

## 2026 Nursing Excellence Awards Nominees

### Beginning Practitioner of the Year

- Abbie Shaver | 3 Central
- Abigail Butcher | Mother/Baby
- Ben Ellis | 4 Central Medicine
- Caroline Smith | OPSC Pre/Post
- Caroline Thompson | Emergency Department
- Chris Carmichael | Emergency Department
- Grace Bandercan | 6 Central
- Haley Priftis | 4 East TCV
- Haley Rhodes | Acute Cardiology
- Kailee Norman | Heart Center
- Kailey Crisman | Newborn ICU
- Kaitlyn Hucks | Thoracic Cardiovascular ICU
- Katherine Thomas | Nerancy Neuro ICU
- Lauren Cerretani | Newborn ICU
- Lily Jarvis | Infusion Procedural Center
- Mariah Hutcherson | Labor & Delivery
- Miriam Lopez | Labor & Delivery
- Nicolas Beguin | Infusion Procedural Center
- Nicole Miller | 6 West
- Skye Fitzhugh | Nerancy Neuro ICU
- Victoria Campos | 3 Central

### Excellence in New Knowledge, Innovations, and Improvements

- Alicia Campbell | Nerancy Neuro ICU
- Coburn Bergum | 5 West
- Hillary Bowen | Evidence Based Practice Programs
- Kristyn Ballard | Cancer Care Pantops Infusion
- Laurie Crookenden | Hyperbaric Program
- Marcela Munoz | Evidence Based Practice Programs
- Nathaniel Ledford | Nursing Initiatives

- Robert Cushman Jr. | 5 East
- Sara Neilon | 3 Central
- Stephen Shiflet | 5 South Organ Transplant
- Wynifred McKenzie | Infusion Procedural Center

### Excellence in Relationship-Based Caring

- Benjamin Dillenbeck | 3 Central
- Berkeley Mathews | Coronary Care Unit
- BJ Claytor | Musculoskeletal Admin
- Chris Stiles | Infusion Procedural Center
- Claudia Bethea | 6 West
- Connie Summy | OCIR Orange
- Deanna Morales | Renal Unit
- Diana Nester | 3 Central
- Dorcas Bii | 3 Central
- Elizabeth Meadows | Newborn ICU
- Emily McKee | 3 Central
- EmmaGrace Stokes | 4 East TCV
- Fatima Parveen | 3 Central
- Jamie Dubbs | Nerancy Neuro ICU
- Jeni Benson | 3 Central
- Kate Miller | 3 Central
- Lindsay Mullen | Mother/Baby
- Nichole Cummings | Otolaryngology Clinic - Fontaine
- Nicole Bucci | 5 South Organ Transplant
- Seth Golcar | Perianesthesia Main
- Tammie Rinaldo | Digestive Health Clinic
- Tammy Inglett | 6 West

### Exemplary Clinical Practice

- Abby Sherman | Medical ICU
- Abigail Keller | Stem Cell Inpatient

- Allison Kittrell | 5 West
- Chloe Ester Cook | Labor & Delivery
- Colleen Di Cesare | Employee Health
- Devin Dent | Coronary Care Unit
- Diamond Escamilla | 3 Central
- Faith Mawyer | Digestive Health Clinic
- Hope Duncan | Cardiac Transition Unit
- Jacqueline Wheeler | Vascular Access Team
- Jamie Dubbs | Nerancy Neuro ICU
- Jeri Pugh | Radiology Nursing
- Jessica Duke | 3 Central
- Jessica Munnikhuysen | Electrophysiology
- Julia Figueroa | Continuum
- Julia Tartabini | Labor & Delivery
- Kayla Wolfe | 3 Central
- Kelly Miles | 6 West
- Kimberly Wood | Perianesthesia Main
- Lorin Smith | Lynchburg Nephrology Center
- Megan Hiser | 3 Central
- Melissa Barker | Maternal & Fetal Medicine Clinic
- Nancy Staton | Spine Center
- Nicole Blankenship | 3 Central
- Ogene Okpanachi | 6 Central
- Rachel Wilkinson | Pediatrics at UVA Orange Medical Park
- Rose Schurig | 6 East
- Sarah Hay | Vascular Access Team
- Susan B Miller | Digestive Health Clinic

### Exemplary Resident/Fellow Physician

- Alison Kim | Electrophysiology
- Andrew Chapman | 6 Central
- Caroline Menton | Neurology
- Emily Gitman | Neurosurgery
- Himesh Zaver | Digestive Health Clinic
- Madeline Smoot | Cardiology
- Margaux Everingham | Internal Medicine

### Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year

- Nicole Maupin | Digestive Health Clinic
- Valerie Mullins | UVA Orange Medical Park

### Nurse of Distinction

- Ashley Hall | Stem Cell Inpatient
- Brooke Arnold | Newborn ICU
- Cherayne Mon Desir | Pediatric Mental Health Center
- Erin Sytov | Coronary Care Unit
- Jamie Page | 6 West
- Jan Byers | Stem Cell Inpatient
- Jason Maddox | Cardiac Catheterization Lab
- Kate Bassolino | 5 South Organ Transplant
- Kate Miller | 3 Central
- Katie Gower | Cancer Care Pantops Infusion
- Laura Zehr | Cardiac Catheterization Lab
- Margaret Dame | Heart Center
- McKenzie Riner | 4 East TCV
- Nancy Spindel | Maternal & Fetal Medicine Clinic
- Robin Passantino | Cardiac Transition Unit
- Rosemarie Grace Dizon | Renal Unit
- Sara Neilon | 3 Central
- Sheila Gentizon | Stem Cell Inpatient
- Val Wiseman | Pediatric Hematology Oncology Battle Building
- Yi Qin | Stem Cell Inpatient

### Preceptor of the Year

- Andrea D Williams | Pediatric Emergency Department
- Brenda Griswold | Infusion Procedural Center
- Brooke Pelais | Labor & Delivery
- Celeste Knepper | Newborn ICU
- Emily Rennecker | Thoracic Cardiovascular ICU
- Jennifer Kuzjak | OPSC Pre/Post
- Karly Knechtel | Emergency Department



- **Kassidy Schulz** | Pediatric Diabetes Battle Building
- **Kate Skoczylas** | Infusion Procedural Center
- **Kathryn McGough** | Nursing Professional Development Services
- **Kevin Lewis** | Cancer Care Pantops Infusion
- **Leah Eick** | Nerancy Neuro ICU
- **Madeline Yancey** | Stem Cell Inpatient
- **Madison Robertson** | Emergency Department
- **Madison Streit** | 4 East TCV
- **Morgan Stewart** | 3 Central
- **Sarah Ellis** | Cancer Care Pantops Infusion
- **Taylor Ross** | Stem Cell Inpatient
- **Timothy Fleming** | 6 West

### Transformational Leader

- **Adrienne Edwards** | 6 West
- **Angela Fortune** | UVA Orange Medical Park
- **Ben Michaels** | 6 West
- **Carrie Swain** | Augusta Oncology Clinic
- **Christie Podbesek** | Medical ICU
- **Cristina Brown** | Northridge Pediatrics
- **Deidra Bibb** | Augusta Oncology Clinic
- **Emily A Johnson** | Acute Cardiology
- **Emily R Davidson** | 6 East
- **Holly Phillips** | Labor & Delivery
- **Marcela Munoz** | Evidence Based Practice Programs
- **Nikki McLamb** | Nerancy Neuro ICU
- **Randy Wu** | 4 East TCV
- **Sarah Calhoun** | 4 East TCV
- **Theresa Reilly** | Stem Cell Inpatient

### Eloise Dodge Gould Pediatric Award

- **Anneke Boelens** | Newborn ICU
- **Ashley Thomas** | NBDH Riverside
- **Bret Shreckhise** | Pediatric Neurology
- **Courtney Altizer** | Allergy/Immunology and Rheumatology

- **Cynthia Edwards** | Pediatric Rheumatology
- **Frances Hutchinson** | Perianesthesia Main
- **Kathleen Battle** | Newborn ICU
- **Kendall Price** | 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Battle Building
- **Marnie Painter** | Pediatric ICU
- **Meghan Schaefer** | Pediatric ICU
- **Morgan Miller** | 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Battle Building
- **Robin Chandler** | Newborn ICU
- **Val Wiseman** | Pediatric Hematology Oncology Battle Building

### School of Nursing Outstanding BSN Student Preceptor Award

- **Ali Payne** | Labor & Delivery
- **Alyssiana Butler** | Pediatric ICU
- **Ashley Ferguson** | Staffing Resource Office
- **Demi Edwards** | 6 West
- **Emma Ruff** | 5 North
- **Erin Fenerty** | Pediatric ICU
- **Jesusa Basco** | Acute Oncology
- **Kelsey MacPherson** | Staffing Resource Office
- **Laura Doshi** | Pediatric Nephrology Battle Building
- **Teresa Park** | Electrophysiology
- **Teryn Ratcliffe** | Surgical Trauma ICU
- **Timothy Rose** | Acute Oncology
- **Vonda Lillard** | 6 East

### School of Nursing Outstanding CNL Student Preceptor Award

- **Brittany Haug** | Labor & Delivery
- **Erin Desantis** | 6 East
- **Hannah Durham** | 7 Acute
- **Kylie Hume** | Emergency Department
- **Mason Ellenberger** | Acute Cardiology
- **Matthew Lizak** | Surgical Trauma ICU
- **Nicole Dumontier** | 6 East

**School of Nursing Outstanding APRN  
Student Preceptor Award**

- **Brooke Smith** | Thoracic Cardiovascular ICU
- **Kristi Wilkins** | Surgical Trauma ICU
- **Kristine Shannon** | Family Medicine Stoney Creek
- **Maggie Spriggs** | Family Medicine Employee Primary Care