients, family members and the physicians.
This teamwork makes a difference for all of our patients and the entire team caring for the patient. Your dedication to nursing makes our ASC run efficiently. Thank you for all you do every day.
I am lucky to have a devoted team who is able to work together through some very chaotic challenging days. I feel fortunate to have the wonderful team I have.

THANK-YOU and Happy Nurses Week to every member of the ASC team!
Debbie

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DEVICE CLINIC NURSING TEAM
Happy Nurses Week!
- I am so thankful to have such a dedicated device nursing team!
- Thank you for the time you spend ensuring every remote and clinic visit is taken care of.
- Your compassion to patient care is outstanding, and is shown by ensuring every remote and clinic visit is taken care of.
- The more time I spend interacting with each and every one of our device nurses, the more I truly respect the demands of your role.
- Thank you for your patience with the complex demands of your role.
- Your patience and clinical expertise with the preceptorship role and the onboarding of new team members is greatly respected.
- Thank you for coordinating outstanding patient care with the complexity and saline injections including juggling between the bedsides and outpatients.
- Your commitment to the high demanding responsibilities of the TEE department shines through and includes performing the tracers for both moderate sedation and transducer disinfection. In addition, the TEE scheduling component is highly involved and we appreciate this time component.
- Your patience and clinical expertise with the preceptorship role and the onboarding of new team members is greatly respected.
- Thank you for coordinating the new process of the stress testing consent forms with the cardiology fellows!
- I am so proud to work with such a compassionate and dedicated cardiology nursing team!

Thank you for your honesty and openness as this feedback allows us to grow as a team.

Sincerely,
Marianne Yakoubek

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CARDIOGRAPHICS NURSING TEAM
Happy Nurses Week!
Thank you for your continued support to CV Diagnostics.
Your commitment goes above and beyond with the long hours that you put in, as this truly demonstrates your drive, dedication and passion to the nursing profession.
Thank you for coordinating outstanding patient care with the complexity and saline injections including juggling between the bedsides and outpatients.
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Sincerely,
Marianne Yakoubek

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A big thank you to all the amazing nurses at North Riverside, that I work with daily. I so appreciate everything that you do for me daily, and for your dedication, compassion and care.
I couldn't do it without you!

Dr. Hannah Chow

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NURSE LINK
To the amazing nursing staff of the Women’s, Children’s & Urology Service line, and to my amazing leadership team, I want to thank you for your continued dedication to our patients, the mission of our great organization and to the profession of nursing. I am proud to be a member of this great team of professionals, HAPPY NURSES WEEK!!
Kim Reeks, Executive Director
Women’s, Children’s & Urology Service line

To the OR Staff:
Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to perioperative nursing. Being behind closed doors, some patients don’t remember the care we provide in the OR. Daily you act as the patients’ advocate in their most vulnerable time. Thank you for being committed to the operating room and the long hard hours you put in.
Stefanie Keating, Adrianne Salvador

PAT, PRE-OP, PACU, & STU RN’S
I am so proud to be part of such a dynamic group of nurses who deliver excellent care to our surgical patients. Your professionalism and talents extend way beyond the bedside to make our team function almost seamlessly. I appreciate each one of you and your dedication to our surgical division each and every day. Thank you for giving of yourself to make our department and Loyola a better place with you here! Happy Nurses Week!!
Jeanne Keane
Manager

Dear Susan M, Cathy L, Terri L, Sue F, Sonja W, and Cindy D,
Thank you for your mentoring, patience, help, kindness, and friendship as I begin a new nursing journey at Loyola. I am very lucky to work/worked with such a great group of experienced professional nurses.
Laureen

Thank you to all the nurses for all the dedicated individuals on the Women’s Health, Pediatrics, Urology Urogynecology. It amazes me each day the level of professionalism, drive and perfection you demonstrate in juggling the demands of patient care, while continuing to show complete compassion and empathy for your patients. A special “shout out” to our APNs/CNMs, especially APN of 2015 Julie Marks. You all make our lives easier by being an ever present support to the entire team.
Thank you and Happy Nurses Week from:
Robyn Thurston – Women’s, Children, Urogynecology, & Urology Ambulatory Programs
AND Sharon Bird, Susan Luzzi, Debbie O’herm, Mary Ellen Callaghan, & Christine Copher

IP Nursing units (4T and 7SW):
On behalf of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, we would like to recognize our nursing leadership and nursing colleagues for taking such great care of our Orthopaedic patients. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to ensuring great patient experience and care!
Happy Nurses Week.
Dr. Alex Ghanayem and Lynette Wilkos-Prostran
Our RNs for both Hickory Hills and North Riverside deserve a standing ovation for the work and support the continue to provide to our patients and providers. In a forever changing environment, our RNs continue to help to provide continuity of care and our MDs and patients are truly grateful for the level of care and professionalism our RNs provide day in and day out.

THANK YOU Linda, Sara B, Jolynn, Pat B, Pat L, Melissa, Laura, Allison, Amy, Sarah R, Marge, Susan (Happy Retirement), Carol, Lucy, Julie, Kathryn, Maribel, Kyna (Welcome Aboard), Donna APN, Barbara APN.

Nathan Harvey

A nurse’s life is both daunting and at the same time fulfilling in such a way that we make the difference between life and death. We have the educated eyes that prevent medical errors, injuries, and other catastrophes. Apart from that, nurses also participate in research to help other nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals provide safe and more effective care. In line with that, nurses and pcts take a part in making a difference in the lives of those who seek our help while preserving the comfort and dignity of the ones we serve.

To all 3SE Nurses and PCTS,
It is always a pleasure to work with you. Thank you for your smiles, sincerity, and willingness to go above and beyond. We are a GREAT unit because of your hard work and great contributions. Working with all of you is always a delight! I commend you all for your extraordinary work and sacrifices to keep our unit beating. I am honored and humbled to be your manager. To do what nobody else will do, a way that nobody else can do, regardless of all we go through, that is to be a nurse.
Happy nurses week!!!
Michelle

Happy Nurses Week! How special it is to have the opportunity to say thank you to a tremendous group!

Thank you for all that you do for our patients and each other. We continue to have some of the BEST patient satisfaction scores throughout the ambulatory clinics. I applaud you for your consistent efforts, as I know it is not always easy. To be actually retired to the Hall of Fame is AWESOME! Thanks for all your hard work with AIDET and for really trying to always make the patient experience a positive experience! YOU are a terrific staff who have been through many ups and downs this past year. May we continue to grow and give our patients the very best we have to offer. Last November, with the closing of the Park Ridge Immediate Care, we parted ways with Robin, Jeanette, Sara, Julie and Raf, as they took other positions within Loyola. We miss them and cherish memories close to our hearts but also know they are bringing excellence to other Loyola departments and the patient populations they serve. Thank you, everyone, for all that you do, every day. You are very special!
Nancy M. Coppin

For CVICU:
Happy Nurses Week!
Thank you for the care you provide and the lives you have changed.
Barb

Dear Ann Marie, Melissa, Aldana, Kris and Diane,
As a new team, together we can conquer many things! Thank you for your passion, dedication and hard work to assure that our newly hired nursing staff have the resources that they need, that the questions of our current staff are answered in a timely fashion and that we provide outstanding continuing education for all of our nurses. You are a fabulous team providing support to each other, you are outstanding role models, phenomenal nurse educators and exceptional nursing leaders. I sincerely appreciate your contributions to ensure safe high quality patient care through the education and mentoring of our nurses. Thank you for all that you do year round and Happy Nurses Week!
Pam Clementi, PhD, RN-BC
Dear Loyola Nursing Staff and Nursing Leadership
Thank you for the dedicated and tireless work to assure our patients are cared for with skilled expertise and compassion! Your work makes all the difference to our patients!
Thank you nursing leadership for your commitment, time and dedication to our patients and our staff! Your efforts are noted and deeply appreciated!
Happy Nurses Week to all of you!
Carol Schleffendorf MS, NE-BC, RN

To the awesome clinical staff of Pain Management-
I am honored to work with such a fabulous team! I am continuously awed by the great work you do. Your dedication and compassion shines from within you. Thanks for all your great work!
Happy Nurses Week!
Cheryl L. Murphy

To: Members of the Surgical Services Team
I would like to take this opportunity to wish Happy Nurses Week to a wonderful team. Your sense of teamwork and dedication to all our patients is truly remarkable.
Your advocacy to do what's right for all our patients every single time is greatly appreciated. It is such a pleasure and honor for me to lead a team of committed, hardworking and enthusiastic group.
Thank you for all you do!
Ella Echavez

To All the Cath Lab/EP Lab/HVC Holding Area Staff
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to providing the best care to our patients and their families. Your efforts make a huge difference in our patients’ experience; your comforting words and your caring behaviors have made a very scary procedure become a soothing and peaceful experience for our patients. I am lucky and proud to work with each and every one of you. Happy Nurses Week!
From: Grace Lach

CCU Nursing Staff
I would like to thank you for the incredible work you do day in and day out. The fact that we have patients that come back and visit us regularly is a testament to the excellent patient-centered care we provide. Each and every one of you reminds me on a daily basis of why I went into nursing. I am truly fortunate to be part of the CCU team! Happy Nurses Week!

Thank you!
Meghan Otwell, MSN, RN, CCRN

Dear Tower 4 staff
I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to know and work with all of you! Thank you does not seem like enough for all your hard work. All of you make such a difference.

Thanks again for everything—I am so very proud to work side by side with you!
Ann

To the Nurses of 4ICU: Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellent patient care. You are always willing to take on new challenges and fill in wherever necessary. Your efforts are much appreciated.
Happy Nurses Week!
Kathy

Vascular Access Team
Thank-you for all you do and ensuring our patients receive the best care. You are an extraordinarily talented group and I appreciate your expertise and skillful care. Happy Nurses Week!
Barb
To the nursing staff of EMS (Pre-Hospital) and the Emergency Department

“Be Thankful for the Gifts you receive Each Day”
Look for something to be thankful and glad over each day, and you will find it...
Fill your soul and mind full of love and sympathy and Joy... and blessings will follow.

“Gratitude” is one of the nicest feelings a heart can have. It’s a feeling that comes along for a very special reason, and it’s a lovely thought that never goes away once it enters in. It joins together with precious memories and grateful hopes. Gratitude lives on, not for just a moment or a day, but through all the seasons that lie ahead.

During nurses week, I would like each of you to know I am grateful for each and every one of you.
Thank you for all you do! You have touched many lives and have truly made a difference. I am blessed to call you friend and colleague! Thank You and Happy Nurses Week!

Christine

To the nursing staff of LOC ENT
In honor of Nurse’s week I would like to recognize the nursing team in LOC ENT for their leadership, care, compassion, and continued work in exemplifying Magis values.
Jennifer, Margaret, Eileen, Flo, Sue, Nancy, Kristen, Mary R., and Mary U.; it is an honor and a privilege to work with a group of professionals who work so tirelessly and give so selflessly to provide highest quality care for our patients and work so diligently with our physicians and colleagues.
My heartfelt thanks for all that you do!
Happy Nurses Week!
Respectfully,
Mike

2 South Staff
Happy Nurses Week!! I respect the quality of care that you give each one of our patients. You have impacted so many people. The care you give has made a difference to the patients and families. You are examples of model of care that is spreading to the whole organization. I am so proud to be your manager.
Peggy

2W Neuroscience ICU:
We’ve had another great year of accomplishments because of your hard work, and I want to take this moment to THANK YOU for all you do. I am incredibly lucky to work with such amazing, energizing, challenging (in a good way 😊), engaging, and caring professionals. You guys all inspire me to do better and be better so we can work cohesively toward a common goal.
I appreciate each and every one of you so much!
Happy Nurses Week, All!!
Teresa