Patient Care Excellence Award & Scholarship Ceremony

Thursday, May 11, 2017 | 4 p.m. | Sinclair Auditorium, Coe College

2016 Award & Scholarship recipients
Welcome
Doug Laird
Board Chair, St. Luke's Foundation

Celebration 100 Great Iowa Nurses
Carmen Kleinsmith
Vice President, Chief Nurse Executive, St. Luke's Hospital

Celebration of Patient Care Excellence Award Recipients
Mary Klinger
President, St. Luke's Foundation

Celebration of Scholarship Recipients
Tonya Arnold
Director of Grants and Administration, St. Luke's Foundation

Celebration of St. Luke’s Auxiliary’s Scholarship Recipients
Shar Petersen
Scholarship Chair, St. Luke’s Auxiliary

Patient Care Excellence Award Selection Committee
Tonya Arnold, St. Luke’s Foundation
Rachel Brecht, 1 West
Pam Burrack, 4 West
Cami Lawrence, Social Services
Maureen McEvoy, Palliative Care
Sandi McIntosh, Emergency Services
Rebecca Moore, Nursing Support
Brenda Oehler, Nursing Support
Ann Overton, Women’s and Children’s Center
Vicky Richards, Nursing Support
Jennifer Young, Respiratory Care
Wendy Young, Breast and Bone

Scholarship Selection Committee
Tonya Arnold, St. Luke’s Foundation
Penny Dullea, Peri-Operative Services
Kerri Feldhaus, Intensive Care Unit
Barb Haeder, Post-Acute Services
Morgan Hanson, Emergency Department
Sarah Hefflefinger, Medical Social Services
Craig Meskimen, 3 East
Rebecca Moore, Nursing Support
James Pazour, Physical Therapy
Lorrie Prasil-Holcomb, Hospice
Aimee Traugh, Case Management
Michelle Young, Nursing Support

Ronald L. Mahany Award Selection Committee
Tonya Arnold, Foundation
Kevin Komenda, Physical Therapy
Pam Mahany
Kristie Middendorf, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Linda Neilsen
Emily Robins, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Chris Rutledge, 6 West Rehab
Denise Walker, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Karen Woeste, Therapy Plus
Victoria Voelkel, 5 Center
Michelle Wenzel, IP Skin Care

Social Worker Award
*Alisha Armstrong, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Katie Burrell, Child Protection Center
Barb Garlinghouse, Women’s and Children’s Services
Sallie Selfridge, Emergency Department
Jamie Siela, Hospice
Amanda Whitlock, Home Care

Dr. Stephen and Peg Vanourny Award for Excellence in Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing
*Rachel Petersen, Birth Care Center

Thank you to the following committees for their dedication, commitment and support to Nurse’s Week and St. Luke’s Foundation.

Nurse Week Planning Committee
Sara Everts, Birth Care Center
Allison Kamerling, Nursing Support
Shari King, Birth Care Center
Rebecca Moore, Nursing Support
Luanne Nading, 5 East
Brenda Oehler, Nursing Support
Karla Pisarik, MCN Operations
Tina Rice, Case Management
Vicky Richards, Nursing Support
Carrie Stewart, Nursing Support
Alysa Stultz, 4 West
Jennifer Sweeney, St. Luke’s Foundation
Jodi Volesky, Digestive Health
Jill Wharton, 5 Center

What’s an Award?
St. Luke’s Foundation’s Patient Care Excellence Award Program recognizes healthcare providers who demonstrate outstanding achievement in their chosen field. Award candidates are nominated by their peers, manager and/or director through a nomination process held annually in each department. Each nominee is then asked to complete an application and write an essay for consideration. The Foundation’s Award Selection Committee determines the Award Recipients.

This program was established by several supporters of St. Luke’s Hospital to recognize our caregivers (nurses, social workers, therapists). These individuals generously donated to the Foundation so a caregiver would be given financial assistance to use for educational purposes or any other intent of the donor. Through the collaboration of Foundation and Hospital staff the donor created specific criteria for the Award. The Award was created out of the donor’s passion for a specific type of caregiver.

An example of this is Ron Mahany and his family. Ron, who battled cancer, set up an endowment at St. Luke’s Foundation in appreciation of all the care and encouragement he received from his St. Luke’s Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation team. Ron wanted this endowment to support the rehab department with career development, scholarships and physical therapy equipment. After Ron passed, his family and friends continued to support this fund and over time, the Ron Mahany Award was created. Through this Award several therapists have attended national conferences and brought back to St. Luke’s new ideas and evidence-based practices.

What’s a Scholarship?
St. Luke’s Foundation’s Scholarship Program provides St. Luke’s associates with financial assistance who are working towards a post-secondary degree at an accredited college or university. All Scholarship Recipients must complete a scholarship application and write an essay to be eligible for a scholarship. The Foundation’s Selection Committee determines the scholarship recipients.

Funding for these scholarships are provided through individual donors who have established a fund at the Foundation for this purpose. The intent is for the Scholarship Recipient to use his/her degree to advance the care for our patients.
100 Great Iowa Nurses

Presented by 2016 Recipients: Tammy Dietrich, IP Skin Services; Michelle Jonas, Nursing Support and Donna Prier, Intensive Care Unit
Sue Donnelly, Case Management
Lisa Hughes, Occupational Health / Work Well
Mary Beth Keuter, Continuing Care Hospital
Cheryl Sarges, Cardiac Care Unit

The 100 Great Iowa Nurses program identifies 100 outstanding nurses every year whose courage, competence and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others. These nurses go above and beyond to contribute significantly to the profession of nursing. 2017 is the twelfth year for this Iowa tradition. St. Luke’s Hospital’s 2017 winners were recognized on Sunday, May 7 in Des Moines.

St. Luke’s Foundation Patient Care Excellence Award Recipients

Anna Purna Ghosh Oncology Nursing Award
Presented by 2016 Recipient: Kim Hingtgen, 5 Center / Infusion Center
Linda Schwiebert, IP Hospice Unit

This award is intended to recognize excellent oncology nurses who place an emphasis on human caring and compassion; demonstrate excellent clinical assessment skills; place an emphasis on the application of the most current science in his/her bedside practice; facilitate smooth transitions between levels of care and providers and lead with good corporate citizenship.

In 2010, Dr. Chirantan Ghosh established this award in memory of his mother Anna Purna Ghosh who embodied the values of selfless giving. Dr. Ghosh founded The Ghosh Center for Oncology and Hematology with the philosophy of putting the interests of patients first and providing the highest quality of care with compassion and professionalism.

Ronald L. Mahany Award
Molly Bailey, Therapy Plus - Downtown
Shawna Chandler, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Nicole Halvorson, Witwer Children’s Therapy
*Jo Huff, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Ashley Hughes, Physical Therapy
Chris Ipson, Sports Medicine
*Jen Jenatscheck, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Cassie Laas, Witwer Children’s Therapy
*Jessica Mackey, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Larry Peters, 6 West Rehab
*Lindsey Rowley, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Stephanie Schnell, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Shanda Studt, Therapy Plus - Hiawatha
Katie Wehling, 6 West Rehab
*Tara Weir, 6 West Rehab
Daniel Wolfs, 6 West Rehab

Smulekoff Family Award for Nursing Excellence

*Heath Brandt, IV Therapy
Deanna Cavozos, 3 West
*Melissa Coulter, Diagnostic Cardiology / Cardiac Holding
*Emily Dumolien, Newborn Intensive Care Unit
Bridget Groth, Continuing Care Hospital
Dee Ryan-Naber, Interventional Pain Services
Sue Novak, Digestive Health Center
Michelle Pappas, STAR
Beth Parilo, Nursing Support / Critical Care Unit
Kristi Phipps, 4 West
*Donna Prier, Intensive Care Unit
Kelsey Reck, Pediatrics
*Carrie Scoggin, Surgicare
Laura Till, Birth Care Center
Karma Smith Healthcare Pioneer Award
Rachel Bowers, Behavioral Health Access Center
Tammy Dietrich, IP Skin Care
*Denise Easley, Newborn Intensive Care Unit
Jared Hanson, Intensive Care Unit
Kim Miller, Community Hospice & Home Care
Sue Rowbotham, Hospice
Cheryl Sarges, Critical Care Unit
Brook Sternberg, Palliative Care
Carrie Stewart, Nursing Support

LaMorgese Award for Excellence in Neurological Nursing
*Jennifer Boren, Intensive Care Unit
Caitlyn Christensen, 5 Center

Nancy Lamb Skogsbergh and Edna Lamb Nursing (Clinical) Leadership Award
Amy Ganske, Community and IP Hospice
April Golwitzer, Nursing Support
Jenny Houlihan, Acute Adult IP Services
Carol Meade, Behavioral Health Administration
Brenda Oehler, Nursing Support
Michelle Ross, 5 Center
*Diane Seelau, Women’s and Children’s Services

Outstanding New Graduate Award
Erin Asbe-Schultz, 4 West
Sarah Bierle, Newborn Intensive Care Unit
*Rachel Burke, Continuing Care Hospital
Emma Ehrke, 3 Center
Rhapsody Kirkpatrick, 5 Center
Kayla Mikhail, Birth Care Center
Kristi Orcutt, 3 West
Molly Thumma, Intensive Care Unit
Kate Trotter, 4 Center

C.A.R.E. Service Award
Presented by 2016 Recipient: Tara Nolting, Infusion Center
Sydney Fortney, Intensive Care Unit
This award is presented annually to an individual who consistently provides support and assistance to patients, families and any member of the healthcare team. The recipient should demonstrate, on a daily basis, behaviors consistent with St. Luke’s C.A.R.E. delivery model:
- C = Continuity of care, communication and collaboration
- A = Advocacy, accountability
- R = Relationship-based
- E = Evidence-based

Carroll H. and Lena H. Nelson Critical Care Award
Presented by 2016 Recipients: Heather MacTaggart, 4 West and Debra Zastrow, Electrophysiology Lab
Julie McNeal, Intensive Care Unit
Mandy Ohrt, Cardiac Cath Lab
This award is presented annually to two associates who contribute to the care and treatment of critically ill patients. These nurses go above and beyond normal job performance, making significant contributions to the care of the critically-ill patient, placing an emphasis on human caring and compassion. The recipients demonstrate compatibility and willingness to comfort and console patients and place an emphasis on leadership, continued learning and good corporate citizenship.

Carroll and Lena Nelson formed the Nelson Manufacturing Corporation in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Nelson was a loyal supporter of St. Luke’s Hospital and she gave generously of both her time and resources. She gave over 20,000 hours of voluntary service to St. Luke’s working in the Centsability Shop, Patient Mail, Special Projects, Clerical Pool and Medical Records.

In 1981, the Carroll H. and Lena H. Nelson Critical Care Scholarship Fund was established by Lena in memory of her late husband. The income from this fund is used for critical care education for nurses and program support of the Nelson Critical Care Conference. In 1987, Mrs. Nelson funded the Critical Care Nurse’s Station in the Intensive Care Unit. She was also a strong supporter of Lifeline and Easy Street. In September 1993 Mrs. Nelson received the St. Luke’s Founders Award. She passed away a few years later in October 1995.
Dale & Ruby Morgan and Mable Ray Award
Presented by the 2016 Recipient: Sandi Wasek, Pediatrics

Kristen Kasner, Child Protection Center
This award is presented annually to a registered nurse who contributes significantly to the pediatric or psychiatric nursing care of children. The recipient places an emphasis on science, human caring, compassion and good corporate citizenship. The nurse demonstrates the ability to comfort and console patients in their time of need.

Ruby Morgan began volunteering at St. Luke’s Hospital in the early 1940’s. Ruby mended sheets and filled in wherever needed. Eventually, she gravitated to the hospital nursery, where “she figured over the years, she fed, changed and rocked hundreds of infants.”

Through her estate she requested 25% of the funds be dedicated to nursing education. In 2000, the Dale and Ruby Morgan and Mable Ray Award for Pediatric Nursing was created, which honors Dale and Ruby Morgan and Ruby’s sister, Mabel Ray, who was a social science teacher at Franklin Junior High School.

Dr. Darrell Dennis Pulmonary Medicine Award
Presented by the 2016 Recipient: Bill Feldhaus, Respiratory Care

Megan Etheridge, Respiratory Care
This award is presented annually to one individual who contributes to the care of critically ill patients. The recipient of this award demonstrates a strong commitment to continued learning, values corporate citizenship and contributes to the hospital goals via exemplary leadership skills. This person stands above his/her peers and internalizes the St. Luke’s Standards of Excellence in daily practice.

Dr. Darrell Dennis was a pulmonologist, who provided unparalleled dedication to his patients and unwavering respect and appreciation for the healthcare professionals who worked by his side. The Darrell Dennis Pulmonary Medicine Award was created in 2007 through memorial gifts made in his memory from the medical community, family and friends. Those who benefit from this award will carry on Dr. Dennis’s legacy of compassion, collegiality and excellence.

Dale & Ruby Morgan and Mable Ray Endowment Award
Christina Grimm, Newborn Intensive Care Unit
Kristen Kasner, Child Protection Center
Lisa Lawler Jones, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Emily Roder, Pediatrics

Darrell Dennis Pulmonary Medicine Award
Emily Bell, Continuing Care Hospital
*Megan Etheridge, Respiratory Care
Amanda Heeren, Critical Care Unit
Linnea Offerman, Case Management
Janice Onofre, Digestive Health Center
Kalsie Zitek, Intensive Care Unit

Elaine Young Leadership Award
Laura Barner, 3 West
Kerri Feldhaus, Intensive Care Unit
April Golwitzer, Nursing Support
*Kelly Printy, 5 Center
Karen Ratz, IV Therapy

Excellence in Behavioral Health Award
Andrea Beddingfield, 2 East
*Rachel Bowers, Behavioral Health Access Center
*Stacy Carper, Chemical Dependency / Partial Hospitalization
Robin Cook, Partial Hospitalization
Chris Croghan, Children’s Specialty Service
Brenda DeCamp, Child Protection Center
Carly Goldbeck, 1 West
Angie Kenkel, OP Behavioral Health Clinic
Kris Klaman, 3 East
*Alexis Velazquez, 3 East

Gail Stork Emergency Nursing Award
*Jen Lee, Emergency Department
St. Luke’s Foundation
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Nominees

*Denotes Recipient

Anna Purna Ghosh Oncology Nursing Award
*Linda Schwiebert, IP Hospice Unit
Jill Wharton, 5 Center

C.A.R.E. Service Award
Madeline Avery, Birth Care Center
Danette Bitanas, 3 West
Maddison Brown, Emergency Department
Janet Chrystal, Newborn Intensive Care Unit / Pediatrics
Jordyn Cigrand, 5 Center
Michaela Fishell, IP Hospice Unit
*Sydney Fortney, Intensive Care Unit
April Gorton, Continuing Care Hospital
Candace Greif, IV Therapy
Jamie Koopman, 4 West

Carroll H. and Lena H. Nelson Critical Care Award
Ashley Beit, Continuing Care Hospital
Lindy Hartl, Critical Care Unit
Paige Holland, 4 West
*Julie McNeal, Intensive Care Unit
Mattea Meixner, IV Therapy
*Mandy Ohrt, Cardiac Cath Lab
Beth Parilo, Critical Care Unit
Lori Simpson, Critical Care Unit
Denise Walker, 3 West

Elaine Young Leadership Award
Presented by 2016 Recipient: Michelle Divoky, Pediatrics
Kelly Printy, 5 Center
The Elaine Young Leadership Award is presented to a person in a leadership role. The recipient will be an outstanding mentor in the development of their staff to pursue high quality care and has demonstrated significant contributions to quality patient outcomes. This leader will also demonstrate a willingness to work effectively with others to promote the strategic goals of St. Luke’s Hospital.
In 2005, Elaine Young created this award. Ms. Young was instrumental in starting and excelling Critical Care Nursing at St. Luke’s. She exemplifies the spirit of St. Luke’s.
Ms. Young was passionate about preparing strong, clinical, competent nurses who also had care and compassion. After her retirement from management in 1987, Ms. Young continued on as the Critical Care Educator. She worked at St. Luke’s for over 50 years, “officially retiring in 2012.”

Excellence in Behavioral Health Award
Presented by the 2016 Recipients: Beth Etten, 3 East and Anne Smith, Recreation
Mental Health Professional Award:
Rachel Bowers, Behavioral Health Access Center
Behavioral Health Support Staff Award:
Stacy Carper, Chemical Dependency
Behavioral Health Nurse Award:
Alexis Velazquez, Child Adolescent Center
This award is presented annually to staff nurses and support staff who demonstrate excellence in Behavioral Health. These individuals are chosen by their peers, are involved in special projects or programs within their unit or division, participate in unit or division committees, demonstrate clinical expertise, seek further nursing education and are “team players” within the Behavioral Health Division.
The Psychiatric Nursing Education Award was established by Dr. W.J. Moershel in 1984 out of his generosity and desire to educate psychiatric nurses. In 1958, Dr. Moershel helped to establish 2 East. He practiced with the “A” Avenue Associates until his retirement in 1985. He passed away on December 13, 2010.
Gail Stork Emergency Medicine Nursing Award
Presented by 2016 Recipient: Nate Johnson, Emergency Department

Jennifer Lee, Emergency Department
This award is presented annually to a St. Luke's registered nurse who demonstrates excellence in emergency medicine nursing. This nurse is involved in special projects or programs within their unit or division, participate in unit or division committees, demonstrate clinical expertise, seek further nursing education and are "team players within the Emergency Medicine arena."
For 40 years Gail was a tremendous leader for St Luke's Hospital – retiring in 2014. During Gail’s career, many departments excelled under her leadership. Gail served in leadership roles in surgery, OB, ED, corporate compliance and medical staff office. She was a humble, servant leader. When Gail retired, St. Luke’s Medical Staff created an award in her honor.

Karma Smith Healthcare Pioneer Award
Presented by 2016 Recipient: Jennifer Reeve, Operating Room
Denise Easley, Newborn Intensive Care Unit
The award aims to honor a St. Luke's associate who is constantly focused on improving the delivery of healthcare through innovative evidence-based models of care.
Karma Smith, RN, helped change the status quo and wasn’t afraid to propose and try new, innovative ideas. In the 1990’s, holistic healing wasn’t seen as an intricate part of cancer therapy. However, it was something Karma believed in. A graduate of St. Luke’s School of Nursing, she encouraged the medical community in Cedar Rapids to incorporate healing touch, listening to music during chemotherapy, exercise therapy and other cutting-edge approaches for patients dealing with cancer.
Karma was a Healthcare Pioneer; as new approaches to medicine were introduced she was a catalyst in seeing them being used to assist our community. In 1998, she died from colon cancer at the young age of 54.

Charles Schwartz, MD Scholarship
This scholarship is for individuals pursuing health–related degrees or special education, who agree to work at St. Luke’s Hospital.
Katrina Mahoney, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Amelia Wenner, Digestive Health Center / Emergency Department
Dr. Schwartz was a family practice physician from 1955 – 1978 in Cedar Rapids. He was instrumental in the success of the Cedar Rapids Family Practice and Continuing Education Programs. In 1977, St. Luke's Education Center was named in honor of Dr. Schwartz. The Schwartz Fund was established in 1978 by his friends to honor him for his continuing involvement and far sightedness in promoting medical education in Cedar Rapids. From 1978 – 1989 the fund supported the “Dr. Charles Schwartz Medical Education Lectureship.” In 1989 the fund changed to provide scholarship assistance for St. Luke’s associates. He passed away in 1978.

St. Luke’s Auxiliary Scholarships
St. Luke’s Auxiliary offers Nursing Scholarships to provide tuition assistance for a St. Luke’s associate, volunteer, auxilian or auxiliary family member.
Brielle Kolpin, 3 West
Kristi Moorman
Lauren Stopko, 5 East
Nursing Scholarship
This scholarship is for non-traditional students.
Indira Beganovic, Heart Holding
Kristi Elwick, Work Well

Ann & Forbes Olberg Nursing Scholarship
This scholarship is to assist individuals pursuing health-related degrees or special education.
Sydney Fortney, Intensive Care Unit

Ann and Forbes Olberg were generous friends to the community of Cedar Rapids. St. Luke's Foundation is a beneficiary of their generosity through an endowment they created at The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.

Forbes was an attorney at Merchants National Bank in the Trust Department for his entire 36-year career, rising to become executive vice-president of the bank. He was active in civic, public service and community affairs. In 1978, he was appointed by Governor Robert Ray to the Iowa Development Commission and served on this commission for 16 years. Forbes served as a trustee of St. Luke’s Foundation, Cornell College and Herbert Hoover Presidential Library.

Ann was a trustee of Brucemore and Cedar Rapids Art Association. Ann passed on September 13, 2005. Forbes suffered a stroke shortly after Ann’s death – passing away nine days later on September 22, 2005. They were united in marriage for 55 years.

Greta Schuchmann Scholarship
This scholarship is for non-traditional students, preferably a student pursuing their LPN to RN or RN to BSN.
Monica Rannals, IP Hospice Unit

The Greta Schuchmann Scholarship was established in 1983 by Fred Schuchmann in honor of his late wife, Greta who was an active St. Luke’s volunteer. Fred continues to be a good friend of St. Luke’s Foundation.

LaMorgese Award for Excellence in Neurological Nursing
Presented by 2016 Recipient: Andrea Schwake, Hospice
Jennifer Boren, Intensive Care Unit

The LaMorgese Award is presented annually to a St. Luke’s registered nurse who contributes significantly to the care and treatment of neuroscience patients. Placing an emphasis on science, this nurse demonstrates an affectation of sound principles based on scientific method and medical research. The recipient demonstrates human caring, compassion and good corporate citizenship.

In 2002, this award was established by Dr. Jim and Nancy LaMorgese. Dr. LaMorgese was Cedar Rapids’ first neurosurgeon and served as St. Luke’s Chief Medical Officer. Today, Dr. LaMorgese is retired but continues to support St. Luke’s as a board member for St. Luke’s Foundation.

Nancy Lamb Skogsbergh and Edna Lamb Nursing (Clinical) Leadership Award
Presented by the 2016 Recipient: Ann Overton, Newborn Intensive Care Unit / Pediatrics
Diane Seelau, Women’s and Children’s Services

This award recognizes a Leadership Group/Director Level, senior clinical leader, who embodies the spirit of servant leadership. This leader, like Nancy Skogsbergh, will exhibit undying commitment to St. Luke’s mission, values and vision. The award seeks to give accolades to a leader who is an outstanding St. Luke’s ambassador in the community. This leader’s work is constantly focused on patients and their families and he/she makes all decisions accordingly.

This award was established by Nancy Skogsbergh’s brother, Jack Marchant. Jack established this award honoring Nancy as well as his mother, Edna Lamb, who worked at St. Luke’s from 1935 to 1955. Nancy graduated from the St. Luke’s School of Nursing in 1953. She worked at St. Luke’s for 46 years, retiring in 1999 as Administrative Director of Patient Care Services.
Outstanding New Graduate Award
Presented by: Rebecca Moore, Nursing Support
Rachel Burke, Continuing Care Hospital
This award is presented to a graduate of an RN or LPN program within the last year. The recipient demonstrates a genuine interest for patient needs, works well with others and offers assistance where needed. This nurse shows a commitment to continued learning and demonstrates competence and leadership.

Ronald L. Mahany Award
Presented by 2016 Recipient: Julie Gasway, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Jo Huff, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Jennifer Jenatscheck, Physical Therapy
Jessica Mackey, Rehabilitation Administration
Lindsey Rowley, Witwer Children’s Therapy
Tara Weir, 6 West Rehab
The Ronald Mahany Award recognizes those who work within St. Luke’s Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Division who have contributed significantly to the care and treatment of patients needing rehabilitation. Nominees will exemplify St. Luke’s Standards of Excellence.

J. Stuart McQuiston, MD Scholarship
This scholarship is for individuals pursuing a health-related degree or special education, who agree to work at St. Luke’s Hospital.
Madeline DeBoer, Child Protection Center
Deena Downey, Heart Holding
Dr. McQuiston was Cedar Rapids’ first internist and practiced here for over 50 years. He was active in the community plus local and state medical associations.

Norma Newmeister Scholarship
This scholarship assists individuals pursuing a non-clinical degree.
Rose Hedges, Medical Staff Office
Norma Newmeister has been a generous, dedicated and compassionate friend to St. Luke’s Hospital, Foundation and Auxiliary for more than 40 years. She has logged more than 12,000 hours volunteering for the Hospital and Auxiliary. In 2011, Norma received St. Luke’s Lifetime Dedication of Volunteerism Award and the Governor’s Award for 40 years of volunteering presented by Governor Branstad. She served on the Auxiliary’s Board of Directors for 31 years. In 2014, Norma and her husband, Lumir, created the Norma Newmeister Scholarship to assist an associate working towards a non-clinical or a health-related degree.
**Walter A. and Ida K. Kansky Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship assists nurses in training.

**Madison Miller**, 3 West

Ida was a life-time member of St. Luke’s Auxiliary. In 2001, when she passed away, her Last Will and Testament created the Walter A. and Ida K. Kansky Memorial Scholarship.

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**Keech Scholarship**

This scholarship assists individuals pursuing health-related degrees or special education. In 2015, St. Luke’s Hospital and St. Luke’s Foundation partnered with Mount Mercy University to provide an on-site expedited RN to BSN program. The Keech Scholarship provides the funds for the 21 credit nursing hours.

**Elizabeth Babka**, 1 West

**Jacque Formanek**, STAR

**Lacey Gorman**, 3 West

**Daniel Meyers**, Operating Room

**Megan Ogburn**, Heart Holding

**Angela Spoden**, Operating Room

Established in 1969 with funds from the estates of Dr. Roy K. Keech and his wife Bess, this scholarship extends support to nursing students, whose field will enable them to continue to impact the world around them. Dr. and Mrs. Keech’s mission through this funding is to “make available to worthy young people the advantage of an education in nursing for their benefit — in order that they will be in a better position not only to help themselves, but to extend their influence to others.”

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**Beatha Kuntz Scholarship**

This scholarship assists nursing students. In Beatha Kuntz's will she stated, “it is my wish and request that the student(s) receiving this scholarship be required to do bedside nursing for at least a period of one year upon graduation.”

**Daniel Meyers**, Operating Room

**Michelle Pappas**, STAR

**Angela Spoden**, Operating Room

**Colette Webster-Moore**, Heart Holding

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**Social Worker Award**

Presented by the 2016 Recipient: Renee Grummer-Miller, Palliative Care

**Alisha Armstrong**, Medical Social Services

This award is presented to one St. Luke’s Social Worker who exhibits excellence in the practice of Social Work. This recipient exemplifies the St. Luke’s Standards of Excellence and demonstrates leadership skills within the department, hospital and community.

The Social Worker Award is funded through the Criswell Endowment. Violet W. Criswell was a native of Benton County and trained as a nurse at Rush Presbyterian in Chicago, IL. She worked as a school nurse. In 1993, Ms. Criswell’s estate requested her endowment fund be used to fund the Violet W. Criswell Medical-Surgical & Emergency-Trauma Conference and continue health care provider’s education.
Dr. Stephen and Peg Vanourny Award for Excellence in Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing

Presented by 2016 Recipient: Pat Schneider, Birth Care Center

Rachel Petersen, Birth Care Center / MCN Operations

This award is presented annually to a St. Luke’s nurse who contributes significantly to the care and treatment of obstetrical or gynecological patients. The recipient places an emphasis on science, demonstrates an affection for sound principles based on scientific method and medical research; demonstrates human caring and compassion; and displays good corporate citizenship.

In 1987, Dr. Stephen and Peg Vanourny established this award. Dr. Vanourny was a founding physician for OB-GYN & Associates. He also served as St. Luke’s Hospital President and CEO from 1996 to 2002. Dr. Vanourny was instrumental in the creation of the Nassif Heart Center and Nassif Center for Women’s and Children’s Health. Dr. Vanourny continues to be a good friend to St. Luke’s Foundation.

St. Luke’s Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Natalie and Joe Cohn Scholarship
This scholarship assists associates pursuing a nursing degree.

Lisa Young, Operating Room

Abby Maples, Emergency Department

Joe and Natalie were long-time supporters of many community non-profits, including St. Luke’s Foundation. In 1998, when Natalie passed away, her Last Will and Testament created the Natalie and Joe Cohn Nursing Scholarship.

Ted and Lillian Feder Scholarship
This scholarship assists associates pursuing a nursing degree.

Namira Romero, Operating Room

Ted and Lillian were long-time supporters of many community non-profits, including St. Luke’s Foundation. Lillian, passed away in 1998 and Ted in 2003. Ted was the owner and operator of Feder & Sons Scrap Iron. He was not able to complete his high school education but valued learning and wanted to help future students reach their educational goals.

May G. Gortner Scholarship
This scholarship assists St. Luke’s associates enrolled in BSN, Clinical Nurse Specialty or Master’s Degree Programs.

Ashley DeGeeter, St. Luke’s Respiratory & Critical Care