

Awards

Andrea Coyle Receives Honorable Mention from "Nursing 2013" for Nurse of the Year

Andrea Coyle, MSN, MHA, RN, was one of 12 nurses awarded an honorable mention in Nursing 2013's Nurse of the Year Award.

Here is the nomination submitted by Cheryl Holderfield, MSN, CCRN, CNRN, CNS, RN...

I understand you are searching for an individual that best represents the journal's four pillars of excellence: Elevate, Inspire, Innovate and Energize. I know such an individual. Coyle is able to walk into a room with a smile, utilizing the pillars of excellence, inspire the nursing staff at our organization to feel as though they are empowered to reach any goal. Coyle's enthusiasm and great desire to elevate our organization's nurses to the highest level recognized in our city is contagious.

Several examples of Coyle's determination to gain the majority of our nurses valued input has been demonstrated by her years of dedication to the Nurse Alliance Committees. Coyle connects with staff members by using innovative ideas and suggestions coming directly from nurses across our organization. Since Coyle's initial involvement with Nurse Alliance, attendance has nearly doubled and the number of nurses who are certified has increased significantly.

During the annual nurses' week celebration, Coyle brought out the best in our nurses by promoting them throughout the celebration. Her leadership style is leading by example, whether it is the first to volunteer for projects or submitting a poster. Coyle has served as the master of ceremony for the past few years for MUSC Nurses' Day Ceremonies. It is evident Coyle has an appreciation and respect for her fellow nurses.

Another example I want to share with you illustrates the energy Coyle exerts for projects taking months of time invested to be successful. Our organization's staff members are on a journey to achieve Magnet status. Having traveled this path with two other organizations, I knew what was ahead. Coyle's attitude is positive, and the pride she has for staff members can be felt simply by watching the smile cross her face as someone describes the great job their unit is doing.

Coyle is also a mentor in our organization. This is one of the most important roles a nurse has over the spectrum of their career. Coyle encourages new nurses to be their absolute best while continuing to grow. She sets a standard for staff members by holding herself accountable and tirelessly joins in wherever needed, for reasons that the average person would not think were important. As I reflect on the past year, I have to admit Coyle has inspired me to mentor others with the energy that I once had. She may not realize that she has brought me back to life. It feels good to make a difference once again!

Coyle truly elevates nurses and inspires people to make a difference. Coyle recognizes opportunities to innovate practice. Her energy is refreshing while challenging others to change what's possible.



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