

Special Edition

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Hello,

Welcome to our Nurses Week edition of The Pulse!

In this special edition, we're thrilled to celebrate the incredible contributions of Alberta's nurses.

From a heartfelt video message to the inspiring story of a 90-year-old nurse who's been serving for 57 years and counting, there's so much to honour and celebrate.

And let's not forget, United Nurses of Alberta (UNA) is marking a fantastic milestone – 47 years of supporting and championing nurses' rights and well-being!

So, to all our nurses, thank you for your dedication, compassion, and resilience. Here's to you and to many more years of making a difference.

Happy Nurses' Week!

Special Spotlight



A Lifetime of Service: 90-Year-Old Nurse Still on Duty After 57 Years

Meet Hyacinthe Al-Hassan, a nurse whose remarkable journey spans an astonishing 57 years of selfless service to others.

At the age of 90, she continues to work casual shifts as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse at the University of Alberta Hospital – where she has worked for the last 45 years.

Hyacinthe's path to nursing was paved by the inspiring women in her family who dedicated themselves to the profession.

Initially aspiring to become a doctor, Hyacinthe's journey took a turn when she realized her true calling was in nursing. Despite spending a year in medical school, her heart led her back to nursing, a decision she has never regretted.

"I enjoyed it. I love it to this day and I am happy that I became a nurse," she says.

Asked about some of her most cherished memories of her decades-long career, she says it was being part of a team performing brain surgery - an experience that solidified her passion for health care and the impact she could make.

Read Hyacinthe's full story on our [website](#).

Quote of the Month



Nursing Notes



Celebrating Nurses: A Video Tribute

During this Nurses Week, we invite you witness a heartfelt display of solidarity and gratitude captured in a single video.

Nurses from across Alberta have united to convey a profound message of appreciation and encouragement.



Experience their genuine expressions of dedication, love and support in this month's episode of our 'Behind The Frontlines' video series on YouTube.

Watch, share, and join us in celebrating Nurses Week with deep respect and gratitude for these selfless caregivers.

[Watch Video](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNA

As we kick off Nurses Week, we're thrilled to also celebrate UNA's 47th birthday!

For nearly five decades, UNA has been a tireless advocate for nurses' rights, fair treatment and safe working conditions. Through thick and thin, we've stuck together, united in our mission to create a better future for nurses across the province.

As we reflect on our journey, let's take a moment to acknowledge and thank the pioneers, leaders, dedicated members and the public who have contributed to our success.

Your passion, dedication, and tireless advocacy have shaped our union into the strong and respected force it is today.

So, here's to 47 years of sticking together. May we continue to stand strong, united in our pursuit of a brighter future for nurses and patients across Alberta.



What's Next?



Show Our Nurses We Care

Join us in celebrating Nurses Week by expressing your appreciation and gratitude for the incredible nurses in your life!

Whether it's a simple 'thank you' or a heartfelt message, let's show our love and support for our nurses who work tirelessly to make a difference every day.

Take a moment to acknowledge their hard work, compassion and dedication.

Let's make Nurses Week truly special by spreading love and gratitude far and wide.

Chelsea Letendre



Let's Connect

Join The Celebration

Connect with us on our social media platforms this Nurses Week. Be a part of the celebration of nurses across Alberta. Use the hashtag **#ABNURSES** to help us spread the love!



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