Category: Mentoring

For Mentoring for our 2014 Nurse of the Year Awards we received a total of 9 nominations in this category. Our winner is Susan Hamilton, RN from 10 N, Medical/Surgical. Susan received two nominations in this category. An excerpt from Susan’s nomination reads:

“Susan is responsible for developing and creating our mentoring program, which was found to be inspirational when presented to nursing council at the mentoring luncheon. She has expanded her original program so it is not limited to RNs, but inclusive of all disciplines on the floor. She has organized several events that have encouraged the mentoring pairs to meet. Always finding or making time to counsel anyone who asks, she is consistently extending herself, providing resources and continuing her mentoring relationship throughout their careers at Providence.”

“Susan has given her own free time to create a personalized mentoring system to each mentor-mentee, and to make it easy for each mentoring pair to develop a system that achieves the program’s desired goal. Susan makes sure each new RN in our unit knows about the availability and the significance of the mentoring program and that each mentor-mentee is paired up well, in order to take pleasure in and to fully benefit from the program.”

Other nominees in the Mentoring category were:

Dale Fukura, RN - PICCA Forensic
Connie Miyata, RN - 10 N Ortho/Spine
Cathy Marker, RN - Emergency Department
Margie Moore, RN - Cardiac Evaluation Unit
Jaimie Pechan, RN - Emergency Department
Tom Eiden, RN - Emergency Department
Kelley Larsen, RN - Nursing Administration
Linda Bradley, RN – 10 S Medical/Surgical
Sherry Allen, RN - Emergency Department
For 2014, we received an amazing 8 nominations in the category of Rising Star. This year’s winner is Sergey Gorelyy, RN from the 8 N/S Medical Telemetry/Neurology. An excerpt from Sergey’s nomination reads:

“Recently one of Sergey’s patients had a very poor prognosis and her family was not ready to end treatment. They were in shock and struggling to come to terms with the prognosis. Sergey showed the utmost respect with his amazing communication skills and support for the family’s decisions. . . . Because there was no clear plan of care due to pending decisions by family, Sergey spent an incredible amount of time explaining and educating the patient about options and the care that he was providing. In order to ease their way, Sergey made sure the family understood all nursing care and medications.”

“Sergey has an incredible knack for caring for distressed or difficult patients. He always remains calm and collected, and does an exemplary job of staying attuned to all changes. He recently cared for a . . . patient with exceptionally high needs and specialized care. Sergey met with the charge, therapy, NAC every morning to discuss the daily care plan for this patient. He utilizes his critical thinking and judgment to decrease stimuli, use appropriate safety measures and collaborate with all interdisciplinary teams as needed. Sergey took exceptional care of this patient for the months the patient was on the unit.”

Other nominees in the Rising Star category were:

- Joy Harrigan, RN - 10 S Medical Surgical
- Megan Browning, RN - Cardiac Evaluation Unit
- G. Michelle Ehlert, RN - Emergency Department
- Heidi Hauenstein, RN - Emergency Department
- Mikhail Garin, RN - Emergency Department
- Jim Bealefeld, RN - Emergency Department
Category: Patient/Clinical Care

This year we had 7 nominations in the Patient/Clinical Care category. Our 2014 winner is Sally Ang, RN from 10 S Medical/Surgical. An excerpt from Sally’s nomination reads:

“Our unit cared for a patient who was morbidly obese and quadriplegic for a period of nine months. Even with the ceiling lift, her care required a minimum of three staff members. Each patient is assigned a staff nurse and a certified nursing assistant, but a third person was always needed for turning, pericare, and transferring the patient from the bed to the chair. Whenever Sally was charge nurse, she willingly assisted. She was kind and considerate of the patient and had built a relationship with her as evidenced by their rapport. She encouraged this patient to do all that she could for herself, and eventually the patient could feed herself finger foods. Of course all the staff on 10S contributed to this patient’s well-being, but Sally stands out in my mind as being exceptional.”

Other nominees in the Patient/Clinical Care category were:

- Eileen “Alana” Challman, RN - Float Resource Team
- Kelly Calabrese, RN - Emergency Department
- Lori Moore, RN - PICCA Forensic
- Susan Knoll, RN - 7 A Medical Oncology
- Aileen Warren, RN - Emergency Department
- Neilson “NJ” Soler, RN - Critical Care Unit
Leighann Pavek was named Nurse of the Year in the Nurse Innovator Category. She designed and opened a nursing care unit on 3A that transcends the challenges of meeting the needs of psychiatric patients with medical conditions and demonstrates a true innovation in nursing care delivery models. Since the 1970s, few new nursing care delivery models have been proposed and tested – with most of the U.S. still relying on variations of functional, team, and primary nursing. To meet the needs of a changing population, Leighann designed a unit to support the medical nursing needs of behaviorally-challenged patients while meeting their mental health needs as well.

Other nominees in the Category of Nurse Innovator were:

- Ellen Smith, RN - 10 S Medical Surgical
- Robin Addison, RN - Emergency Department
- Kelly Pearson, RN - Emergency Department
- Cheryl Linder, RN - Surgical Services
- Jean McKay, RN - Surgical Services
- Heather Coleman, RN - Nursing Administration
- Linda Bradley, RN 10 S Medical Surgical
- Eunice Jurca, RN - 5 A Med Renal
- Val Kozlovskaya, RN - 3 A Close Observation
- Kathleen Schilling, RN - 6 N Intermediate Care
- Cindy Webb, RN - 10 S Medical Surgical
- Barbara Bracht, RN - Family Maternity Center
- Brooke Mattern, RN - Family Maternity Center
- Liza Passemard, RN - Family Maternity Center
- Marian “Electa” Powell, RN - Family Maternity Center
Category: Spirit of Nursing

Paula Newman-Skomski, ARNP  
Nurse of the Year  
Spirit of Nursing

In our Spirit of Nursing Category, we had a total of 17 nominees for 2014. This year’s winner was Paula Newman-Skomski, ARNP from Intervention Center. An excerpt from Paula’s nomination read:

“Paula has become a crusader for women’s safety, particularly in the area of domestic minor sex trafficking. She is an active member of the Snohomish County Sexual Exploitation Intervention Network (SEIN). As part of this task force, Paula was involved in planning and hosting a three-day training for law enforcement, CPS and social service providers as well as medical and nursing personnel. Instead of sitting back and accepting that is all she can do, she is working to open Peoria Home, a residential recovery program for those women who have been exploited by sex trafficking and prostitution. She is the Chair of the Board of Directors. Using her own time and money, she has made several trips to Tennessee to observe their residential program and, because of her drive and commitment to this type of program, members of the Tennessee program came to Everett and made a presentation to local community and government leaders.”

Other nominees in the Category of Spirit of Nursing were:

- Bianca Gordon, RN - Nursing Administration
- Connie Compean, RN - Family Maternity Center
- Annie Lin, RN - 10 S Medical Surgical
- Linda Bradley, RN - 10 S Medical Surgical
- Tom Eiden, RN - Emergency Department
- Anthony Ultich, RN - 3 A Close Observation
- Betsy Forrey, RN - Critical Care Unit
- Carol Schwarts, RN - Critical Care Unit
- Sally McPherson, RN - Critical Care Unit
- Robin Goodrich, RN - Emergency Department
- Blythe Brockway, RN – Float Resource Team
- Sue Carey, RN - Cardiac Evaluation Unit
- Carmelita “Lita” Shamon, RN - Emergency Department
- Sherry Allen, RN - Emergency Department

Thank you to our 2014 Nurse of the Year Winners and Nominees!