2015 Nurse Week Celebration
“Celebrating the Caring Hands of our Nurses”

This year’s Nurse Week was a great success! Our Parisian theme was reminiscent of the journey the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange took from France to California. The Magnet Celebration, Nurse Week award ceremony and reception was styled with a Parisian flare with Eiffel Towers everywhere!

Our Blessing of the Hands ceremony is a huge part of St. Joseph Hospital’s culture, and is designed to bless and honor the hands of those who care for our patients and families each day. The value of the ceremony expresses the true meaning of the healing ministry of Jesus and serves as a sacred encounter, which is part of our calling to our ministry. During the ceremony, we had the pleasure of hearing beautiful harp music played by Christine Richards, MSN, RN, CAPA (PACU).

The award ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of many of our nurses and friends of nursing. We had over 94 nominees for each category and a total of 10 award recipients this year (two from each category). Awards were presented to our friends of nursing for their dedication and support of nursing. Click here to view this year’s winners and nominees.

The Nurse Week reception was a big hit, with over 350 guests joining us for the celebration. Everyone enjoyed the French-themed feast prepared by our catering department, especially “le corn dogs.” CNI College and Healing Touch practitioners provided much needed rest and relaxation for our staff.

Thank you to all our nurses and the Nurse Week Committee for a great celebration. To see more photos from the event, please click here.
2015 May Magnet Meeting

We did it again! The annual May Magnet Meeting was a huge success with over 150 nurses. We gathered not only to share and discuss, but also to celebrate our accomplishments. Council, work group chairs and members joined nursing leaders, Magnet ambassadors and bedside staff to share the latest and greatest in nursing care at SJO.

The day started with a message from President and CEO of St. Joseph Health, Deborah Proctor, sharing insights and praise about nursing. Next, President and CEO of St. Joseph Hoag Health, Richard Afable, MD, discussed the dynamics and challenges in health care, followed by St. Joseph Hospital CNO, Katie Skelton, who led a presentation on our nursing response to health care changes.

Our Magnet re-designation timeline and journey was reviewed by Executive Director of Nursing, Professional Development, Nursing Research, Volunteer Services and Magnet Program Director, Patti Aube. Council and work group leaders shared their accomplishments and next steps, as well as metrics and outcomes. Also, in celebration of Nurse Week, this year’s Blessing of the Hands was held during the May Magnet Meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended this annual Nurse Week activity.

A Father's Day Nursing Tribute

Father’s Day is almost here! Click here to read about one of our father-son nursing teams and their love for St. Joseph Hospital.

![Michael Anthony Valdez and Anthony Valdez, RN, CVIL](image)

Welcome, New SJO RNs!

Click here to see the new nurses who recently joined St. Joseph Hospital. Welcome to the nursing team!

Back to School June Highlighted Program

If you are thinking about going back to school to obtain a BSN, MSN or DNP, you are encouraged to check out your options in the Back to School Booklet.

**West Coast University** is the highlighted program for June. They offer BSN and MSN programs tailored for working nurses. Both degree programs are offered in a bookend format where you attend the first class and last classes on-site and complete the rest online.

For more information about the nursing programs offered at West Coast University, visit their website at westcoastuniversity.edu.

Education for June

- Training: Kronos Productivity
- SLM: ACE Manual (2nd)
- Goal Setting (1st)
- CEU

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