One of my favorite times of the year is Nurses Week. We spend May 6-12 each year celebrating the special calling of being a nurse. At Vanderbilt, that celebration extends throughout the month of May. Each year, I assess the State of Nursing, we celebrate nursing research and recognize some of our remarkable nurses.

I encourage you to attend as many of these events as possible and celebrate — you!

This month, I am excited to present the second cohort of our new Clinical Nurse Scholar program. These seven scholars join the seven scholars announced earlier in completing an original research project while being mentored by our nursing research office. Inside, you will find pictures of our new scholars and the people who make this program possible. Pursuing evidence-based practice is the cornerstone of all that we do at Vanderbilt. Kudos to all who make this possible.

Enjoy this issue,
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TIME FOR REMEMBERING CEREMONY A SPECIAL DAY

Vanderbilt University Medical Center hosted a poignant ceremony on May 6 to honor the children who have died at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

The annual ceremony, held in Langford Auditorium, was an opportunity for families to reconnect with the health care team that cared for their children. The event was designed to bring a level of solace and comfort to the families and staff.

This year’s guest speaker was John David Hughes, RN, manager, Patient Care Services, Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit.

The event was sponsored by the Friends of Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt and the Children’s Hospital Time for Remembering Committee.

“Losing our loved ones is difficult, not only for our patient families but also for us as nurses and health care providers,” said Marilyn Dubree, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Executive Chief Nursing Officer. “This is a special opportunity to reconnect and celebrate the lives we have been privileged to be a part of.”