

## **CHILDREN'S MERCY CELEBRATES NURSES WEEK**

During Nurses Week May 3-9, Children's Mercy pays tribute to the more than 1900 nurses who provide such excellent care to all of our patients every day. We also take time this week to honor a few of those outstanding nurses with our annual awards and scholarships:

### **The 2009 Nursing and Allied Health Clinical Excellence Award Recipients:**

Bernell Hevner O'Donnell, RN, Excellence in Psychosocial Nursing Award  
Mary Ann Riesco, RN, MS, CCRN, Director of Critical Care Services, Patient Care Services

Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award  
Devin D. Bowers, RN, MSN, Nurse Manager, Inpatient Float Pool and Internal Transport

Clinical Excellence in Nursing Awards – Medical/Surgical  
Erin K. Gunter, RN, CPN, Staff Nurse, Inpatient Float Pool  
Allison R. Hoffman, RN, BSN, CPN, Staff Nurse III, 2 Henson/Burn Unit

Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award – Operating Room/Same Day Surgery/Post-Anesthesia Care Unit/Pre-Admission Testing/Pain Management  
Armistice Holcomb, RN, CPAN, Staff Nurse II, Same Day Surgery/Post Anesthesia Care Unit

Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award – Critical Care  
Erin J. Keith-Chancy, RN, BSN, CCRN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Nursery

Clinical Excellence in Nursing Awards – Ambulatory  
Brenda E. Anderson-Bell, RN, BSEd, Charge Nurse, Special Care Clinic  
Joan E. Benson, RN, CPN, Charge Nurse, Orthopedic Clinic

Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award –Expanded Role  
Kimberly S. Radford, RN, MSN, CPNP-AC, Nurse Practitioner, Gastroenterology Section

Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award – Charge Nurse  
Patricia Lynn Kellert, RNC, Critical Care Charge Nurse II, Intensive Care Nursery

Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award – Nurse as Teacher  
Scott England, RN, CCRN, CPN, Critical Care Staff Nurse II, Critical Care Float Pool

Rookie of the Year Award - Nursing  
Jayme L. Sanchez, RN, Staff Nurse, 4 Sutherland

Care Assistant/Nurse Technician Excellence Award  
Katrina L. Marker, Care Assistant, Children's Mercy West

Excellence in Leadership Award – Allied Health  
Steven E. Buckley, MT(ASCP) Supervisor, Transfusion Services Laboratory

Clinical Excellence Awards – Allied Health  
Joey C. Ford, MS, CCC-A, Audiologist III, Hearing and Speech Department  
Melissa Welters-Davis, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist, Physical and Occupational Therapy Department

Research Excellence Award  
Beverly J. Doerge, M(ASCP), Supervisor of Microbiology Laboratory, Microbiology and Virology

Rookie of the Year Award - Allied Health  
Mellony J. Meister, PTA, Assistant Physical Therapy, Physical and

## **Dee Lyons Nursing Research Scholars Grant Program**

This year's grant recipients are: Cristine A. Roberts, RN, PhD, and Devin Bowers, RN, MSN, for their study, "Nurses' Perceptions of Issues Surrounding Unaccompanied Children".

This research endeavor is made possible through the benevolence of longtime Children's Mercy donors and friends, Dee and Fred Lyons.

### **2009 Scholarship Winners**

Shemineh Adib, Assistant Perfusionist, Cardiovascular Surgery  
Dean Cowles Scholarship

Amy M. Allen, RN, Staff Nurse, Children's Mercy Northland Urgent Care, Dean Cowles Scholarship

Debbie C. Ayers, RN, CPN, Staff Nurse II, 2 Henson,  
Nancy Whalen Scholarship

Kristen L. Baum, Care Assistant, Plastic Surgery Clinic,  
Ina Calkins Scholarship

Karen M. Beaudet, RN, BSN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Nursery, Dean Cowles  
Scholarship

Amy C. Belton, Care Assistant, 4 Henson,  
Nancy Whalen Scholarship

Goldie A. Benz, RN, BSN, CDE, Diabetes Nurse Educator, Endocrinology, Dean Cowles  
Scholarship

Tara M. Billings, Nurse Technician, 4 Henson,  
Ina Calkins Scholarship

Andrea R. Bond, RN, BSN, CPN, Staff Nurse II, 6 Henson,  
Ina Calkins Scholarship

Brenda Boots, RN, BSN, CRN, Charge Nurse II, Sedation Team, Dean Cowles Scholarship

Allyse J. Bredemeier, Student, William Jewell College,  
Nancy Whalen Scholarship

Stephanie K. Brightman, Technician, Dialysis Unit,  
Retention Committee Scholarship

Sarah M. Burr, RN, BSN, Staff Nurse, Recovery Room/SDS,  
Dean Cowles Scholarship

Amy N. Bush, Nurse Technician, Float Pool,  
Ina Calkins Scholarship

Wendy D. Cantrell, Technician, Emergency Room,  
Ina Calkins Scholarship

Christal R. Carpenter, Perfusion Assistant, Cardiac Surgery Clinic, Jennifer Collins Scholarship

Rachel S. Carter, RN, BSN, Staff Nurse, Children's Mercy South, Inpatient Unit, Ina Calkins  
Scholarship

Sarah N. Correll, Nurse Technician, 5 Sutherland,  
Michael Joseph Meers Scholarship

Betsy A. Dearing, RN, Nursing Supervisor, Ina Calkins Scholarship

M. Danielle Delozier, RN, BSN, CPN, Staff Nurse, Children's Mercy South, Inpatient Unit, Ina  
Calkins Scholarship

Lisa D. Dryer, RN, CPN, Staff Nurse, Sedation Team, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Katie L. Elkins, Care Assistant II, 4 Sutherland,  
Nancy Whalen Scholarship

Ashley T. Fase, Care Assistant, Children's Mercy South, UCC, Bonnie Curtis Galeazzi  
Scholarship

Stephanie N. Finley, Assistant Perfusionist, Cardiac Surgery Clinic, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Valerie M. Flick, RN, BSN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Nursery, Ina Calkins  
Scholarship

Shana L. Fromholtz, RN, BSN, CPN, Staff Nurse, 3 Henson,  
Shawsie Branton Scholarship

Shandra L. Fuerst, Care Assistant II, Nursing Float,  
Retention Committee Scholarship

Maria D. Ginger-Wiley, RN, CCRN, Co-Nurse Manager, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Daniel Miller Scholarship

Kathleen L. Hulse, RN, BSN, CPHQ, Assistant Director, Ambulatory Nursing, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Carolyn S. Jensen, RN, MSN, Co-Nurse Manager, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Lisa S. Johnson, RN, Charge Nurse, Recovery Room/SDS, Nancy Whalen Scholarship

Catherine E. Johnson, RN, BSN, CPN, Staff Nurse, 3 Henson, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Katherine J. Kellerman, RN, BSN, CPN, Unit Based Education Coordinator, 3 Henson, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Tasha W. King, RN, CNN, Scheduler, Hematology/Oncology Clinic, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Alexis B. Kraly, Nurse Technician, Float Pool, Retention Committee Scholarship

Marina A. Kulish, Care Assistant, 5 Sutherland, Michael Joseph Meers Scholarship

Mary E. Langston, RN, BSN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Nursery, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Tammy S. Lightner, RN, BSN, CPN, SANE, Nurse Manager, Vascular Access, Dee Lyons Scholarship

Peter P. May, LPN, Critical Care LPN, Emergency Room, Bonnie Curtis Galeazzi Scholarship

Jacquelyn C. Miner, RN, BSN, Nursing Supervisor, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Donna M. O'Malley, RN, MSN, CPN, Business & Academic Manager, Emergency Division, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Tara S. Padilla, Nurse Technician, 4 Sutherland, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Jolynn D. Parker, RN, CPN, Ambulatory Nurse Manager, Pediatric Care Center, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wells Scholarship

Stacy L. Parks, RN, CPN, Nurse Manager, Children's Mercy South, Inpatient Unit, Shawsie Branton Scholarship

Patricia A. Phillips, RN, BSN, CPSTCC, CPN, CPEN, Staff Nurse II, Emergency Room, Dee Lyons Scholarship

Adrienne M. Platt, RN, MSN, CPNP, Nurse Practitioner, Endocrinology, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Janice R. Poull, RN, CRN, C, Staff Nurse II, Sedation Team, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Jeffrey Reed, Supervisor, Security, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Kristen L. Sayers, RNC-NIC, BSN, Critical Care Charge Nurse, Intensive Care Nursery, Shawsie Branton Scholarship

Deborah M. Schwartzkopf, RN, BSN, CCRN, Unit Based Education Coordinator, Intensive Care Nursery, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Ashlynn K. Sowers, RN, BSN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Nursery, Judy Vellucci Scholarship

Holly T. Stetler, RN, BSN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Intensive Care Nursery, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Katy N. Stithem, Care Assistant Outpatient Services, Shawsie Branton Scholarship

Michael S. Sullivan, RN, BSN, Ambulatory Nurse Manager, Children's Mercy Northland, Specialty Clinic, Shawsie Branton Scholarship

Angela Tendick, RN, BSN, Nursing Program Coordinator, Gastroenterology, Daniel Miller Scholarship

Jill L. Vickers, RN, BSN, CPN, Unit Based Education Coordinator, 2 Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wells Scholarship

Linda K. White, RN, Nurse Clinician, Pediatric Advanced Comfort Care Team, Daniel Miller Scholarship

Karen M. Widdis, RN, CCRN, CPN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Ina Calkins Scholarship

Susan F. Widener, RN, BSN, CPN, Co-Nurse Manager, 6 Henson, Retention Committee Scholarship

Angela L. Wiedner, RN, BSN, CPN, Critical Care Staff Nurse, Emergency Department, Wound Care, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wells Scholarship