



Dear MUSC Nursing Colleagues,

I am pleased to present the 2013 Nursing Excellence Annual Report for the Medical University of S.C. Hospital. This report reflects your dedication to MUSC and all it represents for our patients, families, your professional colleagues and the profession of nursing.

At MUSC we always start meetings with "wins" to celebrate examples of MUSC excellence. Likewise, our 2013 Nursing Excellence Annual Report begins by celebrating many accomplishments. There is much to celebrate and I am so proud of your achievements!

Our MUSC Nursing Mission aligns with the Professional Practice Model developed by MUSC nurses, "Caring within a Tradition of Excellence." Excellence provides the strong framework and caring is at the core of what we do – touching patients first, then their families, as well as the community. Embedded in what we do for patients, families and the community are our core values: Collaboration, Expertise, Advocacy, Integrity, Innovation and Accountability. In this publication we focus on you, our nurses and what makes you special. We share many examples of how MUSC nurses embody our core values making a difference in patients' lives and outcomes while providing an outstanding learning environment for students pursuing diverse professions. We share examples of nurses who are passionate about delivering exceptional care to our patients, cultivating quality and patient safety, participating in shared leadership and furthering professional development through certification and advanced education.

I admire you and thank you for all you do to ensure the best care for every patient every day. I am honored to serve as your CNO.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn J. Schaffner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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