



The DAISY Award[®]

FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES

HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

JUAN MERA, RN, ICU



In 1996, Juan Mera started at MSLC as a patient care assistant. In 2003, Juan graduated from nursing school and began his career as an RN in the ICU. Juan has worked in the ICU ever since. Juan is recognized by his peers as a leader on his unit and frequently serves as the charge nurse. He is often the first to respond to patient emergency situations throughout the hospital helping to support and mentor the least experienced staff. Juan is known for providing excellent care to his patients and prides himself on working with the critical patient population. Juan can often be seen educating, supporting, and consoling his patients and families, who benefit greatly from the caring professional manner in which he approaches each case.

Daisy Nomination - *A grateful family member writes:*

This letter is long overdue. My husband passed away in the ICU in February of this year. I have lived in Cornwall my whole life, so I am very familiar with the hospital. My husband's passing was not expected, and I am only 4 months into the grieving process and it is very difficult to say the least. I have worked in the medical field for 20 years – technician, phlebotomist, surgical coordinator, and patient coordinator. I am very familiar with how difficult and rewarding it can be. You are dealing with multiple patients and families, all of whom are very upset about the hospitalization. Some may be difficult to work with and some provide a feeling of success. I won't bore you with all the details that transpired from Sunday to Friday when he passed away. I wish I could remember all of the nurses names, but there is one that I could never forget- Juan. I must give him the highest accolades. He is the most hardworking, considerate, thorough, kindhearted person I have ever encountered. He is truly an angel from above. Juan should be in a teaching capacity to show nurses how to treat their patients and families. Juan treated my husband and I as if we were family. I would have never gotten through that week without Juan.