From Bosnia to Beaverdale: one women’s journey to achieve her dreams

Originally from Bosnia, at a young age Jasmina Sabic fled with her family to escape the Yugoslavian Civil War – a conflict that left her father with serious injuries.

Tagging along to his many subsequent medical appointments, Jasmina was affected by the relationships built between her father and his medical team. Her feelings of gratitude would have a significant impact on her life’s journey.

Jasmina first walked into the MercyOne Beaverdale Family Medicine Clinic eight years ago as a patient. She enjoyed the atmosphere and interaction among the employees so much, she quickly applied for a job. She was hired and spent the next year working at the clinic’s front desk.

Her ambition to provide compassionate care moved Jasmina to apply to medical school. Eight years later, Dr. Sabic’s dreams came full-circle when she accepted a position as a physician at the same clinic she sought care and employment nearly a decade prior.

Dr. Sabic attributes much of her success to her fellow employees, including Dr. Sudeep Gupta, who helped get her into medical school and return to the clinic in Beaverdale to complete her residency. Today, Dr. Sabic’s focus is on her patients and personalizing their care.

“I like to get to know my patients on a personal level,” said Dr. Sabic. “While I was in my residency I had three years to build strong relationships, and I’m excited to develop those connections with my new patients.”

Her patient list has grown so quickly, she has even impressed Dr. Gupta.

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Our pulse engagement survey is now open. If you have not yet done so, please take five minutes to share your voice in this brief survey. Your feedback is crucial to ensure we are improving your experience at MercyOne.

A custom survey invitation is in your email inbox from MercyOne Feedback. The pulse survey will close on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Thank you for your time and feedback – this will help us determine progress and actions needed to Improve Daily.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Schrader at sschrader@mercyone.org.
Mercy College celebrates “signing day,” welcomes new students

On Feb. 5, Mercy College of Health Sciences hosted an official college signing day where 31 students traveled from across Iowa to sign their letter of intent to pursue an education at Mercy College. After a walking tour of campus, the future students joined Mercy College President Douglas J. Fiore to sign their letter of intent and receive a commemorative signing day gift at the official Mercy College Signing Day table.

“College signing days aren’t just for athletes. With this event, we wanted to celebrate students’ hard work in the classroom and provide a really memorable opportunity for our future students and their families,” said Andrew Gress, director of Admissions at Mercy College.

The event wrapped up with a light reception to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Celebrating MercyOne’s birthday

Last week, colleagues from across the system celebrated the first anniversary of the launch of the unified MercyOne brand. Festivities included birthday receptions, spirit days, community service, contests and more. Thank you to everyone who participated in the week’s events, celebrating our progress as ONE!

• The winning #PowerofMercyOne photo contest entry from MercyOne Central Iowa was submitted by MercyOne Central Iowa Medical Group clinic managers (pictured above). See all photos submitted at MercyOne.org/mercyoneweek.

• The MercyOne trivia contest winner from MercyOne Central Iowa was Jessica Lyon, manager of the Clinical Decision Unit at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center.

• The MercyOne Food Drive collected 10,000 items for our communities, including more than 3,300 non-perishable items from colleagues at MercyOne Central Iowa.

• More than 30 teams came together to sing “Happy Birthday” to MercyOne, including several from MercyOne Central Iowa. View all entries and help select ONE winner by commenting on your favorite video’s title.