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American Senior Communities Celebrates Largest Graduating Class of Nursing Scholarship Program, Strengthening Nursing Workforce

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (Sept. 8, 2026) – American Senior Communities (ASC) and [Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County \(HHC\)](#) proudly recognized 21 graduates of the Opportunities to Nursing Excellence (O2NE) Program at a luncheon on September 2 at the Bridgewater Club in Carmel, IN.

The O2NE scholarship program was created to support employees who aspire to advance their careers in the nursing field. The program reflects a shared commitment to fostering professional development and strengthening the long-term care profession across the state.

Congratulations to the 2026 HHC graduates: Vanessa Carrico, RN – Beech Grove Meadows / Brooke Nicely, LPN – Brownsburg Meadows / Jennifer Carrender, RN – Forest Creek Village / Cheyenne Findley, LPN – Hillcrest Village / Theresa Thompson, RN – Hillcrest Village / Jena Kinney, LPN – Meadow Lakes / Bridget Black, LPN – Mount Vernon Nursing / Hunter Wisecap, LPN – Rosebud Village / Kimberly Pope, LPN – Riverwalk Village / Lauren Chvriar, LPN – Rosewalk at Lutherwoods / Savannah Collins, RN – Seymour Crossing / Jeremiah Haynes, RN – Swiss Villa / Ashley Austin, LPN – Todd-Dickey Nursing / Sasha Gerstner, LPN – Valparaiso Care & Rehab

Congratulations to the 2026 Henry County graduates: Angela Kamman, LPN – Good Samaritan / Lindsay Miller, LPN – Good Samaritan Home / Rosalyn Cooper, LPN – Good Samaritan Home / Brooke Mock, RN – Hickory Creek at Huntington / Heather Willey, LPN – Heritage House Rehab & Healthcare Center / Crystal Arellano, LPN – Markle Health & Rehab

Congratulations to the 2026 Pulaski graduate: Sabrena Judson, RN – Hickory Creek at Rochester

The O2NE program provides a valuable pathway for caregiver staff to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) by offering direct funding to accredited nursing schools, all while allowing participants to continue working in their current roles. Funding provided through the program covers tuition and book expenses and supports participants with the flexibility to pursue their education without financial hardship.

To date, the program has created educational and career advancement opportunities for nearly 300 graduates. Many earned their RN licensure and have been promoted to clinical management positions.

Alicia Sims, Chief Nursing Officer at ASC, said, “We are extremely proud of the talented and dedicated clinical professionals who serve our residents every day, and the accomplishments of our O2NE graduates are a wonderful reflection of that commitment to excellence. We believe investing in our team members and supporting their professional growth benefits everyone; our employees, our communities and, most importantly, the seniors we serve. We congratulate the graduating class on this well-deserved achievement.”

Julie White, Vice President of Long-Term Care at HHC of Marion County, said, “Congratulations to this year’s O2NE graduates and for the sacrifices you made while pursuing additional credentials while continuing in your current roles. HHC is thankful to have sponsored 14 graduates this year and a total 270 O2NE nursing graduates to date. The program demonstrates the tremendous impact that HHC’s investment in career advancement can have on ASC’s workforce. We have a 71% retention rate for O2NE graduates over 18 years with 69 currently serving in leadership positions. As more team members advance to become Licensed Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses, we will continue to strengthen the workforce and expand our ability to provide the heart and compassion to provide quality of care to serve a vulnerable population .”

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