



The DAISY Award[®]

FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES

HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

NICOLE BRACKEN, RN



Nicole joined the perioperative Endo team in October 2020. Nicole is a motivated nurse who enjoys taking the initiative to learn new skills. Nicole creates step-by-step instructions with pictures after in-services to help teach her colleagues. She actively engages with hospital initiatives and projects. Nicole joined the epic support/educator role to onboard new perioperative nurses. She quickly learned how to navigate the role of charge nurse and went on to precept new nurses. Nicole has an extremely positive outlook on situations and easily adapts to challenges and change. Her enthusiasm and eagerness to care for patients is palpable. Nicole's desire to grow in the nursing profession is demonstrated by her decision to further advance her practice.

Daisy Nomination

Nicole doesn't just do her job well, but she continuously goes above and beyond. She connects with every patient and has a great way of calming them down and making them feel comfortable in a department that can seem scary to some. Most recently, when we had a young West Point cadet that had just received some bad news Nicole immediately realized that he needed support. This young man was in a foreign state, far from any of his family. Nicole went out of her way to comfort him; she even went to the gift shop to purchase items to make him a care package. She found this young man on the inpatient unit and hand delivered the gift basket along with some other endoscopy nurses. It was great to be there to witness this tremendous act of kindness. This patient was so appreciative of Nicole's efforts. Nicole is what every nurse should strive to be, and this organization should be incredibly proud to have her on staff. If anyone deserves the Daisy Award, it is Nicole.