

Biography

Lisa (Ballarini) Festle '83

As a Montini Catholic High School student, Lisa was recognized as a positive role model with diverse interests such as in Track, Cheerleading, Pom Poms, Yearbook Committee, Newspaper, and Powder Puff. She also found time to excel in the classroom where she was an honor roll student, and a member of the National Honor Society. Lisa's positive personality and infectious spirit also served her well as a volunteer "Candy Striper" at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, an experience that served as the basis for her future career in Nursing.

Lisa earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1987 from Loyola University in Chicago. She went on to earn her Masters in Nursing in 1993, also from Loyola. Lisa currently serves as a Staff Nurse in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, as well as the Peri-Natal Outreach Education Coordinator.

In 2008 Lisa received the Robyn Main Excellence in Clinical Practice Award from the National Association of Neo-Natal Nurses. She is also the co-author of several Poster Presentations at various Symposium and Conferences across the country. Lisa's profession has also led her to be involved with numerous associations and boards including the Nursing Education and Professional Development Council at Loyola University, and as Co-Coordinator of the NICU Education Program.

Lisa's lifelong passion and commitment to Nursing is complemented by her involvement in her community. She volunteers at the West Suburban Humane Society, Cub Scout Pack 227, Divine Savior Parish and the Downers Grove Grade School District 58.



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