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DIRECTOR OF NURSING RESEARCH NAMED

Catherine Ivory, PhD, RN-BC, RNC-OB, assistant professor of Nursing, has been named senior director of Nursing Research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

For Ivory, it's a homecoming. Her passion for obstetrics nursing and a lifelong interest in technology led her to Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, where she completed her PhD in 2011. She subsequently joined the Nursing faculty and began a secondary appointment in the Department of Biomedical Informatics.

She left Nashville for the last two years to become associate chief nurse executive and vice president for Professional Practice and Care Transformation for Indiana University Health in Indianapolis.

She said she is pleased to be back in a leadership position that combines the disciplines she is passionate about.

"It's a very, very good mix of my academic, research and administration skills," she said. "My greatest areas of interest in research are really to demonstrate the value of nursing and the value of professional, evidence-based nursing practice, research that clearly allows us to verbalize and quantify the unique contribution of nursing"

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This issue features two of my favorite things, our research and evidence-based practice enterprise and kudos for the many awards our nurses have recently brought home.

In the first category, it is my great pleasure to welcome Catherine Ivory back to the Vanderbilt family. Cathy completed her PhD at Vanderbilt School of Nursing and is returning as our senior director of Nursing Research.

Shortly after Cathy arrived, she participated in our annual Nursing Research Day

Poster Presentations. Details are inside.

There are more kudos in the newsletter than I can mention here! I invite you to recognize our fellow nurses mentioned inside.

As 2019 draws to a close, we mark the end of another momentous decade in the history of Vanderbilt. I wish you and your families a very joyous holiday season and a happy new year.

Enjoy this issue,

DIRECTOR OF NURSING RESEARCH NAMED

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ing to either the health of individuals or outcomes for patients. Because we're just as focused in nursing as maintaining health as curing illness."

Ivory brings decades of progressive nursing leadership to the role. Born in Wisconsin and raised in Florida, her nursing career began in Georgia. She earned her MSN from Georgia College and State University and spent most of her 20-year obstetric nursing career in Atlanta-area hospitals and practices. She maintained dual certifications as an informatics nurse and in inpatient obstetrics.

From there, she moved to Mountain States Health Alliance in Johnson City, Tennessee, where she served as clinical specialist and then corporate director for Women's Services.

"Catherine brings a wealth of experience to this crucial role guiding our

research and evidence-based practice enterprise," said Marilyn Dubree, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Executive Chief Nursing Officer. "It is with



Catherine Ivory, PhD, RN-BC, RNC-OB

great pleasure that I welcome her back to Vanderbilt."

Ivory said her interest in informatics budded during her graduate education.

"I think it has been proven to be tremendously valuable to nursing professional practice because the

old adage in nursing is if you didn't document it, you didn't do it," she said. "How do we make that documentation valuable? And how do we make use of all this data that we're collecting and make some sense of it? That's really what prompted me to get into informatics and how I've stayed interested in it."

Ivory will also serve on the faculty at VUSN, where she looks forward to continued research collaboration between the school and VUMC. She said her vision is to build on the tremendous living legacy of Nancy Wells, DNSc, RN, who retired last year after 25 years as director of the research program.

"For the future, it will be important for us to really integrate nursing research into the bigger

research enterprise at Vanderbilt, which is rich in its own right," she said. "My vision would include a great deal of collaboration with other areas of research and research departments and researchers."

NURSING RESEARCH SHINES AT POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Nursing research took center stage in Light Hall on Oct. 29 during the Nursing Research Day Poster Presentations organized by the Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) and Nursing Research Committee of Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Dozens of people filed by the row of posters showcasing a range of nursing research

across the Medical Center.

The top three posters received monetary awards from the Iota Chapter of nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau, which was founded at VUSN in the 1920s.

The winners were:

- First Place — Jennifer B. Glenn, MSN, RN, CPN, “The Evaluation of Video Teaching on Preoperative Anxiety in the

Outpatient Pediatric Surgical Patient”

- Second Place — Colleen Moss, MSN, APRN, NNP-BC, “Mentoring New Graduate Nurse Practitioners in the NICU”

- Third Place — Jessica Phillips, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, “Enlightening Nurses Through Human Sex Trafficking Education.”



VANDERBILT NICU NURSE WINS MARCH OF DIMES AWARD

Danielle (Dee) Butler received the 2019 NICU Nurse of Year award at the March of Dimes Signature Chef’s Auction on Nov. 7.

The NICU at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt was well represented at the event. NICUs across Middle Tennessee were encouraged to nominate outstanding NICU nurses for this award.

March of Dimes selected five finalists from a vast pool of nominees. Jennifer Cortez, RN, and Kathleen Eastman, RN, were among the finalists.



Altien and Danielle (Dee) Butler

KAPU NAMED AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING FELLOW

April Kapu, DNP, APRN, ACNP, associate nursing officer for VUMC Advanced Practice and director of the Office of Advanced Practice, was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing on Oct. 26. The formal event took place during the Academy's annual policy conference in Washington, D.C.

Kapu, who is also professor of Nursing at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing (VUSN), was inducted along



Jennifer Ezell Willbeck, Pam Orebaugh Jones, April Kapu and VUSN Dean Linda Norman

with Pam Orebaugh Jones, senior associate dean for clinical and community partnerships at VUSN; and Jennifer Ezell

Willbeck, professor of Nursing and academic director of VUSN's Emergency Nurse Practitioner specialty.

Invitation to fellowship is one of the highest recognitions bestowed by AAN. Fellows (FAAN) are recognized for their extraordinary commitment to the promotion of the public's health through evidence and innovation. They are selected based on their contributions to increase access, reduce cost and improve quality through nursing theory, practice and science.

VUMC DELEGATION PICKS UP MEN IN NURSING AWARD



A delegation of Vanderbilt nurses picked up the 2019 Best Workplace for Men in Nursing Award from the American Association for Men in Nursing (AAMN). The group attended the AAMN's annual conference in metro Orlando, Florida, which was held from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. "The 2019 Best Workplace for Men in Nursing award epitomizes everything I have experienced in my 30-plus-year experience as a staff nurse in the SICU," said John Rice, RN, second from right. "The SICU has always been a model unit for supporting diversity and mutual respect for all team members. As a man, I have been supported in every aspect of my nursing career."