

Letter from Cathleen Janzekovich

2023 was a notable year of accomplishments for nursing at CentraState, evident by transformative care for our patients, exemplary performance, and a strong workforce, yielding positive outcomes and unprecedented national recognition.

As a result of major nursing-led best practices, we continued to do well with key quality and safety indicators, including hospital-acquired pressure injuries (0.0 national Medicare PSI 3 rate in 2023), patient experience, and remarkable service line achievements such as door-to-balloon times for STEMI cardiac patients that far outpace the median standard. These achievements are directly attributable to the care and attention that our nurses provide to our patients and to CentraState's collective focus on addressing quality and improvement from every possible angle.

Now more than ever – amid a highly competitive labor market – nursing workforce retention and recruitment, as well as the ongoing professional development of our nursing staff are top priorities. From our first cohorts of RN residents to international, virtual, and alumni nurses, as well as our agency nurse conversions, our workforce is formidable.

The impressive talents and strength of CentraState nurses are illustrated by the numerous awards, accreditations, and accolades, markedly on the national front. We have made visibly great strides, with several poster presentations, invitations to make state and national podium presentations, published works, and a federal grant in collaboration with Atlantic Health System.

Among our many honors, CentraState is one of less than two percent of hospitals nationwide to earn Magnet® designation for nursing excellence four times. Further, CentraState Medical Center's emergency department is a recipient of the Emergency Nurses Association's (ENA) 2023-2026 Lantern Award – one of only six emergency departments in New Jersey and among 53 award recipients nationally. This award exemplifies outstanding and exemplary performance in the core areas of leadership, practice, education, advocacy, and research.

Our nursing achievements elevate the profession, our healthcare system, and positively impact the communities we serve. I am incredibly proud to serve our patients with an extraordinary team of nursing professionals, and I'm grateful for their dedication, heart, and grace.



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