



The DAISY Award®

FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES

HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

MARY KATE PRIEST, RN



Mary Kate came to MSLC in July of 2019 as an experienced nurse. She has worked on 3N ever since. A very welcome addition to 3N, Mary Kate quickly proved to be a mentor to new graduates and student nurses. Mary Kate is known as a steadfast patient advocate and devoted team player. Mary Kate frequently takes on the role of charge nurse and has oriented countless new nurses.

Daisy Nomination

Mary Kate is by far the most dedicated, knowledgeable and compassionate nurse that I have ever had the joy and honor to work with during my 15 years of career in healthcare. She truly cares about the well being of her patients and their families. Her kind and sensitive approach to patients is not only heartwarming to see, but also an inspiration for me to go even further for my patients.

First of all, Mary Kate always has a positive attitude and no matter how hard the day is, she always remains upbeat which truly brings up the mood of others around her. Secondly, she is consistently diligent in her work. Even more importantly, I find that her emotional intelligence is unparalleled among healthcare providers. She calibrates her approach according to patient's personalities, and knows intuitively who requires a gentle approach and who would benefit from a "tough love" approach or something in between. She is genuinely interested in her patients and it is always a joy to discuss them with her because I get a better understanding of what the best approach is. In summary, Mary Kate Priest is the epitome of the caring and dedicated nurse. It is truly such a joy working with her, not only because she is so upbeat and dedicated every day, but also because I know that by working with her, I can learn from her to improve the way I care for my patients. I cannot think of a better person than Mary Kate to be honored with the Daisy Award.

-Zsuzsanna Sidlo, MD, PhD