

SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI AWARDS



Tara K. Hart, BSN'15, RN, BA, has achieved great success in her career since graduating from Duke University School of Nursing (DUSON) three years ago. Hart is a clinical nurse II at Duke University Hospital. Her day-to-day responsibilities include treating patients across the lifespan. In addition to treating emergency room patients, she serves as a trauma narrator and a resource for trauma patients, and participates in the department's trauma committee. She also precepts nursing students and new graduate nurses. Her desire to pursue the field of nursing initially developed due to her passion for bedside patient care.

Trailblazer

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In 2017, the American Health Council recognized her as a Leader in Nursing among America's Best Nurses and invited her to join its nursing board. As a board member, she will share her knowledge and expertise on emergency nursing and trauma.

While she was a student at Duke, Hart traveled to Guatemala as part of the Nursing Students Without Borders student group. She worked with CureAmericas Global, a nonprofit organization, that partners with communities to save the lives of mothers and children by providing health services and education in underdeveloped countries. She worked in a remote region of Guatemala that is known as the "Triangle of Death" due to its maternal and child mortality rates. Hart also traveled to the village of Ntagacha, Tanzania, to provide nursing care to orphan children in the City of Hope compound.

Hart was also recognized with the 2015 Annie Beery Bieber Award for Outstanding Leadership and the 2015 Faculty Award from the Duke Emergency Nursing Students (DENS). She currently is a member of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society and the Emergency Nurses Association. She continues to serve the DUSON community whenever asked and is committed to supporting its mission.

Hart earned an accelerated bachelor of science in nursing degree from DUSON and a bachelor of arts degree in human development and elementary education from Washington College.