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Nurse of the Year awards announced in Green Bay, Sheboygan and Oconto Falls

GREEN BAY, Wis. – Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) hospitals in Eastern Wisconsin are pleased to announce the *2023 Nurse of the Year award winners in Green Bay, Sheboygan and Oconto Falls.

Nurse of the Year award recipients are honored for demonstrating passion, quality and excellence in nursing and carrying out the core values of HSHS: Respect, Care, Competence and Joy. They are nominated by nursing colleagues and chosen by nursing leadership and the hospitals' Professional Nurse Practice Council.

Nurse of the Year award recipients

Linda Casanova - Pearson, RN, BSN, HSHS St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay – Critical Care: "I feel nursing is a way of life. Helping my patients and their families at critical times in their lives brings me such joy and satisfaction. I am fortunate to have the coworkers that I do because they truly feel like my family."

Michelle Virtues, RN, BSN, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, Green Bay – Medical Short Stay Unit: "Every patient and family I encounter becomes a new relationship for me. I am passionate about learning about each of them personally. I care for all my patients as I would want to be treated."

Tara Gruenloh, RN, BSN, HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital, Sheboygan – Women and Infants Center: "I am passionate about treating every mother and baby with dignity and respect, regardless of their backgrounds, beliefs or circumstances. I take pride in maintaining a calm and compassionate demeanor, even in challenging and high stress situations."

Ana (Diana) Woodke, RN, BSN, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, Oconto Falls – Emergency Department: "I am proud to help patients and their families remain comfortable and to serve as an advocate for their health. I am always prepared to provide emotional support; a listening ear; comforting hand or just a warm blanket to each of my patients."

Nursing positions are available now at HSHS St. Vincent, St. Mary's, St. Nicholas and St. Clare Memorial Hospitals. Those interested in joining our caring and dedicated teams can visit: <https://careers.hshs.org/>

** Nurse of the Year awards for the previous year are typically announced in spring/summer of the current year.*

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About Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS)

Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) is a Catholic health care ministry founded in 1875. Dedicated to our Mission to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through high-quality Franciscan health care, HSHS clinicians provide exceptional care centered on the whole person. Based in Springfield, Illinois, HSHS employs more than 11,000

colleagues who provide care in 13 acute-care, children's and critical-access hospitals and home health and hospice programs in Central and Southern Illinois and Eastern Wisconsin. HSHS is aligned with more than 1,000 primary and specialty physicians and advanced practitioners through its owned affiliates [HSHS Medical Group](#) and [Prairie Cardiovascular](#) and its partnership with [Prevea Health](#). For more information about HSHS, visit hshs.org.