

STATUS UPDATE

So, when is our site visit anyway??

Last month we let you know that our Magnet Appraisers had reviewed our document and given us very positive feedback. As is the norm, they have asked us for additional information to support our submissions. Our deadline to submit the requested information is mid-October and work is underway to meet that timeline. After the new information is reviewed by our appraisers, we will find out when a site visit will be scheduled. Our best estimation for a site visit is late November or after the first of next year. Once appraisers notify an organization that they are coming, their visit will take place within six weeks of their notification. Stay tuned for more information to come!

MAGNETFEST 2016

Celebrity photo ops, popcorn and cotton candy, bowling, karaoke, duck pond and name that tune – what does that have to do with Magnet? Quite a bit as it turns out!

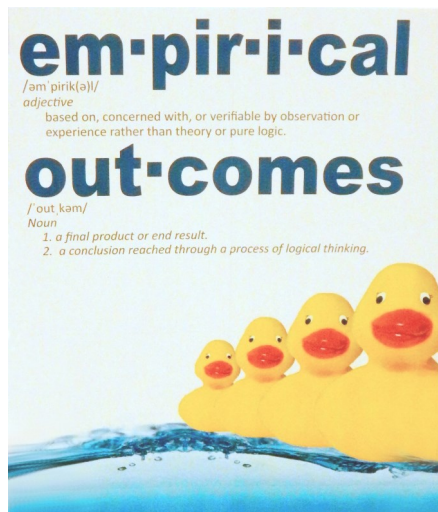
Vandy Rocks MagnetFest was held in the lobby of Langford Auditorium on Wednesday, August 31 from 7 AM to 6 PM. Hosted by the Magnet Education Committee, the event featured activities aimed at raising enthusiasm

for an upcoming site visit in pursuit of a 3rd Magnet designation for VUMC. Activities at the fair centered on helping staff understand what Magnet designation is, why it's important to our organization and how the 5 essential elements of Magnet organizations are manifested at VUMC.

To enjoy fun pictures from the event, please visit our [webpage](#).

To learn more about what Magnet is, the essential elements, and why it is important, read more [here](#).

Future plans include a MagnetFest Road Show. Stay tuned for dates/times and more details.



Magnet spotlight

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I have the opportunity to work at fourteen hospitals throughout my nursing career. I was a travel nurse for 6 years and the other 8 years, I have been a staff nurse. Some of them have been academic centers and others have been community hospitals. Only 4 of the 14 hospitals that I have worked at have not been magnet hospitals. I look for a magnet hospital because I know that the nurses are given the opportunity on a daily basis to change the patient outcomes. Not just by providing excellent bedside care but also by contributing to changes being made in the way that patients are cared for. Hospital and nursing leadership give a substantial weight to what the

concerns that the nurses have about procedures that are in place and listen to them when they give them ways to change these procedures. I believe that nurses are the frontline to help improve patient care, decrease poor patient outcomes, and improve patients overall health. This is why I have in the past and will continue to choose to work at Magnet hospitals.

I find working at Vanderbilt as a nurse as one of the best decisions that I have made in my nursing career. I am working in a different role than I have ever worked before as a nurse. Being a research nurse at an Academic medical center, has given me the opportunity to work with physicians who are doing research that could save thousands of lives. I am working on a study that is a nurse driven study looking at using chlorohexidine wipes pre-op and post-op in a patient population that runs the risk of having high surgical site infections. The data obtained from this study will not only help patients recover quicker from their surgery but also will help to healthcare costs down. What I enjoy most about working as nurse at Vanderbilt, is how accessible hospital and nursing leadership is to the staff. We are given multiple opportunities to speak with them and present to them ideas about ways to provide the best care to our patients. Vanderbilt also gives nurses both new graduates and experienced nurses the tools to be the best nurses that they want to be.

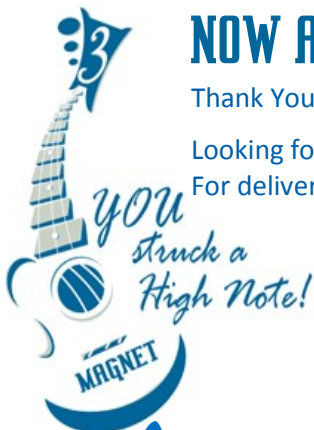
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