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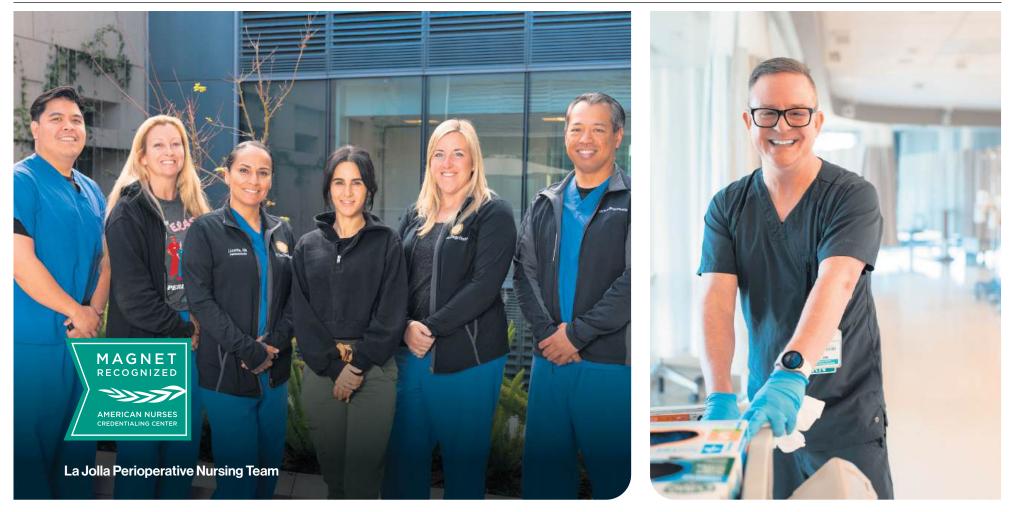
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And our Nurse Residency Program has been accredited twice with distinction by the ANCC's Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transitions Programs. This demonstrates our commitment to the next generation of nurses!

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UC San Diego Health nurses

Leading the way in growth and excellence

C San Diego Health nurses are known for leading the way in health care excellence as they deliver compassionate care that leads to stellar outcomes. We celebrate our nurses and recognize their contributions to the health system and our community, especially during Nurses Week.

In December 2023, UC San Diego Health proudly welcomed 250+ nurses from our new East Campus to our team. These dynamic and talented nurses are committed to providing exceptional service and care.

UC San Diego Health nurses lead evidence-based, data-driven teams that employ Lean principles, champion equity and enhance the culture of safety. The Nurse Residency Program has been accredited twice with distinction by the ANCC's Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transitions Programs. This showcases our dedication to developing the next generation of nurses.

A special congratulations to the 2024 Nurses of the Year for their incredible accomplishments in health care excellence.

Ambulatory Nurse

- Yun Yang
- Diana Teopaco
- Jamie Sample

Inpatient Nurse

- Cristal Vieyra
- Mark Cunanan
- Stefan Panov
- Jansen Pagal

Nurse Consultant

- Marian Cabandong
- Megan Londerholm
- Tiffany LentzJudy Davidson

- Nurse Leader
- Gabrielle Kelley
- Karen Armenion
- Jeni Diaz
- Jessica Mathers

Team Awards

- JMC 5FG Hospital Elder Life
 Program
- Abdominal Transplant Living Donor Transplant
- Wound Ostomy Nurse

Marguerite Jackson Award

Stephanie Chmielewski

These heroes wear stethoscopes

Registered nurses by the numbers

3,172,500 Number of jobs (2022)

2023 median pay

\$**86,070**

6% faster than average rate of projected job growth (2022-2032)

What RNs do

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate the bulk of direct patient care across a wide range of healthcare settings. They're also advocates and educators who take the time to answer questions, listen to concerns and empower patients. RNs work alongside doctors and other healthcare professionals to ensure patients get the best care possible.

Where RNs work

Most registered nurses work in hospitals, physicians' offices, home healthcare services and nursing care facilities. Others work in outpatient clinics and schools.

How to become an RN

Registered nurses usually take one of three education paths: a bachelor's degree in nursing, an associate's degree in nursing or a diploma from an approved nursing program. Registered nurses must be licensed.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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Thank you, from all of us

The San Diego Union-Tribune is proud to help honor local nurses with today's "Salute to Nurses" section, which coincides with National Nurses Day.

Nurses across the greater San Diego region make an invaluable contribution to our community. helping to keep us safe and healthy. Working in doctor's offices, hospitals, health care clinics, community settings and more,

they use their education, skills and compassion to provide expert care and comfort – sometimes under extraordinary circumstances.

Nurses, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Your compassion, dedication, service and sacrifice have made an incredible difference in the lives of the patients and families you've touched and in the communities you serve.

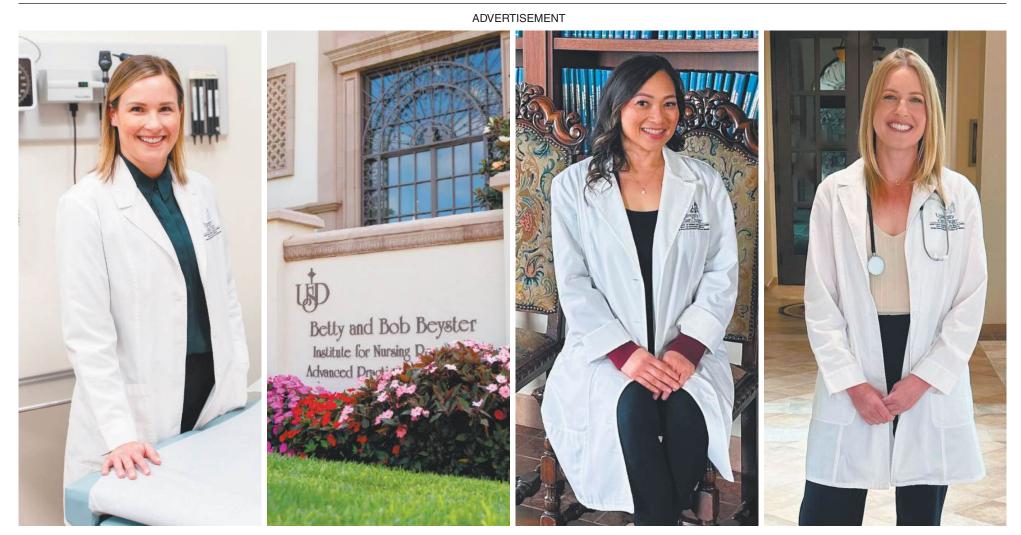
From all of us at The San Diego

Union-Tribune, thank you for all that you do.

Thank you, also, to the local healthcare organizations, universities and businesses who chose to honor and support San Diego nurses in today's special section.

Katie Musolf

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From USD classrooms to the forefront of healthcare, DNP alumni Emily Stone, Shalaine Corbilla, and Allison Bryden exemplify leadership, adaptability, and advocacy, lighting the way forward of modern nursing.

Next-level readiness

DNP alumni transform nursing with advanced practice and leadership

t the University of San Diego, the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science is redefining nursing education with its Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. Known for its rigorous curriculum and diverse specializations, the DNP program prepares nurses to play a key role in transforming the future of healthcare.

A broad spectrum of advanced nursing tracks

USD's DNP program offers dual tracks, including adult-gerontology/ family nurse practitioner; pediatric nurse practitioner/family nurse practitioner; family nurse practitioner; and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner. For nurses with a Master of Science in Nursing, the program provides preparation as an advanced practice registered nurse and health systems leadership, prepared to meet future healthcare demands. **Alumni impact**

The effectiveness of USD's program is illustrated by its alumni. Emily Stone, an FNP graduate, transitioned from being a critical care RN to becoming an NP delivering primary care. Now on the board of directors for the California Association for Nurse Practitioners, Stone advocates for policy change to improve healthcare outcomes.

Allison Bryden, a PNP graduate, applies her education serving pediatric patients in underserved communities. Her international experiences in Uganda while in the DNP program enhanced her experience and broadened her global health perspective.

Shalaine Corbilla, an AGNP/FNP graduate, uses her cardiothoracic and pandemic frontline experiences to practice in pulmonary and sexual medicine. Her practice embodies the DNP's emphasis on adaptability to diverse healthcare needs.

Looking ahead

USD's commitment to cutting-edge

technology and a curriculum that embraces a global health perspective ensures its graduates are wellprepared to shape healthcare's future. The focus on evidence-based practice empowers students to integrate the latest research into actual practice.

As the demand for skilled nurse practitioners grows, USD's DNP program continues to prepare nurses ready to lead and shape the future of healthcare.

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This week, and every week, we thank our nurses for a century of selfless service and for supporting our mission of excellence and compassion, which is at the heart of Scripps Health.

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Palomar Health nurses are true champions of healthcare who provide unconditional support and compassionate care during every step of a patient's healthcare journey.

Meet a champion in nursing

Nurse Brigit Davis is dedicated to healing hearts and minds at Palomar Health

ehind every healthcare organization and every doctor, there is a team of compassionate nurses dedicated to providing extraordinary care to their patients. At Palomar Health, nurses are true champions at showing unconditional support and passion during every patient journey. Brigit Davis, a nursing supervisor at Palomar Health's Escondido campus, has supported her patients and prioritized their care for almost eight

years.

On Unit 9 East – a realm of healing in medical, telemetry and oncology specialties – patient-centered care is at the heart of Davis' approach to nursing.

"For as long as I can remember, I have always felt the need to simply make others feel better," said Davis. "I offer comfort during day-to-day interactions with patients to try to make a stressful situation a bit more comfortable."

Davis is not just a nurse, but a true champion of compassion and care

whose commitment to excellence exemplifies the mission of Palomar Health. The organization is reimagining the entire healthcare experience by building a world-class team that's committed to each patient's healthcare journey every step of the way. It's a true testament to the extraordinary individuals shaping the future of healthcare, one patient at a time.

"I focus on listening to the needs of each individual and addressing their concerns as they arise, recognizing that each person is different and unique in their own health story," said Davis. "I strive to include family and loved ones in care preferences to provide a safe, trusting, comfortable and patient-focused environment for every person that comes through our doors."

To learn more about Palomar Health's champions of healthcare, please visit PalomarHealth.org and request an appointment today.

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To the Nurses of PALOMAR HEALTH:

You care and comfort our patients

at some of their most vulnerable times.

A nurse is one of the most selfless professions a person can undertake.

And you do it with grace and humility.

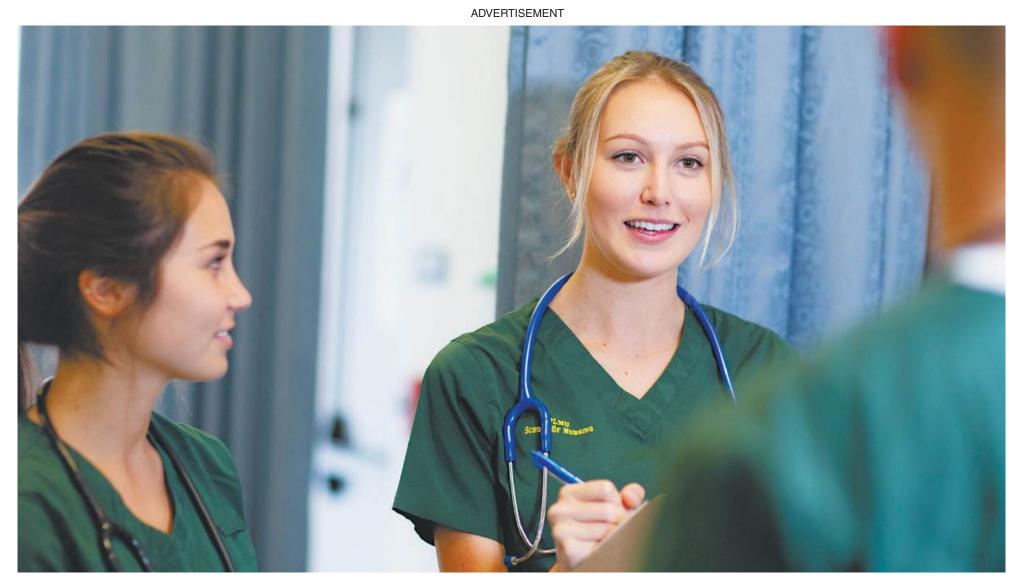
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Point Loma Nazarene University's School of Nursing prepares nurses to practice at their highest level with bachelor's, master's, DNP and FNP programs.

Celebrating 50 years

PLNU School of Nursing graduates 50th class in 2024

his year, Point Loma Nazarene University's School of Nursing celebrates its 50-year anniversary in San Diego. In 1974, the first class of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students graduated from PLNU. Since then, PLNU has added Master of Science in Nursing (2002), Doctor of Nursing Practice (2017) and Nurse Practitioner (2023) graduate programs. At PLNU, nursing has always been valued as sacred work. Our nursing graduates demonstrate unparalleled commitment and excellence as embodied in our five "faithfully" values.

Caring faithfully

PLNU nursing students learn to provide compassionate and comforting care. "[During] patient interactions, when you see people as all of God's children, that's when you switch into seeing this as a sacred interaction," said Reanna Thompson (Class of '77). Inquiring faithfully

Nursing students at PLNU learn to be advocates for their patients by asking the right health questions and diligently working with physicians to implement best practices.

Communicating faithfully

Nurses must communicate compassionately and effectively with patients and other health care professionals. "Communication in a leadership role is always so important, and I always come at it from an angle of treating others how you'd want to be treated," said Rachelle Sey, Ph.D. (Class of '03).

Leading faithfully

PLNU graduates are leaders committed to serving others because they know there is a sacred responsibility tied to authority. "My job as a nurse manager is to be a

nurse for the nurses," said Jeremy Cabrera (Class of '05). "I'm responsible for patient care, but I believe the patients will get the best care possible if the nurses are getting the best care from our leaders." Following faithfully

In addition to following appropriate guidelines and laws concerning nursing practice, PLNU nurses perform everyday acts with a willingness to improve and adapt.

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San Ysidro Health nurses provide exceptional patient care, demonstrating deep cultural understanding and serving as advocates and allies to the 160,000+ patients under their care.

Honoring our heartfelt heroes

San Ysidro Health nurses have championed health equity for 55 years

or over five decades, San Ysidro Health has stood as a pillar of compassion and care in San Diego County. At the core of our enduring mission are our 229 remarkable nursing professionals, the beating heart of our organization. They exemplify our values of compassion, excellence and service, infusing every interaction with warmth and expertise.

Our nursing team is a mosaic of

diversity, reflecting the vibrant tapestry of the communities we serve. With proficiency in various languages and deep cultural understanding, they ensure that every patient receives tailored, respectful care. From bridging language gaps to honoring diverse traditions, our nurses embody inclusivity in action.

At San Ysidro Health, we recognize that healthcare is a partnership, rooted in trust and empowerment. Our nurses go beyond treatment, serving as advocates and allies for each individual's journey to wellness. With unwavering support and guidance, they champion health equity and foster resilience in our community.

As we mark our 55th anniversary and celebrate Nurses Week, we reaffirm our commitment to accessible, compassionate healthcare for all. Guided by our dedicated nursing team, San Ysidro Health remains a beacon of healing and hope for everyone we serve.

Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system and we extend our deepest gratitude for their tireless dedication. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to San Ysidro Health, our community and beyond. Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others by building healthy communities.



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