

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING NURSES

DAISY Award Recipients

The DAISY foundation was created in 1999 in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 from complications related to idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura (ITP). DAISY, an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System, recognizes nurses around the world for their profound contributions to patient care. Washington Hospital has recognized nurses through the DAISY Award program since 2005.

Nurses, nurse leaders, or teams of nurses can be nominated for a DAISY Award by patients, visitors, or colleagues. The award recognizes extraordinary nurses who demonstrate compassion and kindness in his or her everyday work. DAISY nurses practice at the highest level of clinical excellence, foster teamwork, and uphold a high standard of nursing care.

DAISY Awardees

Congratulations to the below recipients of the DAISY award.

Nov. 2024	Lucel Paulo, BSN, RN, Medical Oncology
Dec. 2024	Margaret Choa, MSN, RN, CCRN, Critical Care Unit
Jan. 2025	Amandeep Lal, BNS, RN, 5 West
Feb. 2025	Stephanie Kyle, MSN, RN, Telemetry
March 2025	Jennifer Rinoldi, RN, Intermediate Medical Care
May 2025	Nathalie Nguyen, BNS, RNC-OB, Birthing Center
May 2025	DAISY Leadership Award, Alix O'Brien, Nurse Manager
May 2005	DAISY Team Award, Infusion Center
Aug. 2025	Candice Tecson, RN, 5 West
Sept. 2025	Yolanda Fisher, BNS, RN, Birthing Center



Remembering Alix Sparks (O'Brien)

Alix Sparks (O'Brien) received the DAISY Award for leadership in 2025. Alix exemplified exceptional leadership. Her approach, rooted in kindness, collaboration, and dedication to both her team and our patients, made Alix an extraordinary leader.

Beyond her nursing skills, she mentored and advocated for others, fostering growth and development within her team.

Prior to a fatal automobile accident, Alix led with fairness and commitment to both the professional and emotional growth of her staff, empowering them to achieve their best. She was an outstanding example of nursing leadership.



Sabrina Ayllon, RN



Shaun LeBlanc, RN