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Education Director Message

My name is Christa Gibson, I am the new Education Director. I also am the Webmaster for ORNAA. I have been in the Operating Room for 11 years and on the ORNAA/SCORNA Executive for 9 years. I currently work as a staff nurse in the Operating Room at South Health Campus, Calgary.

I want to thank everyone that attended the ORNAA AGM on November 25, 2021. Our speaker Sandy Ashton, MA discussed Recognizing trauma in ourselves and effective coping strategies.

I hope everyone has a safe holiday.

Christa Gibson RN

ORNAA NEWS

It has been decided to continue with online education sessions. Some districts may have an in person meeting along with online.

PROMISING STAR AWARD

During our AGM it was our pleasure to award the Promising Star Award to 3 people. This award is to be presented to an Alberta Operating Room Registered Nurse who is currently working in a surgical suite and who has less than two years' experience in this role. The nominee exceeds the expectations of their employers and/or colleagues and shows promise as an exceptional member of the Perioperative Registered Nursing profession. Congratulations to Mukhabbat Fazylova (NCORNA), Ashley Russell (CORNA) and Tara Copper (SORNA).

Mukhabbat Fazylova

To whom it may concern:

I wish to nominate Mukhabbat Fazylova for the Promising Star Award presented by ORNAA. She joined the Misericordia Operating Room team as a N495 student in October 2020. As her preceptor, we navigated the challenges present by the pandemic while proving her the best learning opportunities possible. She was an exemplary student; her eagerness to learn, self-directed research, and a 'can-do' attitude allowed her to blossom into a productive and effective team member.

After graduation, she applied to work on our unit and was hired immediately. Now, as a Registered Nurse in the operating room she has exceeded our expectations and continues to be our very own rising star. Mukhabbat has only been nursing for 8 months and continues to bring positivity, efficiency, and skill each and every day.

It has been a pleasure working with her and I look forward to watching her growth in the years to come. She is truly a delight and has so much potential in perioperative nursing.

Thank you for your consideration of Mukhabbat Fazylova for the Promising Star Award,

Pearl Kroon, BSc, BScN, RN

Ashley Russel

I would like to nominate Ashley Russel for the Rising Star Award this year. Ashley joined us in Red Deer as a Red Deer College Student who was completing her final preceptorship in Feb 2020. I was her preceptor and I could see right away that the perioperative environment was a good fit for her. I spoke to my manager that we should be looking at hiring her when her course was completed. Unfortunately, her preceptorship was cut short due to COVID. She was able to complete her hours but was able to get hired as an RN to our department in July 2020. She was given some weeks of orientation and then was on her own to work on a casual basis, all the while seeking a permanent position. She spent six months in General Surgery while on days but on shift she coped with many other types of surgeries. She loved the long, complicated offered. After six months, she moved to Urology. She was a quick learner and soon mastered that service. On days that she was not in Urology, I used her in my service of ENT, Ophthalmology. She was nervous about my service but she had a positive attitude and learned quickly. When it was time for a rotation change, Ashley knew her weakness was Ortho Trauma. With all the shift work that Ashley does, she wanted more experience in Ortho. Her time in Ortho is still ongoing but she is absorbing it all. A few weeks back, I saw her teaching a junior nurse how to set up for a fractured hip case.

I, and other Specialty Nurses, wish we could clone Ashley. She is dedicated to her work. She rarely calls in sick. She arrives early to work and heads to her room to start getting it set up for the day. She stays late if needed. She has a great work ethic. She has a happy, positive attitude and is unafraid of learning new things. She always does what's asked of her. She knows that she has to rotate through all the services to become well rounded and she is looking forward to this. She works well within the team environment that the Operating Room requires. She has gained a lot of confidence in her abilities but still seeks advice when she is unsure.

The other day she asked me what courses she should be considering as time goes on. Of course, I mentioned the Perioperative course and then her CAN Certificate when she has enough experience. I told her that on ACLS and PALS certificate would make her more comfortable with codes situations. She is going to be looking at these courses.

As Ashley gains more experience in the other services, she will soon be ready to take on the role of team lead in her room. With all her confidence and abilities, it is way to forget that Ashley had only been an RN for just over a year. She is one of the best perioperative nurses I have ever seen and will excel no matter where she ends up.

Sandy Bruce

Specialty Nurse

ENT, Ophthalmology, Dental

Tara Cooper

Operating Room Nurses of Alberta Association

Award Committee

Re: ORNAA Promising Star Award Nomination

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Tara Cooper, a Perioperative Registered Nurse working at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital in Medicine Hat, Alberta. I believe she is deserving of ORNAA's Promising Star Award for 2021.

Tara has worked in the Surgical Suites since Oct 2020. Prior to that, Tara had worked in Bow Island, Alberta, following completion of her nursing studies in April 2020. Tara completed orientation mid-January 2021 and will be attending MacEwan University's Perioperative Certification Program in the fall of 2021. Tara is cross trained in the Operating Room (OR) and Peri Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU). I have been fortunate to both orientate and educate Tara, as well as work alongside her a staff nurse. Tara is confident, respectful, and caring of both her patients as well as her colleagues. She is inquisitive in furthering her education and understanding. I believe she will be a valued member of the Surgical Suites for the years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of Tara for this award. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randi Galenzoski BA BScN RN CPN (c) PANC (c)

SORNA President

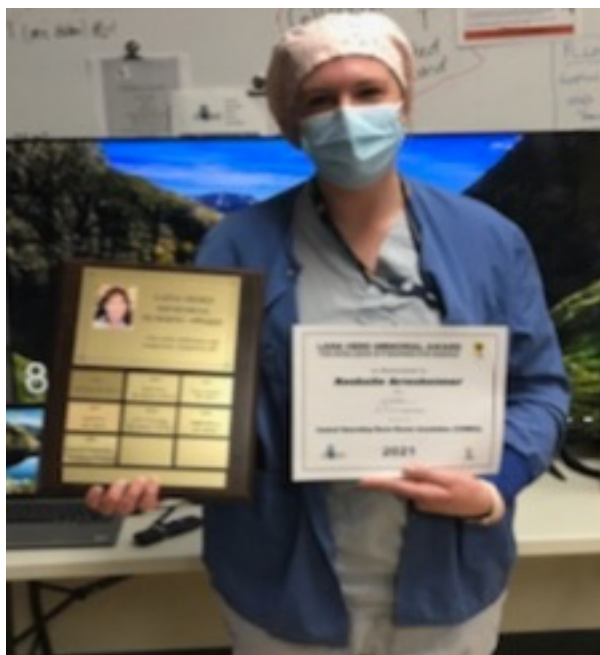


2021 LANA HERD MEMORIAL AWARD **FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERIOPERATIVE NURSING**

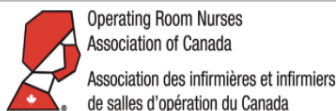
Congratulations to Rochelle Griesheimer, the 2021 Winner of the Lana Herd Memorial Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing. Rochelle was peer-nominated for this Award, which also carries a monetary prize of \$500 from Mitch Herd, Lana's Son and is provided by CORNA.

Rochelle is an outstanding leader and perioperative nurse. She has been a member of CORNA for several years and has taken on various roles in the past including Treasurer and as a member of the Provincial ORNNA Conference Planning Committee. Rochelle practices with Integrity and compassion for her patients daily. She has taken on many leadership roles over the past few years. Most recently as the Total Joint Specialty Nurse, which she has displayed an immense amount of passion for. This passion is evident in her everyday work, and is carried on to her colleagues, ensuring a solid foundation for an effective team. Rochelle has worked hard to share her knowledge of TJA and has created many learning resources and opportunities to help her colleagues grow. Rochelle is also, a wonderful Preceptor for new staff. She is there to provide guidance when needed, but also helps her students to be independent and confident.

Congratulations Rochelle! Winner of the 2021 Lana Herd Memorial Award for Excellence in Perioperative Nursing.



This is your friendly reminder to renew your 2022 registration if you haven't done so already.



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On behalf of the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC), we extend our warmest welcome to our new national registration process for joining ORNAC.

To begin, click on a category then select the appropriate sub-category from the choices below. Corporations and Corporate individuals, select **Industry**. Non-Canadian individuals, select **International**. Canadian individuals, select the **Provincial Council** in which you work or reside.

Note: *Individuals from Yukon, Nunavut & Northwest Territories, select the nearest Provincial Council & Region*

Categories:

Industry

International

Provincial Councils:

Alberta (ORNAA)

ORNAC Standard Review

2.16.2 All flat surfaces shall be dry and dust-free prior to the placement of a sterile bundle and/or

drape (Phillips, 2017).

Moisture may cause strike-through and cause contamination of sterile supplies. Clean and dry

surfaces reduce the risk of cross-contamination. Adherence to established cleaning procedures

is essential to minimize and control the number of pathogens within the surgical suite.

Reference: Operating Room Association Nurses of Canada Standards 14th Edition

ORNAC National Conference 2023 TBD

ORNAA 45th Biennial Conference

Date: September 28-30th 2022

Location: Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre Red Deer, AB

Theme: Behind the Mask: Agents of Change

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