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Congratulations to the Recipients of the DAISY Nurse Leader Award for Nursing Clinical Educators



Daphne Chung

MSN, RN

**Family Nurse Practitioner
Trinitas Regional Medical Center,
RWJBarnabas Health**



Aimee Gabuya

DNP, RN, CEN, PMH-BC

**Clinical Nurse Educator
Raritan Bay Medical Center,
Hackensack Meridian Health**



Mary Jane Genuino

DNP, RN-BC

**Assistant Professor
Felician University**

Award Purpose: The purpose of this DAISY Award is to recognize exceptional nurses in clinical practice or simulation who exhibit, inspire, and nurture compassion and respect amongst peers, mentees, students, or colleagues. These nurses directly influence learning in clinical practice/simulation and play a crucial role in forming exceptional frontline nurses. In turn, these individuals encourage nurses or nursing students to exhibit acts of compassion and build relationships with patients and families.

Nurses eligible for this award include those who influence and develop nurses or nursing students at the site of direct or simulated patient care. Eligible nurses include formal educators by title/role and informal educators not defined by their job description or title.

History: The DAISY Nurse Leader Award for Nursing Clinical Educators was established in 2021 in collaboration with the Wisconsin League for Nursing (WLN) and The DAISY Foundation.™ In 2022, the New Jersey League for Nursing collaborated with the WLN and expanded the award to New Jersey. We are proud to award this once again in 2023.





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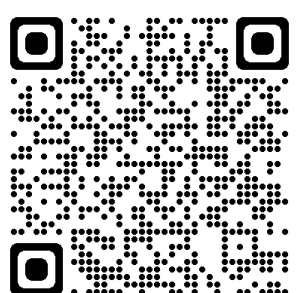


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Nomination submission for honoree Daphne Chung as submitted by Frank Bernard Bobadilla, MSN, RN, NVRN-BC, GR

Daphne Chung is an exceptional nurse practitioner and healthcare professional who consistently fosters a compassionate environment where learners flourish. Her dedication to nurturing the growth of healthcare professionals is evident in her exemplary methods and personal qualities. Daphne's ability to foster a compassionate environment for fellow healthcare professionals is exemplified by her approach to mentorship and collaboration. She not only shares her extensive knowledge and experience but also takes the time to understand the individual needs and challenges of her colleagues. This enables her to create a supportive atmosphere where everyone can excel. Daphne's compassionate approach is evident in her willingness to listen, provide guidance, and offer constructive feedback. One of the most heartwarming examples of her compassion is when she noticed a colleague who was facing personal difficulties. Instead of merely addressing the professional challenges, Daphne took the time to connect with the colleague on a personal level. She offered emotional support and connected them with resources to help them overcome their challenges. This colleague not only improved professionally but also experienced personal growth, thanks to Daphne's compassionate mentorship. Daphne actively encourages her colleagues to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and a commitment to lifelong learning. She achieves this by sharing real-world case studies and challenging her peers to think critically and seek answers beyond their immediate roles. For instance, she introduced a complex patient case from her own clinical experience, prompting colleagues to research and collaborate on finding solutions. This exercise not only deepened their understanding but also ignited their curiosity and passion for ongoing learning. Daphne is dedicated to helping her fellow healthcare professionals develop their professional identities. She accomplishes this by emphasizing the importance of ethical and patient-centered care. In one instance, she organized a panel discussion featuring healthcare professionals from various specialties. This allowed colleagues to explore different career paths and ethical dilemmas they might encounter in their practice. By promoting self-reflection and ethical awareness, Daphne empowers her peers to shape their professional identities. In her role as a Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Daphne continues to be a shining example of an expert resource in healthcare. She provides primary care services to vulnerable patients with mental health challenges, demonstrating her commitment to equitable care. Daphne evaluates and treats her patients using a holistic approach, ensuring their physical and mental well-being. Her work in promoting wellness and illness prevention measures contributes to the overall health of her patients. Furthermore, she collaborates effectively with the interdisciplinary team and manages the EPIC clinic, ensuring safe, timely, and patient-centered care. In conclusion, Daphne Chung's impact on the growth and development of healthcare professionals in practice is undeniable. Her compassionate mentorship, coupled with her ability to foster inquiry, lifelong learning, professional identity development, and her expertise in patient-centered care, sets her apart as an outstanding nurse practitioner and mentor. Daphne's dedication to her colleagues' success goes far beyond her clinical roles, and her influence leaves a lasting positive mark on those she mentors and collaborates with.



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Aimee Gabuya

DNP, RN, CEN, PMH-BC

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Nomination submission for Aimee Gabuya, DNP, RN, CEN, PMH-BC. Three nominations were received.

1. Submitted by Nina Eckhouse BSN, RN, PMH-BC

I would like to nominate Aimee Gabuya to receive the Daisy Nurse Leader Award for Clinical Nurse Educator. Aimee is the Clinical Nurse Educator for Carrier Behavioral Health at Raritan Bay Medical Center. She has been working with this team for many years, sharing her time between Behavioral Health (BH) and the medical side of the house. We have been so lucky to retain her exclusively to Behavioral Health recently. Prior to her exclusivity to Behavioral Health, as the leader of the department, I always wondered “how does she do it?” She was managing our unique needs as well as her other responsibilities outside of our department. Aimee’s dedication, empathy, compassion, energy, enthusiasm is consistently evident towards patients and staff alike. Right after the first wave of covid, Aimee approached the BH team wanting to do something to support all staff from all departments of the hospital. What was developed was an informal sit down with the support of a psychiatrist and a therapist to give staff the opportunity to just listen or to emote. I had the honor to sit in on a couple of these sessions that she orchestrated and saw the positive impact this intervention had on the staff and for the folks that were offering the support....It was meaningful. Aimee was able to then showcase this intervention into a poster presentation for the American Psychiatric Nurse's Association (APNA) to inspire others for the great work done. Fast forward 3 years later and now Aimee is full time with BH. It has been nothing short of amazing to have her on our team. She has made such an impact with her commitment full-time with us. She has assisted her BH colleagues in creating a culture of de-stigmatization and knowledge with assisting in weekly emails hospital wide to bring awareness about substance use disorders and de-escalation of agitated behaviors. This has been well received by the teams within the hospital that work outside of BH. She has developed our very first Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing academy to support new nurses in their role as a psychiatric nurse, and developed educational content for a new role in BH for Mental Health Technicians all while being a support to the day to day needs of education inside and outside of Behavioral Health. What I most admire about Aimee is her dedication to her specialty and the professional development of others to help them excel and be the best versions of themselves for our patients. Aimee has recognized many team members, nominating them for awards who then in turn received those awards, has great ideas and insight to develop specialized education across different audiences, and she knows how to leverage the right people to get things done or to create impressive outcomes for projects. She does this with such patience, professionalism, and grace. Aimee is a great example of a Daisy Nurse and is an inspiration to many of us.

2. Submitted by Robert Henderson III, BSN, RN, PMH-BC, HN-BC, CARN

Aimee was born to teach. She has a natural ability to see potential in other team members and guide them to their greatest abilities. She awakens our desire to learn and try new things that previously we thought were unreachable. She is proud of her team members and the specialty of psychiatric nursing. She frequently encourages us to become certified in our specialty and advance our degrees. She created a psychiatric nursing specialty training course for all new nurses entering the psychiatric field after identifying the need for more focused training in this complex often overlooked specialty area of nursing. Aimee always volunteers her personal time to help us achieve our goals. Her mentorship is not only open to nurses but all members of the team. Aimee is a team cheerleader. When there is an opportunity for recognition of her team members she takes her time to nominate so that the team member can be formally recognized. Aimee’s smile is contagious. She fills the room with positive energy when she enters. She is a bright light in times of conflict. She is an expert moderator. She remains neutral when there is discord and is able to bring all points of view together for a common solution. She is able to identify areas that need improvement and formulate innovative strategies to promote change that positively affects both patients and staff. She keeps up with current evidenced based research to make sure our patients are receiving the best care and that nurses are safely practicing with the most current researched best practices. She recently created AWS simulations with herself acting out the role as a patient after identifying an area for improvement. She traveled to all units of the hospital. She made it fun and interactive, which helped everyone better understand how to treat this specific population. Aimee has a knack for explaining things in a way all people can understand. If there is something that we do not understand we are not afraid to ask for help. She creates a non-judgmental environment that fosters a safe space for all. She never blames you for mistakes or makes you feel less than her. She will help you break down any problem scenario and guide you through every step of the way at your own pace. She empowers you to use your critical thinking skills for the best solution. The quality that makes a great nurse that is often overlooked in Aimee is her humility. All of her work and personal achievements are for the love of her profession, fellow man, and to better the quality of life of all around her. She never gloats for herself, only the people around her. She has the ability to draw out each individual’s personal greatness. She’s one in a million.



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Aimee Gabuya

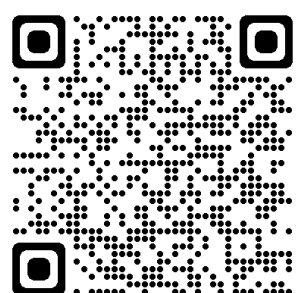
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Clinical Nurse Educator
Hackensack Meridian Health,
Raritan Bay Medical Center

Nomination submission for Aimee Gabuya, DNP, RN, CEN, PMH-BC.

3. Submitted by Shawn Reilly MSN, MHRM

Aimee Gabuya is the definition of loyalty to her craft when it comes to working at the Carrier Clinic at Raritan Bay Medical Center. Over the many years that Mrs. Gabuya has worked at Raritan Bay Medical Center, she has helped to create an environment in which everyone feels welcomed and involved. She dedicates her time to helping spread knowledge, not just in her department, but also throughout the entire organization and neighboring communities. Each day she comes to the unit, she takes time out of her busy schedule to check on each of the nurses that are working. She ensures that each person is ok and if there is any kind of assistance that they need. Mrs. Gabuya also makes herself available day/night for several team members to reach out to her if any clinical questions need to be answered. When Mrs. Gabuya is providing education to the team members, she creates a stress-free environment where people feel comfortable and excited to learn. She also keeps her sessions upbeat to keep her learners attention and keeps them wanting to learn more about the subject. This is especially true during her CPI classes incorporating humor but also keeping a level of seriousness to promote patient and team member safety. She has a wonderful skill of focusing on the learning needs and styles of her team and can mold her teaching style to ensure that all of the information is retained by all. Mrs. Gabuya is always willing to participate in whatever is needed to help create a safe working environment for both team members and patients. An example of her dedication is the creation of the Psychiatric Nursing Academy at Raritan Bay Medical Center. This program was created by Mrs. Gabuya to help provide the proper education to nurses who are new to behavioral health nursing. In this class, Mrs. Gabuya will provide education on psychiatric medications, commonly used psychiatric terminologies, de-escalation, and the use of verbal and non-verbal cues. These are just some of the items that Mrs. Gabuya will touch on to ensure that these nurses will feel comfortable treating behavioral patients and ensure the proper care of their patients. Mrs. Gabuya also includes educators and specialists, from different departments, to help reinforce certain skills that might not be used as often as a medical floor. This would include creating mock code situations and involving cath lab leadership to help provide a higher level of confidence for a team that does not have much interaction with these types of situations. Mrs. Gabuya also works in tandem with the substance abuse nurse navigator and the crisis intervention specialist by sending out weekly emails to all departments to help increase their knowledge on substance and crisis issues. Mrs. Gabuya's main goal is to provide evidence-based education so all team members, regardless of their department, are capable of seeing their self-worth and excelling in their careers.



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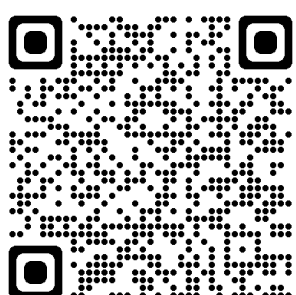
Mary Jane Genuino DNP, RN-BC

Assistant Professor
Felician University

Nomination submission for Mary Jane Genuino, DNP, RN-BC, as submitted by Denise Quinn, DNP, RN-BC, AOCNS, BMTCN

Part I. Dr. Mary Jane Genuino, an assistant professor at Felician University, has made a profound impact on the nursing education community. In a previous daisy nomination submitted by one of her students, it shows the impact she has on their growth as future nurses. It is a testament to her guiding influence as a clinical educator. “Professor Genuino was my Capstone professor at Felician University. I met her in my final semester of nursing school, and I can arguably say that she is one of the best professors I have ever had. She is highly compassionate, a hard worker and an individual who has her students’ best interests at heart. Throughout my clinical rotations she was very understanding and approachable. She created a calm and welcoming environment in which students never felt neglected. Every student in my cohort can attest to the thriving community she has created. She always told her students the path to success is not always easy but true success can be achieved through persistence, hard work, and determination. She also encouraged students to join actively participate in professional nursing organizations and take up leadership roles. I remember getting an email from Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor society and having doubts as to if I should register or not. She encouraged me, explaining the advantages of the program. She also informed me about the New Jersey League for Nursing and the New Jersey State Nurses Association. If anyone deserves this award more than anything it is Professor Genuino. Thank you. - *Irene Joseph Aslem, BSN, RN*

Part II. Dr. Genuino's involvement in ongoing research, such as the Global Survey on Filipino Nurses Overseas, demonstrates her commitment to lifelong learning and inquiry. By serving as a co-investigator in this international study, she encourages her students to think critically about the global challenges and issues affecting the nursing profession. Furthermore, her publications and presentations at nursing conventions and conferences, such as the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey Annual Educational Convention and New Jersey Nursing Students, Inc. Annual Convention, showcase her dedication to staying current with the latest healthcare developments. These opportunities allow her students to engage with contemporary healthcare issues and research findings, fostering a spirit of inquiry and a lifelong learning mindset. Dr. Genuino's passion for advancing nursing education and her active involvement in research and professional development initiatives exemplify her commitment to facilitating a spirit of inquiry and lifelong learning among her students. Her approach empowers learners to stay curious, explore new horizons, and remain at the forefront of healthcare knowledge and practice.



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Congratulations to all of the DAISY Nominees

- Irene Bellew, MSN, RN, CNE, OCN, CEN, Hackensack Meridian Health, JFK University Medical Center
- Carol Bendana, MSN, RN, Holy Name Medical Center, Sister Claire Tynan School of Nursing
- Terry Bowers, MSN, APRN, CCNS, CCRN, CNE, Trinitas School of Nursing, RWJBH
- Diana Constantino, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, RN-BC, ACUE, Bergen Community College
- Linda Curley, DNP, FNP, MSN, Rutgers University, School of Nursing
- Michelle Dickerson, PhD, RNC-NIC, C-ELBW, RNC-MNN, C-EFM, NPD-BC, CBC, RWJBH
- Cira Fraser, PhD, RN, Monmouth University
- Beth Gough, MSN, RN, CNE, Monmouth University
- Kara Hennessy, MSN, RNC-OB, Hackensack Meridian Health, University Medical Center
- Edwine Jean-Baptiste, MSN, RN, Jersey City Medical Center
- Rose Knapp, DNP, RN, APN-C, Monmouth University
- Cheryl Leiningen, DNP, RN, Monmouth University
- Jenny Liwag, MSN, RN, Hackensack Meridian Health, Old Bridge Medical Center
- Cristen Mackwell, DNP, MSN, BSN, RN CMSRN, EBP-C, GERO-BC, NPD-BC, Atlantic Health System, Hackettstown Medical Center
- Janet Mahoney, PhD, RN, Monmouth University
- Colleen Manzetti, DNP, RN, CNE, CNLCP, Monmouth University
- Juvy Montecalvo-Acosta, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, CWCN, Hackensack Meridian Health, Riverview Medical Center
- Bennie Luz Reyes, BSN, RN, CCRN, Hackensack Meridian Health, Raritan Bay Medical Center
- Charmaine Robinson, RN, CarePointHealth
- Judith Rodriguez, MSN, RN, CEN, Old Bridge Medical Center
- Moses Sackowitz, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Hackensack Meridian Health, University Hospital
- Patricia Sciscione, PhD, RN, Monmouth University
- Paulette Dawn Slowinski, PhD, MSN, RN, PHCNS-BC, CNEcl, Rutgers School of Nursing, Jefferson Health
- Mary Templeton, DNP, RN, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Maria Tordecilla, BSN, RN, CCRN, Hackensack Meridian Health, Raritan Bay Medical Center

We thank all who took the time to nominate an extraordinary nurse by sharing your nomination submission with us!

