

Leader to Honor

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**Current role:**

Chief nurse executive, Emory Healthcare, Atlanta, Georgia.

Education:

BSN, Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing, Augusta, Georgia; MSN, Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia; PhD, University of Colorado College of Nursing, Denver, Colorado.

This I know for sure:

When nursing goes well, the rest will follow.

Most people don't know:

I obtained a pilot's license and flew a Piper Warrior plane.

One thing I'd like to learn how to do:

First, be a better listener, and personally, learn how to paddle-board.

Hobbies:

I like to hike, especially by water for the opportunity it gives me for peace and reflection; I also love skiing with my daughter (although she boards) and my granddaughters.

Best words to describe me:

Champion for nurses; passionate; practical visionary.

One or 2 of the things of which you are most proud:

I am so proud to have a daughter who is a new nurse and practices at Emory Healthcare in critical care, and a second daughter who is an educator. And I am most proud when I see health systems succeed because of nursing!