

## 2017 Scholarship Recipients

### Irina An



I am an immigrant from Uzbekistan. I arrived in 2003 knowing very little English. I started my journey learning to read and write in English. I received my BSN from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay in 2015, an Associate Degree from Western Technical College in 2010 and originally earned an Anesthesiologist Degree from Tashkent State Medical University. I hold memberships in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Premier Status in the American Nurses Association and Wisconsin Nurses Association. Professional achievements include Minn-Wi-Kota Region Phi Theta Kappa Honorable Mention Creative Writing, nomination for Barbara Kroner

Scholarship, Julie MacDonald Nursing Scholarship, WONE Nursing Scholarship, and a grant from Gundersen Health System Professional Development Fund Committee for “Breaking the Cultural and Language Barriers” presentation at the American Multicultural Student Leadership Conference in 2016. Recently, I received an invitation to present “Breaking the Cultural and Language Barriers” at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s (IHI’s) 2017 National Forum on Quality Improvement. Currently, I am nominated as a Talented Charge Nurse by HOMs (Hospital Operation Managers) and enrolled in a Frontline Management Program. I continually promote culturally sensitivity and educate nurses to be nonjudgmental regarding foreign people as credible.

### Lori Cardinal



I graduated with a BSN in 1983 from Marian College, and will graduate with a MSN in October of 2018 with emphasis on nursing leadership. My current role is Director of Hospital Nursing Resources at St. Agnes Hospital-Agnesian Healthcare, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. I have been employed with St. Agnes Hospital for the past 32 years holding many different leadership roles. With my background in leadership and the desire to obtain my MSN in leadership emphasis in Healthcare, my involvement and attendance, in the WONE has further created my desire for furthering my education. I am involved in the community and volunteer for the United Way and I am an alumni board member at

Marian University along with being involved in numerous school projects while my

children were younger. I am married and have three adult children. I love to travel and spend time with my family and friends.

## Jane McCarthy



I am thankful to have a career that has afforded many deep and rewarding experiences. Those experiences include working in hospitals throughout the country as a critical care nurse, teaching and lecturing at UW-Madison and Marquette University School of Nursing – with most recent years serving as Nurse Manger of the Intensive Care Unit, CCU and SICU at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital. I have a relentless focus on high quality nursing care as well as patient and employee satisfaction.

Maintaining strong professional relationships has and continues to be a focus of mine in furthering efforts to recruit and retain excellent nurses. My hope is to

evaluate/recognize the work nurses do, appropriately, which should incorporate the hospital's/organization's mission statement and values. My professional goal is to positively impact Nursing, in the role of Nurse Executive, by recruiting and retaining and excellent nurses.

## Dawn Pauli



I will be graduating from a BSN program in June 2018.

My educational plans continue past the BSN level. As a future nursing leader, I plan to take my experiences in the hyperbaric wound care department and assist caregivers in other departments. I am a member of the American Nurses Association, Wisconsin Nurses Association and Wisconsin Organization of Nurse Executives. During my education at Moraine Park Technical College, I served as the treasurer of the Student Nursing Association on the West Bend campus. I previously served for seven years as a board member for McParents, the parent-teacher organization for a local elementary school. I assisted in the

planning and hosting of many events and fundraising to provide extra support for staff and students. I feel driven to connect with people and to connect people to one another.

## Jess Thomey



I received my BSN from Carroll University in 2007 and MSN from Walden University in 2015 with a Leadership and Management emphasis. I am currently enrolled in the DNP program at Grand Canyon University. My leadership professional career began at Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin Community Memorial Hospital where I was an Administrative Supervisor. I later transitioned into the Supervisor of Emergency, ICU, and Modified Care Units at Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin, St. Joseph's campus. After being in that role for one and half years, I became the Manager of those units. My most recent leadership position is for Internal Medicine at Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin Froedtert campus. I have my nurse executive board certification, and am a member of WONE. I look forward to growing as a leader. I am married with two children ages 22 months and 3 years old.