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## FIRST COHORT OF NURSE SCHOLARS SET

Vanderbilt University Medical Center is proud to announce its first cohort of Clinical Nurse Scholars:

- Christine Cleary Kimpel, BSN, RN4, CC
- Gretchen Jayawardena, BSN, RN4
- Juli Reynolds, BSN, RN4, CC
- Jessica Jolly, BSN, RN4, CC
- Savannah Ramsey, BSN, RN2, CC
- Annette Smith, BSN, RN2, CPN
- Lindsay Jo Taulbee, BSN, RN4, CC

The new program is designed to instill the knowledge and skill for a clinical nurse to complete an original research project. The focus is on authentic learning obtained through job-embedded action research.

Each of the clinical nurse scholars will create their own hypothesis based on a current clinic or unit-based problem. Each of the scholars will receive coaching and mentorship from the nursing research office, a local mentor, an advance practice coach and an executive sponsor. The scholars are encouraged to grow their research teams to also

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Signs of spring are everywhere on our beautiful campus, and there are many wonderful things happening indoors as well.

I am especially excited about the announcement of the first cohort of our new Clinical Nurse Scholar program. This represents the academic excellence that is the hallmark of Vanderbilt. Each of our scholars will complete an original research project while being mentored by our nursing research office.

Inside, you will see pictures of our

seven scholars and the nurses who are cheering them on throughout the Medical Center. Please join me in congratulating our scholars and stay tuned for the announcement of our second cohort.

Finally, it's almost time for Nurses Week, and there are important details inside, as well as information about our annual Time for Remembering Ceremony.

Enjoy this issue,

# SPOTLIGHT ON CLINICAL NURSE SCHOLARS



Celebrating Clinical Nurse Scholars are Summer Fitts, LeighAnn Chadwell, Jessica Jolly, Kathie Krause, Savannah Ramsey, Elizabeth Card, Sabrina Downs. More photos, next page.

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include their physician colleagues, peers and others impacted by the identified problem. Each of these research team members contributes expertise and insight that will result in a better understanding of the clinic-or unit-based problem.

To determine the first cohort, a select call was sent out and applicants were scored. Those selected for Clinical Nurse Scholars Cohort 1 were formally congratulated on their acceptance through a surprise unit based visit by their Chief Nursing Officer, the ANO, their local mentor, advance practice coach and the

Nursing Research Office.

“The Nursing Research Office is thrilled to journey with these clinical nurses through their research project,” said Elizabeth Card, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC, CPAN, CCRP, nursing research consultant. “The understanding and viewpoint of these scholars will result in exceptional research questions and projects.”

Robin Steaban, MSN, RN, chief nursing officer for Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital, said, “The Nurse Scholar program and those that enter into this mentoring program are exceptionally important to the strength of

our profession, which stands and depends on evidence based practice so nurses are able to make the most profound and positive difference in the lives of others.”

Kathie Krause, MSN, RN, NNP-BC, NEA-BC, chief nursing officer for Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, added, “This is such an exciting opportunity for our clinical nurses to be a part of building the science of nursing practice directly at the patient’s bedside. We are very proud of this group who are blazing new trails in nurse driven research here at VUMC.”

# SPOTLIGHT ON CLINICAL NURSE SCHOLARS



Michael Darden, James Barnett, Michele Hasselblad, Christine Cleary, Danna Hammers, Beki Kazanofski, Elizabeth Card



Angela Jackson, Stephanie Abbu, Belinda Perkins, Lyndsay Taulbee, Cheri Wood, Marlee Crankshaw



Jennifer Koonce, Dr. Ben Frischhertz, Gretchen Jayawardena, Robin Steaban



Dave Wyatt, Elizabeth Card, Juli Reynolds, Tracy Diffenderfer, Betty Sue Minton

# NURSES WEEK 2018

## Save the Dates Nurses Week Events

*A message from Marifyn Dubree*

### State of Nursing Address 2018

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am-9:30am in Light Hall 208

### Nursing Honors 2018

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-4pm in Langford Auditorium  
*Reception to follow in Lobby*

### Research Nurses Poster Session 2018

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 2pm in Light Hall North Lobby

### Blessing of Hands 2018

#### Children's Hospital Chapel

May 8, Tuesday, 4pm – 5pm  
May 9, Wednesday, 7:15am – 8:15am  
May 10, Thursday, 12pm – 1pm  
May 11, Friday **2:30am – 3:30am**  
May 12, Saturday, 12pm – 1pm

#### VUH Rhea Chapel

May 22, Tuesday, 6am – 7am  
May 23, Wednesday, 6pm – 7pm  
May 24, Thursday, 12pm – 1pm

#### One Hundred Oaks Conf Room

May 22, Tuesday, 11am – 1pm

*More locations coming soon!*

More information at [www.vanderbiltnursing.com](http://www.vanderbiltnursing.com)



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## ANNUAL TIME FOR REMEMBERING CEREMONY SET

Every year, Vanderbilt hosts a poignant ceremony to honor the children who have died at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

It is meaningful for families to reconnect with the healthcare team that provided such great care for their children. This event brings a level of solace and comfort to the families and staff. This year's guest speaker is John David Hughes, RN, manager, Patient Care Services, Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care

Unit.

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

- Sunday, May 6
- 3-5 p.m.
- Langford Auditorium