

Nursing update



Nurse's career choice inspired by his grandfather

Like his grandfather, Cody Forsberg, RN, who serves in the Burn Center and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis, earned degrees in Nursing from Wichita State University.

Although his grandfather died when Cody was just 5 years old, he says it was the family stories about him that taught him compassion and would later inspire him to become a nurse.

“Getting into nursing was a big deal for my grandpa because he knew he could do a lot of good and help a lot of people that way and that’s what I want to do with my life,” Cody says.

When Cody earned his bachelor’s degree in Nursing, his grandmother gave him his late grandfather’s nursing pin, which he carried with him when graduated from WSU again in December, this time with his doctorate in Nursing.

Earning his doctorate, he says, was simply the next step in his professional journey as a nurse, which he says requires you to put aside your own thoughts and emotions so that you can focus all your energy on caring for your patient. On the flip side, he says, “many of our patients in the Burn Center end up staying in the ICU for weeks or months, so it’s rewarding to see them move on to rehab and go home. When they come in a year or two down the road in way better shape than when they first came in, it feels amazing.”

Congratulations, Cody, on your achievement and thank you for your service to patients and their families!

Additional congratulations in order

In December, Nursing leadership and the Professional Development Council made a surprise DAISY award presentation recognizing the excellent nursing care given by Sarah Swank, RN, and the entire CICU team at Via Christi Hospital St. Francis.

“It was both gratifying and fun getting to play a part in this surprise recognition,” says Carla Yost, system chief nursing officer.

Other recent DAISY award recipients include Randa Cassel, RN, who serves in Pediatrics at Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan and Melinda Adair, RN, manager of Oncology Services at Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg, which recently began participating in the nurse recognition program.

Congratulations to all our DAISY recipients—your contributions are making a difference in the lives of the patients and families we serve!