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A newsletter from the office of the Executive Chief Nursing Officer

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## YEATMAN NAMED CNO OF VWCH

Jeanne Yeatman, BSN, MBA, RN, MOM, CMTE, EMT, has been named chief nursing officer of Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital (VWCH). Yeatman had been serving in an interim capacity since August.

“Jeanne is a proven leader in nursing and emergency medicine with an extensive record of service at Vanderbilt,” said Executive Chief Nursing Officer Marilyn Dubree, MSN, RN. “She is a great fit for an excellent nursing team in a rapidly growing area of Middle Tennessee.”

Yeatman has more than 30 years of experience at VUMC. Her tenure began in 1989 as a patient care technician in the Emergency Department, a position she retained until graduating nursing school in 1990. She then became a graduate nurse within the department, progressing to charge nurse/shift leader. Her long association with Vanderbilt LifeFlight began when she started as a flight nurse in 1993, progressing to leader and administrator of the program.

In July 2020, VWCH’s Emergency Department transitioned to become part of Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s Department of Emergency Medicine, and VUMC recently invested nearly \$1 million to open a new ambulance base at the hospital, which included placing a Vanderbilt LifeFlight ambulance there.

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Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the season.

There is much good news to share this month. First, I would like to congratulate Jeanne Yeatman for becoming chief nursing officer at Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital. Jeanne has a long record of service at Vanderbilt, and it is a pleasure to welcome her to this new role.

Also in this issue, you will read about two of our nurses — Marissa Lemley Brown and Brett Young — named to a ‘40 Under 40’

nurse leader list from the Tennessee Action Coalition. This is an honor, and I could not be more proud to work with you.

Please read on to find out about a full slate of Nurses Week events, coming up soon in May. And we also salute our latest round of recipients of The DAISY Award. Congratulations to all.

Enjoy this issue,

"I have spent my entire Vanderbilt clinical career at LifeFlight and have been able to watch it grow to one of the nation's best medical transport programs," Yeatman said. "I have enjoyed serving as the interim chief nursing officer at Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital and getting to know the great staff working there. I'm looking forward to being able to continue to grow those relationships and build on the great work that is being done."

While program director of LifeFlight, Yeatman helped it grow fourfold and it was under her leadership as executive director that the program was named the 2020 Program of the Year by the national Association of Air Medical Services. The award recognizes an emergency medical transport service (national or international) that has demonstrated a superior level of patient care, management prowess, high-quality leadership through visionary and innovative approaches, customer service, safety consciousness, marketing ingenuity, community service and a commitment to the medical transport community as a whole.

Yeatman facilitated the \$16 million purchase of three new American Eurocopter EC 145 aircraft, the first of their kind to

be used by a hospital-based flight program in the United



Yeatman

States. Under her direction the program has grown to now have nine helicopters, an airplane for long-range transports and 14 ground ambulances. She also spearheaded a fundraising campaign to build the \$1.1 million original helipad at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in 2005.

Meanwhile, Yeatman facilitated the addition of three new rotor wing bases, started a fixed wing operation that now transports more than 200 patients per year and began an Event Medicine division that supplies EMS care and transport to the Nashville Predators and Bridgestone Arena, along with more than 1,000 other community events.

"Jeanne's multitude of contributions to Emergency Services, whether that be in LifeFlight or the Emergency Department, will leave a last-

ing imprint on who we are as an organization," said Robin Steaban, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Chief Nursing Officer of Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital (VUAH). "She helped set the standard for a culture of excellence and held fast to building a sense of community, which will serve her well at VWCH. We wish her all the best in this next leg of her professional journey knowing that even though her focus will be on VWCH, her work at VUAH will live on through an incredible partnership."

Yeatman serves on the statewide Tennessee EMS Board and as secretary for the Middle Tennessee EMS Directors association and secretary for South Central EMS.

Yeatman succeeds Denise Boman, MBA, RN, who had been chief nursing officer and held executive responsibility for operations at the hospital since 2010. VUMC acquired the facility from a subsidiary of Community Health Systems Inc. in August 2019.

"Jeanne is a capable leader, important adviser and trusted member of the VWCH team," said Jay Hinesley, MHA, president of VWCH. "She is key to ensuring the highest level of nursing care for our patients and families."

## TWO VANDERBILT NURSES NAMED IN '40 UNDER 40' LIST

Two nurse leaders at Vanderbilt University Medical Center have been recognized as part of the Tennessee 40 Under 40 Nurse Leaders, awarded by the Tennessee Action Coalition in partnership with the Tennessee Nurses Association and the Tennessee Hospital Association.

VUMC's winners are: Marissa Lemley Brown, MSN, RN, CPN, director of Clinical Education at Monroe Carell Jr.



Lemley Brown



Young

Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt; and Brett Young, BSN, RN, a clinical staff leader at Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital.

"Vanderbilt has a long tradition of cultivating the next generation of nursing leader-

ship," said Marilyn Dubree, MSN, RN, Executive Chief Nursing Officer. "Please join me in congratulating Marissa and Brett on this outstanding recognition."

The Tennessee 40 Under 40 Nurse Leader program recognizes nurse leaders under 40 who are rising stars in their areas and expertise. The group of 40 will spend the next year learning ways and methods for supporting the health of Tennesseans.

## FOUR NEW VANDERBILT NURSING WEBSITES NOW LIVE

Four new websites spotlighting entities of nursing at Vanderbilt University Medical Center are now active.

Here are the links to the new sites:

**Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt**

**Nursing:**

<https://www.vumc.org/childrensnursing>

**Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital Nursing:**

<https://www.vumc.org/vuahnursing>

**Vanderbilt Adult Clinics Nursing:**

[https://www.vumc.org/vmg\\_nursing](https://www.vumc.org/vmg_nursing)

**Vanderbilt Behavioral Health Nursing:**

<https://www.vumc.org/vbhnursing>

The sites were built by Sherri Stringfellow, Art Director/Manager

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## SAVE THE DATE! NURSES WEEK EVENTS COMING UP IN MAY

Nurses Week will be here before we know it. Please mark your calendars for the following events and prepare to join us for an exciting week of inspirational and educational activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend each of the events.

• **Virtual State of Nursing Address** - Tuesday, May 25, from 8 to 9 a.m., via Zoom.

• **Virtual Research Nurses Poster Session** -

Wednesday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., via Zoom.

• **Nursing Honors** - Award presentations are being done locally; photos/videos and award book will be posted on the nursing website.

• **Virtual Blessing of Hands** - Details will be posted on [vanderbiltnursing.com](http://vanderbiltnursing.com).



# SPOTLIGHT ON DAISY AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Charlotte Chavous, BSN, RN**  
**Unit: Vanderbilt Orthopaedics**  
**Entity: Vanderbilt Adult Ambulatory Clinics**

**From the nomination:** “I was originally scheduled for total hip replacement surgery in July... It was a roller coaster ride during the approval process. Charlotte remained in constant communication throughout the process, promptly returning messages through the MyHealth app as well as phone messages. She was compassionate and caring, providing support and encouragement during a very emotional time.”

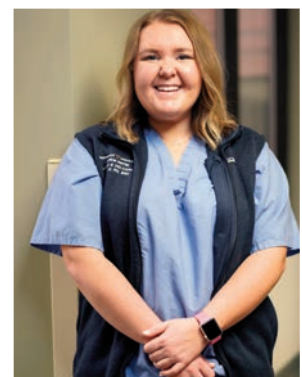


**Kailyn Christian, RN**  
**Unit: 8 North Pulmonary Medical Stepdown**  
**Entity: Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital**

**From the nomination:** “During these events and procedures, Kailyn was there explaining what was happening and why. Kailyn called my wife and got her to my bed side before surgery, which is another facet to this angel, Kailyn. I have no doubt, nor should anyone else, Kailyn Christian, RN, saved my life! Her immediate actions at the onset and continued calming voice in keeping me updated, and the emotional support she provided my wife is commendable.”

**Maci Malone, RN**  
**Unit: Labor & Delivery**  
**Entity: Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital**

**From the nomination:** “Maci went above and beyond for me, my husband and our angel baby. We went into the hospital terrified of what was to come. Our baby girl had been given a fatal diagnosis months before. We knew we would be saying hello and goodbye that day. Maci never left my side. I was so scared and anxious. She helped ease our nerves in the labor room before and after surgery as well as in the OR. She helped us honor our baby in ways we can never ever thank her for.”



# SPOTLIGHT ON DAISY AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Hannah Martin, RN**

**Unit: Pediatric Surgery, Trauma, Adolescent Medicine**

**Entity: Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt**

**From the nomination:** "Hannah has been my 13-year-old daughter's nurse for three day shifts. My girl has IBD & had surgery and now has an ileostomy. As you can imagine, these have been such emotionally and physically fragile days for her. Hannah's skills are only matched by her tender spirit. She carries a confidence

and maturity that are well beyond her year-and-a-half experience here."

**Janet Murrian, RN**

**Unit: Cancer Infusion Center**

**Entity: Vanderbilt Adult Ambulatory Clinics**

**From the nomination:** "I was on the infusion floor for about four hours for chemotherapy. Janet Murrian was my nurse and provided excellent care. I wear a chemotherapy infusion pack home and my husband disconnects me using a disconnect kit provided by the clinic. The surgical gloves in the kit are always too small and split on him. We have started asking for some large size gloves. We mentioned this to Janet, but she forgot and we also forgot. Mark was just going to use the small size gloves - no problem. We went out to check our mailbox today, and Janet drove to our home in Mount Juliet and placed a note with the size large gloves in our mailbox."



**Deborah Reese, RN**

**Unit: Labor & Delivery**

**Entity: Vanderbilt Tullahoma-Harton Hospital**

**From the nomination:** "Debbie is a COMPASSIONATE nurse. She enters the room with grace and dignity. She knows what she is doing and she does it well. She is warm and gentle and very compassionate. Debbie went above and beyond to make sure that my husband and I were taken care of. Her passion for women's health and value for mom's well-being were very evident."



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