



Nominations open for student nurse DAISY award

UPMC Altoona has been honoring deserving nurses with DAISY awards since 2021 and has added the student nurse DAISY award.

Three student awards were presented in the fall semester and three will be presented in the spring.

DAISY stands for "diseases attacking the immune system." The awards are an international recognition program of the DAISY Foundation honoring and celebrating the skillful, compassionate care nurses provide every day.

The foundation was established by the family of J. Patrick Barnes after he died from complications of the autoimmune disease ITP (Immune Thrombocytopenia) in 1999.

Nominate a nursing student who is completing clinical hours at UPMC Altoona for the student nurse DAISY awards.



Scan the QR code or click the [web link](#) to nominate a student nurse by sharing a specific story demonstrating extraordinary nursing care.

More details about DAISY award criteria are outlined on the nomination form. Deadline for spring semester nominations is **March 29, 2024**.

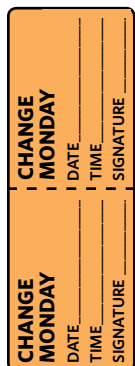
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| TYPE | SET | FREQUENCY |
|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Continuous | Primary & Secondary | Every 7 days |
| Intermittent | Primary & Secondary | Every 24 hours |
| Blood / Blood Products | Bifurcated blood product tubing | Change within 4 hours of initiation of transfusion. 2 units can be infused if within 4 hours |
| Lipids | Continuous or single dose | Every 12 hours |
| Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) | Cyclic or intermittent delivery | Every 24 hours |
| Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) without lipids | Continuous | Every 24 hours |
| End Caps | | Every 7 days |



Third fall DAISY winner named

The third student nurse to win a DAISY award for fall semester is **Alexis Christoff** from Penn State Altoona.

Alexis showed compassion, gave wonderful care, and went above and beyond for a patient who, after a procedure, complained of pain and hunger. Alexis did what she could to make the patient comfortable, and after making sure it was OK, she got her food.



The licensed nurses on the unit have several patients, and Alexis advocated for her patient to receive pain medicine as soon as possible. The patient complained several times about medicine not coming fast enough and Alexis showed respect and dignity while reassuring her and making her comfortable before the medicine arrived.

The nominator said, "This nursing student will make an outstanding nurse one day."

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