

NURSES CELEBRATE NURSES DURING WEEK-LONG PARTY

Celebrations and good spirits reigned the week of May 6 as UCH nurses congregated in various venues to commemorate Nurses Week.

In fact, these caregivers might have doffed their caps to one another – if nurses wore caps anymore.

An awards ceremony May 7 honored the Burn/Trauma ICU Team for Nursing Excellence.

In nominating the team, Burn/Trauma ICU nurse manager Mary Holden, RN, MS, said, “They work here because they are a special group of people who can see beyond all the wounds and care for the person inside.”

Theresa Rendler, RN, clinical nurse with the OB/GYN Clinic, received the Individual Excellence award.

“She has a rare gift of compassion mixed with intelligence and skill,” said her nominator, Mary McElvain, RNC, clinic charge nurse. “She is a light to the OB/GYN clinic that continues to shine.”

Nurses kept each other eating and laughing at two other light-hearted events. The “Evidence-based Appetizer” competition produced plenty of taste sensations; each dish was accompanied by an article explaining its health benefits. The winners:

- First place: Judy Linn, Adult Psychiatry, prosciutto-wrapped mangos
- Second Place: Donnya Mogensen, Neonatal Intensive Care, bruschetta
- Third Place: Karin Keller, Transplant/Cardiology, edamame hummus with salmon.

A Jeopardy-style trivia contest generated good-natured competition. Participants wore costumes based on their team name. The winners, as judged by Vice President of Patient Services Colleen Goode and CNS/Educator Bari Platter:

- First Place: Birth Center Babes
- Second Place: Dynamic, Daring Directors
- Third Place: Zaccardi’s Party.

For a full list of Nurses Week Excellence awards, please visit iAmaze.



Colleen Goode presents Theresa Rendler with the award for first place for Individual Nursing Excellence.

Second place for Individual Nursing Excellence went to Cardiology’s Kathe Schmunk-Smith.

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