FIVE NURSES NAMED TO THE 2018
100 GREAT IOWA NURSES LIST

Each day, nurses at Mercy deliver compassionate and skillful care to our patients and their families. The positive impact these nurses make deserves to be recognized and celebrated. For the 14th consecutive year, the 100 Great Iowa Nurses program is recognizing outstanding nurses across the state. Recipients of this honor were nominated by patients, colleagues, family and friends, and were then selected by a panel of reviewers.

The nurses pictured below will be honored at the 100 Great Iowa Nurses Celebration on Sunday, May 6, along with 11 nurses from other Mercy Health Network hospitals.

Lori Kennedy
Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines

Nancy Kertz
Mercy College of Health Sciences

Daniel Stabile
Mercy Clinics Family Medicine Ottumwa

Meredith Willey
Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines

Amber Wilson
Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines

SHARING COMPASSION WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST

Each day, there are countless interactions between patients and Mercy colleagues. When these exchanges occur, a warm smile and a kind word can bring comfort to some of the most vulnerable. The latest Spirit of Mercy Award winner, Jim Brandsen, is a transporter at Mercy’s central campus who is known for greeting others with a warm heart and his ability to connect with people. His daily acts of compassion and kindness are gifts he is always willing to share with others.

Colleagues say Jim is able to put patients at ease almost immediately. When a patient being taken to a test or procedure is concerned about the unknown, Jim’s gentle, reassuring voice and genuine interest helps alleviate worries. Jim, who is described as a great story teller, always takes interest in the experiences patients share with him.

Patient smiles and laughter are common with Jim driving the gurney. On the elevator, he introduces willing patients to other colleagues. Staff become engaged with the patient, giving a collective feeling of sincere hope for a return to good health.

Jim also saves time for his colleagues to see how their day is going. Through his actions, Jim has become a teacher — showing others that each patient has a rich life story to tell…and the most important focus is the person right in front of you.

Some colleagues think Jim “is an angel among us.” The Sisters of Mercy might agree.
PERKS AT MERCY

Colleagues choose Mercy for more than just a paycheck. Working here also means making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. In addition to a culture of compassion, collaboration and innovation, Mercy is proud to offer a variety of unique conveniences and resources to support a healthy work/life balance, financial security and future success. Here are just some of the more unique amenities offered to Mercy colleagues:

• **Find financial fitness.** Get help planning for the future you want using the financial fitness program, powered by Financial Fitness Group. This free program is available to Mercy colleagues through June 3, 2018. It offers hundreds of tools and tutorials to help guide you on how to make the most of your money.

• **Fill your prescription.** Regardless of whether or not you participate in a Mercy-sponsored health plan, you can take advantage of the convenience offered by Mercy’s three outpatient pharmacies located on central campus, and in the Mercy West and Mercy North clinic buildings. In addition to offering essential over the counter medications and prescription services, new mothers can find breast bumps and equipment there, too.

• **Be well for less.** Colleagues can experience the benefits of the state-of-the-art, medically integrated Mercy Health & Fitness Center in Clive at a reduced rate. Participate in personalized, preventive health and wellness programs for just $38.75 per month for the first adult, and $20 each additional person, age 10 and older. Earn $10 off your membership fee each month after the primary member visits the facility eight times. Learn more at mercyhealthfitness.com.

• **Got milk?** You don’t have to stop at the store on your way home. Pick up a gallon of milk at the Mercy Marketplace & Grille.