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VUMC EMPLOYEES CELEBRATED AT EVENT

There were inspirational songs from the United Voices of Vanderbilt Choir, a rollicking rock band, a roll call of achievements and heartfelt stories shared by grateful patients and their families during Celebrate the Difference WE Make Every Day! 2019, an appreciation event to honor all Vanderbilt University Medical Center employees.

The three Celebrate sessions on March 7 and 8 were the Medical Center's second year to hold an all-employee event highlighting teamwork and the collective impact of its people. Marilyn Dubree, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Executive Chief Nursing Officer, was co-chair of the event with Paul Sternberg, MD, Chief Medical Officer for the Vanderbilt Medical Group and VUMC's Chief Patient Experience Officer.

"Celebrate is a tremendous event that recognizes the incredible work that we do together," Dubree said. "It was a pleasure to visit with so many of my colleagues on such a fun occasion."

During his annual State of the Medical Center address, Jeff Balser, MD, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Dean of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, shared stories and statistics reflecting the institution's accomplishments and success.

"We have four hospitals and now well over 1,000 beds in these hos-

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Thousands of Vanderbilt nurses gathered for Celebrate the Difference WE Make Every Day! 2019, our annual employee celebration event. I enjoyed the opportunity to share this time with you. I want you to know how much your daily efforts are appreciated. Together we truly make a difference for our patients and families.

This issue also features our second round of recipients for The DAISY Award. These nurses represent the very best in our adult hospital, Children's Hospital and adult clinics. Please join me in congratulating them on

this honor.

We also celebrate our new cohort of Clinical Nurse Scholars and our certified nurses who joined us for Certified Nurses Day. I am fortunate to work with these amazing people.

Lastly, please save the dates for several exciting Nurses Week events. Details can be found inside.

Enjoy this issue,

pitals,” he said. “And a little-known fact is that in these hospitals the survival rate is 12 percent better than the average hospital in America. That means there are approximately 200 more people a year who survive because they come to Vanderbilt versus an average hospital.”

Balser expressed his appreciation for employees’ contributions toward the continued growth of outpatient services by noting there are now 137 clinic sites that experience more than 2.2 million patient visits each year —nearly double the number of outpatient visits from just 10 years ago.

He also acknowledged the Medical Center as home to one of the largest biomedical research enterprises in the country with approximately 5,000 individuals engaged in clinical and basic science research.

Balser praised the Medical Center’s educational offerings that include 150 specialty training programs. For physicians, about one-third of the residen-



The United Voices of Vanderbilt Choir got the audience into the spirit at Celebrate the Difference WE Make Every Day!.

cy and fellowship training programs are the only ones of their kind in Tennessee.

He also commended the highly acclaimed Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and the Medical Center’s Nurse Residency Program where more than 300 recently-graduated nurses are currently training in a full range of clinical specialties.

He shared many notable accolades including the third consecutive Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and successive “A” Safety Grade scores from the Leapfrog Group that places the Adult Hospital among the safest in the nation.

Wright Pinson, MBA, MD, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Health

System Officer for VUMC, focused his remarks on patients to illustrate the Medical Center’s ongoing commitment to personalized care. New television ads featuring individuals whose lives were saved by teams at VUMC were revealed.

Pinson concluded his remarks by sharing updates about recent and upcoming facility expansions along with information about initiatives underway that are enhancing the patient experience and increasing access to health care services.

At the conclusion of the Celebrate program, songwriter Jonathan Mann performed a song he had written about the event as it unfolded. Employees sang along on the chorus before enjoying a meal provided by the Medical Center.

To view photos and videos from the event and watch the State of the Medical Center Address, go to ww2.mc.vanderbilt.edu/celebrate/53776.

SPOTLIGHT ON DAISY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Cordelia Bushong, BSN, RN
Unit: Multiple Sclerosis Clinic
Entity: Vanderbilt Adult Clinics



From the nomination: “I walked into the clinic the first time scared and feeling alone and isolated as I had no clue what to expect or exactly what I would be doing that day. I sat in the waiting room anxiously awaiting them to call my name. After a very brief wait, Cordelia called my name and greeted me with a smile. She patiently waited as I gathered all of my things. She even helped me carry my pillow and blanket to the back. She talked to me all the way down what seemed like a never-ending hall and gave me a tour of the infusion area before she let me pick the chair I wanted to sit in. She then took the time to explain everything that was going to happen and answer all questions I had.”



Ashlyn Miniati, BSN, RN, TNCC
Unit: Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
Entity: Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt

From the nomination: “My son has spent a lot of time in this hospital. Yesterday and today we had one of the best nurses. We’ve actually had several in all our time at Vandy. But Ashlyn really stands out. Today my son coded. He received chest compressions for 12 minutes. Of all the traumatic things I’ve seen him go through this was the worst. Ashlyn kept her calm during a traumatic experience. She was there to support her team and help to revive our baby.”

Kristin Nguyen, BSN, RN
Unit: Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU)
Entity: Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital



From the nomination: “When my mother speaks of Kristin’s love of her patients and the way she took care of me she deserves this award. She not only took care of me, but she took care of my family in the biggest crisis we have ever faced — my mom’s baby girl about to die. There are pictures in the MICU of me intubated with Kristin holding hands with my mom, praying and comforting her. Kristin knew the statistics of me making it out alive were slim to none but she never allowed that to interfere with her relentless work.”



WANT TO NOMINATE A NURSE?

Scan the QRcode or go to www.VUMCDAISY.com.



CLINICAL NURSE SCHOLARS AND CERTIFIED NURSES DAY



The newest cohort of Clinical Nurse Scholars gathered recently. Pictured from left to right are Dana Dusenbery, Johnny Woodard, Janet Elrod, William Travis McCall, Jana Acy, Elizabeth Card, Beth Brown and Stephanie Abbu. Not pictured: Marianne Broyles.



SAVE THE DATE! NURSES WEEK EVENTS COMING UP IN MAY

Nurses Week will be here before we know it. Please mark your calendars for the following events and prepare to join us for an exciting week of inspirational and educational activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend each of the events.

- **Research Nurses Poster Session 2019** - Friday, May 17, from noon to 2 p.m. in Light Hall North Lobby.
- **Nursing Awards and Recognition 2019** - Friday, May 17, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Langford Auditorium. Reception to follow in lobby.
- **State of Nursing Address 2019** - Tuesday, May 28, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Light Hall 208.