

From the Desk of the Chancellor – June 4

As you know, IUPUI is home to the IU School of Nursing, which is a significant provider of nurses to Indiana. And just last week, ManpowerGroup's 2012 Talent Shortage Survey showed that nearly half of U.S. employers are struggling to fill mission-critical positions, and eighth among the hardest jobs to fill was for nurses. So there is a strong need for nurses.

However, Dean Marion Broome would be the first to say we must also prepare nursing faculty. Without enough doctorally-prepared nurse faculty to teach and improve clinical practice through research, nursing education cannot fill the need for nurses. According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, more than 67,000 qualified applicants were not accepted into nursing programs nationwide because of the faculty shortage.

Our School of Nursing is getting assistance in addressing this problem for Indiana thanks to the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence. A \$20,000 grant will support two Ph.D. students with a required additional match of \$20,000 from two clinical partners, St. Francis Health and Wishard Health Services, under the terms of the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program. This is a great example of philanthropy and hospitals working with higher education to solve a problem.

This year's Jonas Scholars, Lisa Scarton and Rebecca Guilkey, each will receive a stipend of \$20,000 over two years. Lisa is currently the clinical nurse manager in the IU Health Morgan Hospital Medical-Surgical Department. In addition, she is vice president for the Native American Faculty-Staff Council at IUPUI, having grown up in Oklahoma within the Choctaw culture. Rebecca is an intensive care nurse at St. Francis Health in Beech Grove. As a staff nurse, she performed a review of literature regarding the use of thigh-high thromboembolic stockings, which resulted in a hospital-wide policy change. Each Jonas Scholar will work with a faculty research mentor and healthcare organization leader to develop and implement a project designed for the hospital where she works.

The Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence is the largest program in the nation that speaks to the shortage of nursing faculty. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing administers the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program.

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