## LUHS Nurses’ Week Activity Calendar

**May 4 – 8, 2015**

**Theme:** Ethical Practice, Quality Care

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**Friday May 8, 2015**

Unit Potluck Celebration
As we approach nurses week, I would like to share with you my thoughts on being a nurse. I have had the privilege of celebrating nurse’s week for over three decades. As a child, I spent a significant amount of time in hospitals for surgical procedures. I often recall lying on a stretcher in the hall outside of an operating room. There was always a lot of activity surrounding me. Many people passed by without saying a word, but it was always the nurses, who spoke to me in kind words, asked me if I was warm enough and held my hand.

They were also the first ones I saw when I woke up in the recovery room. I remember the soft touch of their hand on my forehead assuring me that I would soon see my Mom. During another visit to the hospital, it was my nurse who stopped the orderly from taking me to the OR. He was supposed to take my roommate, and instead he put me on the cart despite my feisty resistance. Because of the numerous nurses who supported me during many vulnerable situations as child and adult, is why I went into the profession.

The time that the nurses took to develop a relationship with my family and me has had a life-long impact on me. What other professional relationship can have such a profound impact on another human being? I am sure you are wondering why I have remained in a profession that has continued to change through its history. There are many reasons why: my colleagues, constant change, exciting new treatment options, the academic environment, the ability to have a positive impact on the lives of others, multidisciplinary collaboration, a continuous learning environment, and endless opportunities. Health care is like a summer storm, constantly changing. We must be adaptable.

As health care has changed, so has the role of the nurse. There are numerous opportunities that are available to us. You can reinvent yourself in a new role throughout your career. We must constantly thrive to improve the care of our patients by reducing variability and learning from errors or close calls. The industry has changed from a punitive culture to an inquisitive culture. We no longer look at blaming people, but instead develop systems that protect individuals from making errors.

I would like to thank our nurses for the compassionate they provide to our patients every day. You may not realize how much of an impact you have on the patient’s experience. There are numerous studies that demonstrate a high correlation between the patient’s relationship with the nurse and their perception of their health care experience. I am proud of our Loyola nurses and thank you for treating the Human Spirit in every interaction you have with our patients.

Happy Nurses Week to our CNE, Karen Anderson. We appreciate all your support, leadership and guidance! Lynette, Kim, Carol, Mike, Kelly, Carolyn, Gayle, Caren, Ella
2015 Nurse Excellence Nominees

Seventy-seven nurses were nominated for the Nurse Excellence Award!! Ten nurses were selected as the 2015 Nursing Excellence Award Winners. Congratulations to all the nominees!

Please attend the 8th Annual Nursing Recognition Ceremony.

Wednesday May 6th, Tobin Hall at 4:30p.m.

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A Nurse’s Prayer

Give me intelligence to know what I see
and intuition to know what I can’t see

Give me energy to work hard
and tenderness to work gently

Give me strength to bear burdens
and hope to lift them

Give me wisdom to know what’s right
and fairness to right wrongs

And always keep me thankful
for the gift I have been given

Author Unknown
Happy Nurses Week to all the Loyola Nurses!

LUHS Senior Leadership Team Thanks Our Nurses
In recognition of National Nurses Week, the Senior Leadership team wishes to thank our nurses, who daily embrace and demonstrate our mission to go beyond treating illness and also treat the human spirit. Your compassionate care has a profound impact on the patients and families you help during their greatest time of need. Thank you for keeping our patients at the center of all you do.

Oakbrook Terrace Specialties
Happy Nurses Week! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to providing outstanding care to our patients. Your care does make a difference in our patients lives. I respect you for the hard work you perform but also for the people that you are and your dedication to the nursing profession. It is a pleasure and honor for me to work with you all. Thank you!
“To love….that is to help one another, to strive together, to act together, to work to the same end.”
Florence Nightingale 1876
Susan Martinkus

To all Dialysis Nurses,
Thank you for a successful year.
Once again we succeeded because of all your hard work and perseverance.
HAPPY NURSES WEEK!
-Bessie V. Baldovino

Dear Outpatient Ortho Staff:
We have had a difficult year losing the person who has been at the helm of our department for the last 18 years. I am honored to work with each and every one of you and want to thank you for your ongoing service and commitment to our department and patients, even through this very difficult time for all of us. Remember that we provide some of the BEST care around and know that I am proud of every single one of you!
Keep up the great work!
Michelle Baldridge

To the Employee/Student Health Nursing Staff,
Thank you for helping to keep our employees and students healthy. You all have an important role and it is appreciated.
-Anita Calistro

LUHS Senior Leadership Team Thanks Our Nurses

To the clinical staff of Medical Specialties-
Happy Nurses Week! You never cease to amaze me with your kindness, professionalism, and Magis values.
I am honored to be a part of such a great team!
I APPRECIATE you!
-Cheryl

To the clinical staff of the Pain clinic in the LOC- 
Happy Nurses Week! I am so excited to be a part of your team, and look forward to getting to know all of you.
Your reputation proceeds you and all the excellent care you give is so appreciated.
-Cheryl

Thanks to the RN staff at Hickory Hills:
Laura, Jolynn, Pat B, Pat L, Mary, Melissa, Linda, Sara, Allyson, Anne
-Nathan Harvey
To the Burr Ridge Nurses,
Happy Nurse’s Week!! Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you continue to give to the Ambulatory site, Burr Ridge. We are fortunate to have such a great group of Nurses. I truly appreciate all that you do!
Michelle Harnell

To the Wonderful Ophthalmology Nurses:
I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your hard work that you continue to do for the patients in ophthalmology. Each of you bring a talent that complements each other. Nancy, your knowledge of ophthalmology and willingness to go above and beyond to meet the patient’s needs exudes in your work every day. Anita, your strong teamwork skills are amazing. You’re never afraid to ask questions, and others enjoy working with you (and we love your food)! Kathy, in the short time you’ve been with us, you’ve jumped right in and have identified many ways to make us more efficient as a clinic. I am so proud to be the leader of you three.
Happy Nurses Week to you all!
Marque Macon
Practice Director Ophthalmology & Population Health

Oakbrook Terrace North

Happy Nurses Week! to our OB/Gyne and Primary Care nurses! Daily you demonstrate your dedication to our patients through your outstanding care and knowledge. You are compassionate about the nursing profession and ensuring our patients receive the best care. I respect you for the hard work you perform but also for the people that you are and your dedication to the nursing profession. It is a pleasure and honor for me to work with you all. Thank you!
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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. I respect you for the hard work you perform but also for the people that you are and your dedication to the nursing profession. It is a pleasure and honor for me to work with you all. Thank you!
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To the Anticoagulation Nursing Staff,
Thank you for all that you do. I admire your ability to keep our anticoagulation patients safe on their Coumadin.
Your hard work is appreciated.
Anita Calistro

To the LaGrange Nurses,
Happy Nurse’s Week!!! Thank you for all of your hard work! I am very grateful for all that you do at LaGrange!
It is a pleasure to work with you all.
Michelle Harnell
I would like to recognize the entire team in River Forest Immediate Care Center for their hard work to build River Forest into the awesome center that it is now.

Mai Nacht, RN MPH

For the Amazing Nursing Staff at OBT PC:

Thanks for all you do for our patients, our physician partners, and each other. You are an incredible group to work with and I’m thankful every day for each of you. Happy Nurse’s Week!

Julie Kramer, RN
Clinical Coordinator
OBT PC

Happy Nurses Week to a great team of Nurses and Nurse Leaders!

I feel privileged to have such a dedicated team that each day exhibits clinical expertise, collaboration and compassion for our patients and their families.

I truly appreciate all of your hard work

THANK YOU!

Cathy Lenz

MICU: Happy Nurses Week and thank-you for all you do. I am always amazed at the compassion and caring you show to the patients and your coworkers - even in the most difficult situations. Our patients and families consistently share their thanks for the care you provide and the difference you have made in their lives.

I am proud to be a part of a great team!!

Happy Nurses Week!

Barb

Thanks to the RN staff at North Riverside:

Marge, Kathi, Lucy, Carol, Julie, Sarah, Amy, Kathryn, Sue, Erin, Donna, Barb

Nathan T Harvey

LOC Peds/Peds Hem Onc staff:

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to our patients! I am proud to work with each of you. Happy Nurses Week!

Mary Ellen

Neurosciences and ENT Clinics

I’d like to take this opportunity to recognize all of the dedicated nurses in ENT, Neurology, and Neurosurgery. I am inspired every day at the level of professionalism, team work, and overall care demonstrated by our clinical team to ensure that patients receive exemplary care at Loyola. Your positive attitude, knowledge, and work ethic are top notch and I’m truly lucky to have the privilege of working with each and every one of you!

Happy Nurse’s Week and thanks for all that you do!!

Respectfully,

Mike Hagins

To the Employee/Student Health Nursing Staff,

Thank you for helping to keep our employees and students healthy. You all have an important role and it is appreciated.

Anita Calistro

For the Amazing Nursing Staff at OBT PC:

Happy Nurses Week! Thank you for your unending dedication to the care of our patients. You have faced changes and challenges and you did so with grace, perseverance and smiles. With each encounter you demonstrate your knowledge and skills as outstanding nurses. I respect you for the hard work you perform but also for the people that you are and your dedication to the nursing profession. It is a pleasure and honor for me to work with you all. Thank you!

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Susan Martinkus

To the General Medicine Nursing Staff,

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. I believe you all have the patients best interest in mind and I enjoy working on your team.

Anita Calistro

To the Nursing Staff at Wheaton

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Susan Martinkus
To an amazing ED team, we thank you:

We thank you for your ability to manage our opportunities and challenges with compassion.
We thank you for your commitment to care delivery the Magis way
We thank you for your dedication, pursuit of best practice, and intellectual curiosity
We thank you for your fortitude and grace
We thank you for your ability to bring 100% to the team every day
We thank you for delivering the very best care to our patients, families, and each other

You are truly appreciated. A heartfelt thank you to a wonderful team of professionals!

From the ED Nursing Leadership Team

2W Neuro ICU:
I feel incredibly lucky to work with a group of engaged, hardworking, and dedicated professionals that provide skilled and compassionate patient care. I especially appreciate the fact that going to work feels like coming to my second home because of each and every one of you. I am looking forward to another successful year of collaborating and working together – thank you for all you do!
Happy Nurses Week!!

Teresa

A big THANK YOU to all the nurses on 7SW. The way you treat our patients with skill and compassion is truly awesome and inspiring. It is a pleasure to work with you! Thank you for all you do!

Jan Chiles

2 South
Another year passes and I reflect on this year. You have developed into a group of wonderful experienced nurses. You continue to work together and find strength and confidence in each other. You learned quickly, have taken on many new tasks and do them well. You have placed the patients first and exemplify the spirit of nursing. You are a wonderful group of nurses and I am glad to have the opportunity of being your manager. Thank You!

Peggy

1 Tower Observation staff
I have seen another year pass by and want to extend my thanks to you. As I look back there have been many changes for our unit. All of you are always willing to work together to meet those changes. I have been able to count on each one of you through all the changes. Your dedication and compassion makes a difference to our patients

-Peggy

To all of the Nursing Staff in the Cancer Service Line:
Thanks to the most awesome nurses who truly treat the human spirit everyday!

The Management Team of the Cancer Service Line
Kathy Fujiu, Heather Hedlund, Jennifer Schramm, Janet Palutsis, Cindy Aronson

5 Tower and Cardiac Rehab,

A big “Thank You” for the high level of professionalism, warmth, attention and dedication you each display to your patients daily on 5 Tower. You are an amazing staff and I am proud to have the opportunity to work with each of you. Enjoy Nurse’s Week….you deserve it!!
Thanks for all you do!!

Pam Skocir
Dear Ann Marie, Diane, Katie and Christina,

We have been referred to as a “small but mighty team” by many and that is due to your passion, dedication and hard work to assure that our newly hired nurses 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 programs 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 assure safe high quality patient care through the education of our nurses.

Thank you for all that you do year round and Happy Nurses Week!!

Pam Clementi, PhD, RN

To the 4ICU Nurses:
Thank you for all that you do in a sometimes chaotic, always challenging environment! The teamwork and support for each other are what makes the unit a great place to work. Happy Nurses Week!

Kathy

To the entire staff of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:
I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to a wonderful group of staff that each and every day gives phenomenal care. The works that you do each day for the tiniest and most vulnerable patients have humbled me as a manager. The interactions with families that I witness are heartwarming and sincere. Your compassion allow for the parents to be at ease when they leave their bundle of joy. I am truly appreciative of your dedication and am so proud to lead such a wonderful team.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Theresa Martinez

To the wonderful staff at Park Ridge:
It is with tremendous pride that I acknowledge and thank every RN, CMA and Service Rep for their outstanding contributions and teamwork. We have a very successful specialty clinic, outstanding patient satisfaction scores, extremely competent and caring staff and an Immediate Care that is just starting to grow. Happy Nurse’s Week to a FANTASTIC staff! I am humbled to be your Clinical Coordinator.

Nancy Coppin

To the staff of 4T:
Thank you to a great staff that truly makes a difference every day in the lives of those they care for. Thank you for your compassion, your dedication, and hard work to keep our patients safe and comforted in their time of need. You provide high quality care every day and I am proud to be part of this team!

Happy Nurses Week!

Ann

To all nurses from 2 NE I extend a hearth warm thank you for your year-around hard work, for your devotion to delivering the highest patient care, for your compassion, and for your commitment to Loyola’s mission and Magis values. The countless patient ‘Thank you’s 2 NE gets speak volumes for the vital role you play in our patients’ lives.

You are a true asset to the Loyola community and I am proud to be your manager.

Kindly,

Ina

Definition of a Nurse:
“To go above and beyond the call of duty. The first to work and the last to leave. The heart and soul who will pass thru our life for a minute and impact it for an eternity. An empowered individual whom you may meet for only a 12 hour period, but who will put you and yours above theirs.”

This is the definition of each and every one of you on 3N/W. Saying thank you just isn’t enough to let you know how much I appreciate you for all of your hard work and dedication that you put forth each and every day to the unit and to the patients. You truly treat the human spirit. I am blessed to have the opportunity to work with such a wonderful group of individuals.

Happy Nurses Week!!!

Rebecca Daniels
Happy Nurses Week to The Nursing Registry & Nurse Resource Team at Loyola University Medical Center! Thank you so very much for your hard work and dedication. Most of all, thank you for the compassionate, high quality care that you deliver to our patients and their families throughout the year. Every day you use your time and talent to make a unique and valuable contribution to the healthcare team at Loyola.

You are a blessing to this organization.
Thank you once again.

Elaine Perkins

Trauma QI Coordinator – Sonja Wiechec:

I want to thank you for all you have accomplished this year. You have successfully completed the Trauma Weekly PI Work Group agenda and minutes each week, enabling trauma to know we are taking excellent care of our patients. Your skills with the computer have helped us navigate report writing with our new trauma registry software. Helping complete the Pre-Review Questionnaire for the Loyola ACS-COT Re-verification of our Level I Trauma designation has been exceptional. Being new in your position has brought a wonderful blending of clinical and administrative talents.

Thank you for all you have done.

Jan Gillespie
Trauma Program Manager

Nurse Link

Happy Nurse’s Week – Cathy Shipp, Transfusion Safety Officer

Trauma Outreach/Injury Prevention/Quality RNs – Jeanne Mueller and Jennifer Rusz:

I want to thank you for all of the work you have accomplished in the past year. Your work with the community has been phenomenal. Your Injury Prevention programs have engendered thoughtful choices for teenagers and others to ponder. The SBIRT program has had so much success due to your completeness and compassion for those who are troubled. Finally, stepping up to the plate to help with entering charts into the trauma registry has been wonderful. You are appreciated and I, again, thank you for all you have done.

Jan Gillespie
Trauma Program Manager

Trauma Registrar and Support Staff – Jackie Kelley and Ann Farej & Kathy Dodaro:

This year has been one of great change for the Trauma Registry. All of you have stepped up to the plate to help us continue on the path of excellence for data abstraction, implementation and reporting to three data bases. Thank you to Jackie, our new Trauma Registrar, for being willing and able to understand the complexities of the trauma registry. You have learned the process of the registry in record time and your skills are very much appreciated. Ann and Kathy, I thank you for all of the hours you have spent making sure every trauma patient is duly entered into the three registries. Your commitment to validation of all entries is truly appreciated. Thank you all for being willing to adapt to situations of change. Again, I thank you for your excellent work.

Jan Gillespie
Trauma Program Manager

To the Clinical Informatics Staff,

Thank you for your dedication to excellence in providing clinical system training and support to all clinicians, especially the LUMC and GMH nurses. I am honored and thankful to have you on our team. You have such a positive impact on the organization.

Happy Nurses Week.

Sincerely,
Connie Giere
To PACU, PRE-OP, PAT, and STURN’s
“Nursing is a profession of selflessness. You give not to receive, but simply to serve those in need.”
A sincere THANK YOU for all your hard work and dedication to our surgical patients. Your teamwork and professionalism extends throughout our surgical division. I appreciate everyone’s individual talent that you bring each and every day here at Loyola. What a great group of Nurse’s to work with!!!
Happy Nurses’ Week!!
Jeanne Keane

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
Manager, Burn Center & Burn/Trauma Clinic

To my WONDERFUL AND HARD-WORKING Nurses at Gottlieb.
Sue, Marisa and Giovie – you rock!
Lynne V. Chavez Practice Director

2APP and Labor and Delivery Staff-
Thank you to the entire staff for your hard work, collaboration and excellent care of our Moms and babies. Your tender loving care and comforting attention enhance the patient experience during joy and sorrow. Your dedication to our patients and their well-being, make me very proud to be your leader. I hope you know how much you are appreciated not only during Nurse’s Week but the entire year.

Susan Wucka

The Staff of the Acute Rehab Unit –
Thank you very much for all your hard work, dedication and continued strive for excellence. I am so proud and grateful to be a part of this team whose unwavering compassion elevates the standard of patient care.
Happy Nurses Week!
Bennett Macailing

To all of our AMAZING nurses at our Elmhurst/Oak Park practice.
You do a great job and I’m thrilled to be working with you all.
Thank you for all that you do!
Lynne V. Chavez Practice Director
To all Loyola nurses,
I thank you for your dedication to our profession and to our mission of providing excellence in patient care, you are the best!! To my “new” nursing family in the Women’s, Children’s & Urology service line, I am honored and privileged to work with such a dedicated and professional staff.
Thank you for all that you do, Happy Nurses week to all,
Kim Reeks, MSN, RN, CENP

Patient Placement and Transfer Center
I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your hard work and dedication to our institution, department and most importantly our patients.
You never cease to amaze me with your abilities and capabilities even on the most difficult of days. Your teamwork with one another, charge nurses, managers as well as our physician partners is inspiring.

YOU TRULY DO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS!
I am very proud to be your Manager!
Happy Nurses Week!
Debbie

The power of saying thank you!
We are better pleased to see those on whom we confer benefits than those from whom we receive them.
—La Rochefoucauld, Maxims
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I am grateful you have chosen to work at the Ronald McDonald Children’s Hospital of Loyola University Medical Center. I appreciate your help every day. Thank you for the support you give each other and to me every day. How appropriate that it is Nurses Week and I can publically share through this vehicle recognizing each of you for your own special contributions as well as the extra effort you give while providing compassionate care to our patients and their families. You embrace them with your unique personal attention to their care needs while in our health care environment. Those simple gestures representing your individual contributions are noticed and valued.
We have worked hard on Pediatrics and Pediatric Critical Care to create a culture of appreciation. Today and every day I appreciate you!
Carpe Diem
Cinthia M. La Porte BSN RN MSL
Mgr Pediatrics Pediatric Critical Care & Child Life

To Cath Lab/ CV Recovery/ EP Lab Nurses,
Working in these areas is no easy task but you all rise to the occasion and make me proud every single day. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to providing excellent patient care.
Happy Nurses Week!
Grace
To the IP Rehab Unit:
There have been many leadership changes over the last year and we are so thankful for your tireless efforts to improve quality, safety and function to our rehab patients. We are so privileged to be working with this team and look forward to what we will achieve together. Thank you for all your great nursing expertise and care to our patients! Happy Nurses Week! Dr. Light-Dr. Oken-Dr. Pang, Lynette and Benette

To the 4T and 7SW Nursing Staff:
We are so grateful for the great nursing care you provide to our Orthopaedic and Podiatry patients! Know you make a difference every day and we so appreciate all of you! Jan and Ann-a special shout out for your leadership, guidance and moving the dial on best practice! Happy Nurses Week! Dr. Light & Lynette

To the Vascular Access Team - Thank-you for all you do every day to help our patients. Your skill, knowledge and dedication truly has a positive impact on our patients who need PICC lines. I look forward to continuing to partner with you and develop the team.
Happy Nurses Week! Barb

To the Ortho Staff:
The Ortho Service Line has grown substantially over the last year and we can’t thank you enough for all your hard work! Your dedication, compassion towards our patients, and commitment to creating a positive work environment is inspiring.
Happy Nurses Week, we are so privileged to have such wonderful colleagues providing exceptional care!
Dr. Light, Lynette and Michelle

To the OR staff:
Kudos to our fantastic OR staff and leadership! Your dedication in creating a most ideal environment for patients, physicians and staff is so appreciated. You all work so tirelessly to ensure quality, efficiency and patient safety!
Happy Nurses Week! Thank you for all you do!
Best wishes, Dr. Light and Lynette

To CVICU Nursing Staff: The next few months will be exciting as we get ready to finally finish the construction and open a beautiful new unit. I appreciate your resilience during the many changes that have occurred in the unit all while continuing to provide excellent patient care. Thank-you for your hard work, your knowledge, and your compassion for our patients. Happy Nurses Week! Barb

To the nurses in CCE -
We have been blessed with many gifts at Loyola and among those gifts are the talented and dedicated nurses in the CCE. They approach their work with care: care for the patients, care for quality and care for each other.
Thank you, thank you.
Tricia Cavaliere, RN, MSN

To the ED staff:
Thank you for your great care and being on the front lines of caring for all our Orthopaedic and trauma patients. Your compassion, expertise, and ability to manage the most complex patients is so appreciated! Please know how much we value all your hard work in making a difference in the lives of our patients. Happy Nurses Week!
With sincere appreciation, Dr. Light and Lynette
Special thanks to all the nurse managers who are tireless in the efforts to make a positive difference for their patients and staff! Your work is noted, appreciated and valued—THANK YOU! Never underestimate the difference you make!

Carol Schleffendorf

Thank you for all your continuous work to improve the professional development of our nursing staff and the patient experience. You reinforce the standards for providing nursing excellent care and quality outcomes. Your work helps achieve the Magnet status that is deserving of LUHS.

Rose Lach

To the fabulous nurses of 4 Tower, 4 ICU, Burn and 3NW – you are truly amazing people. Every time I get the chance to watch you in action and talk to you I am truly amazed at your dedication and care you provide to our patients. You give a gift each day you walk into the doors of Loyola and I thank you.

Kelly Eiden – Executive Director Med/Surg Integrated Programs

To Jessie Perez, RN and Erin Koller, RN: Thank you for all you do. Your dedication to keeping our patient’s safe and in the center of all you do is inspiring. You both are “Called to Care” and is demonstrated in all your work.

Happy Nurse’s Day.

Mary Altier, Mgr Regulatory & Policy

I would like to thank the wonderful staff (both Clinical and Clerical) in Homer Glen and Orland Park and also the Clinical staff in the Ambulatory Registry. You truly are great at everything you do, your compassion and ever positive attitudes is what makes each clinic you touch grow and display the MAGIS spirit. Always remember you are the best and it is my pleasure daily to part of your team.

Ellen Henrich

Home care and Hospice

To an outstanding group of nurses who offer patient and family care as a “visitor in the home”.

I thank you for:
Your dedication to the patient-driving to get to their homes through snow, sleet, rain and nightfall. Your commitment to the Epic Home Care and Hospice builds.
Your management of the clinical, social and financial challenges presented with compassion and grace.
Your command of your professional practice using the latest data and technology to improve patient/family care.
Your support of each other, your resilience and your flexibility in job roles as we integrate the agencies under the THHS umbrella!
It is an honor to work with you. I stand in awe!

Maria Hill
Thank you all Nurse Excellence MAC Team members for all of your dedication leading our excellent practice!

Theresa and Mary

To an Amazing Care Management Team:

I thank you for the role transformation you are leading addressing discharge on admission.
I thank you for your commitment to organizing Wind Rounds, walking through the Plan of Care with your interdisciplinary colleagues.
I thank you for the compassionate style you use to assist patients and families with a well-executed and safe transition back into the community.
I thank you for your dedication to reducing hospital readmissions.
I thank you for your support of each other and your social work partners. I thank you for realizing Loyola’s mission including Magis.

You Rock! Happy Nurse Week!!!

Maria Hill

Population Health

To a wonderful, dedicated group of trail blazers.
I am grateful for:
Your ease in working with our Moderate and High Risk Medicaid and Medicare enrollees.
Your dedication to perfecting our workflows on a daily basis.
Your esprit de corps in creating a partnership with the Community Health Workers.
Your ability to develop relationships with the Loyola and Gottlieb PCP’s, Clinic Staff and Community Partners.
Your stamina in developing Comprehensive Assessments and Plan of Care solutions and Toolkits in Epic.
Your flexibility to work early evenings and weekends to meet our enrollees needs.
Your leadership in educating Nursing and Medical Students.
Your ability to learn to manage a panel of patients!
I offer a BIG THANK YOU!!

Maria Hill

Thank you all Nurse Excellence MAC Team members for all of your dedication leading our excellent practice!

Theresa and Mary

To Nurse Link Staff:

Executive Editor: Rose Lach
Managing Editors: Teri Boland, Joyce Despe, Linda Flemm, Josey Pudwill
I am a nurse because I love hearing and entering into people's stories.

I really like the medical field and helping people. A nurse is a perfect combination.

I love taking care of patients.

Wanted to make a positive difference in people's lives on the good days and difficult ones.

To care for others and make them happy in a time of need.

I am the oldest of 10 siblings and a "natural caregiver."

Different opportunities

Because I enjoy educating people on how to take care of themselves medically.

To help people.

To be of service to others.

To try to help people through the medical maze.

To make a positive impact on someone's life and comfort them in a time of need.

To see the world.

Caring for people... helping people.

The love of people and care for them.

My grandpa was dying and I wanted to take care of him.

It gives me great satisfaction

I had two children pass away from a rare neurological syndrome at 5 and 3 years old.

To make a difference in the lives of patients, their families, and eventually, in the lives of other nurses.

Nurses give patients and families the courage to heal.

To be a hero to someone.
Loyola Nurses Answer: “Why I am a Nurse”

- Always wanted to help and care for people when they are sick and vulnerable.
- Because I can’t imagine doing anything else.
- To help people with their procedures. It’s a vocation.
- Because I wanted to help patients and serve God.
- I enjoy taking care of people, and my Mom was a nurse; I always admired her and wanted to be like her.
- I like working with my hands, I like people, and it is a different day. I get to be active.
- So I can go abroad; my family are all nurses.
- My Dad died alone in the hospital when I was nine and I wanted to prevent that from happening again.

I always wanted to be a nurse since I was 5; I love nursing and can’t imagine doing anything else.

You know it’s what I always wanted to do.

To make an impact.

Caring for people and my personal experiences with nurses.

My Mom thought I would be a great nurse.

It is a privilege to be a nurse, caring for others during their brightest moments, birth of a child, to the most difficult, loss of life.

Because my mother and grandmother were nurses.

To make a difference... to listen...... to care....

My sister was ill when she was young and my godfather said I should be a nurse.

To make a difference in the life of my patients, their families; and to provide a good life to my family as well.

I like the knowledge and I like helping others in need.

I feel satisfied at the end of the day.

To give care to others that my mother received and to make a real difference for someone

I guess....because I want to take care of sick people and be able to give them comfort. I feel satisfaction when my patient is happy with my care.

Why I am a nurse