

Year in Review

May 2025 - May 2026



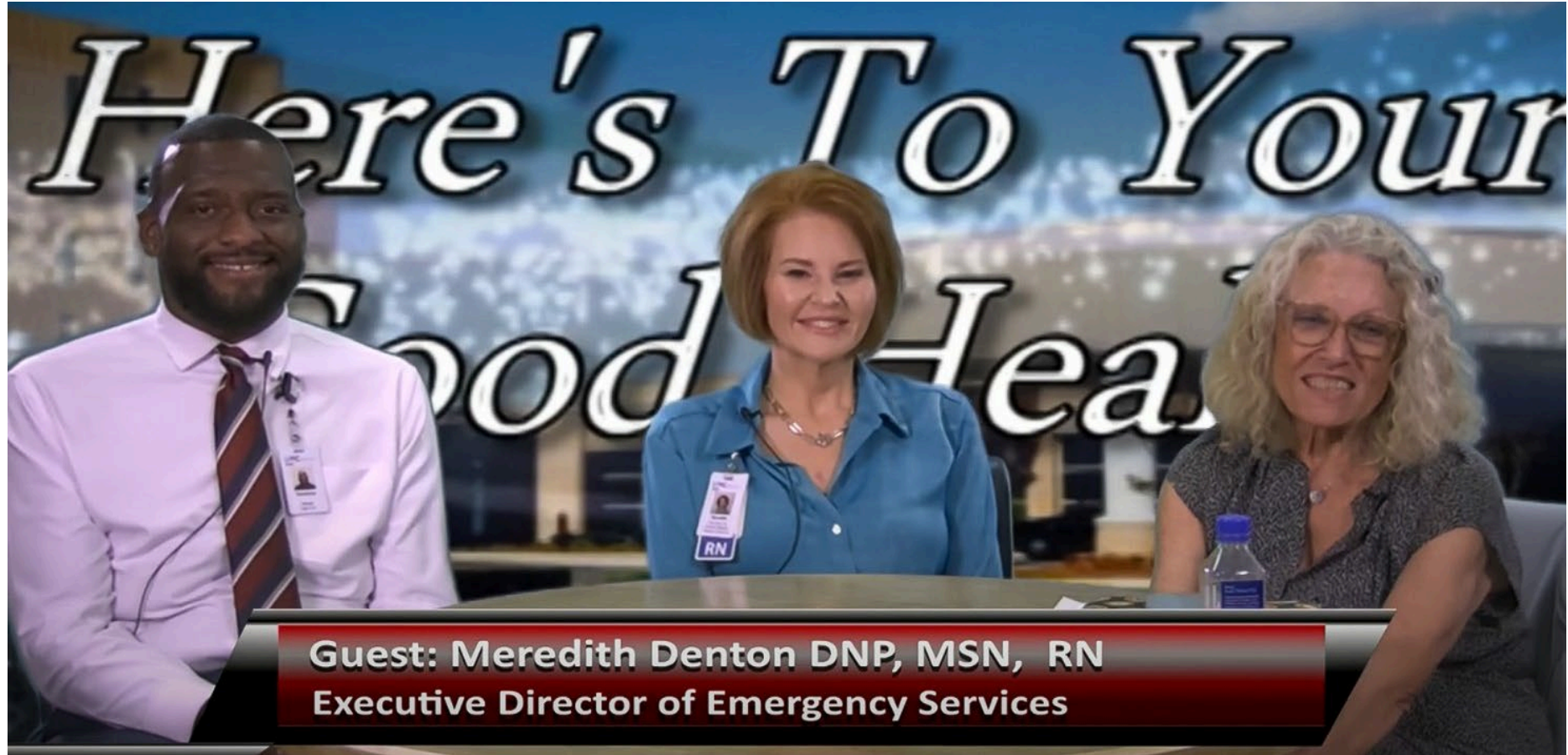
Hospital Week 2025 was a smashing success!



UNC Health Nash held an official Groundbreaking Ceremony for its new, state-of-the-art, 150-bed inpatient hospital tower.



UNC Health Nash Urgent Care was featured on an episode of WHIG-TV's *Here's To Your Good Health*, represented by Daymeyun Johnson, Urgent Care Manager, and Meredith Denton, Executive Director of the Nash Emergency Department.



Emanuel Chapel hosted its Annual Hot Dogs on Henry Street Community Day, where UNC Nash volunteers provided health education, giveaways, and blood pressure checks.



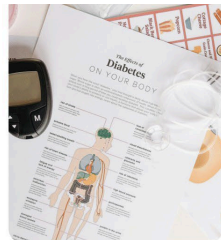
The 2025 Summer Junior Volunteer Program kicked off.



UNC Health Nash announced two new medical office buildings—one in Nashville and one in Middlesex—expanding access to primary care services for Nash County and surrounding communities.



Joanna Dauber, DO, of Eastern North Carolina Medical Group, hosted the Population Health Series lecture “Diabetes & Nutrition”





Diabetes & Nutrition

A healthy meal will be served as part of the discussion.



Come learn how to manage your diabetes through nutrition, lifestyle and medications to help improve your health and prevent serious health complications.

 June 11, 2025

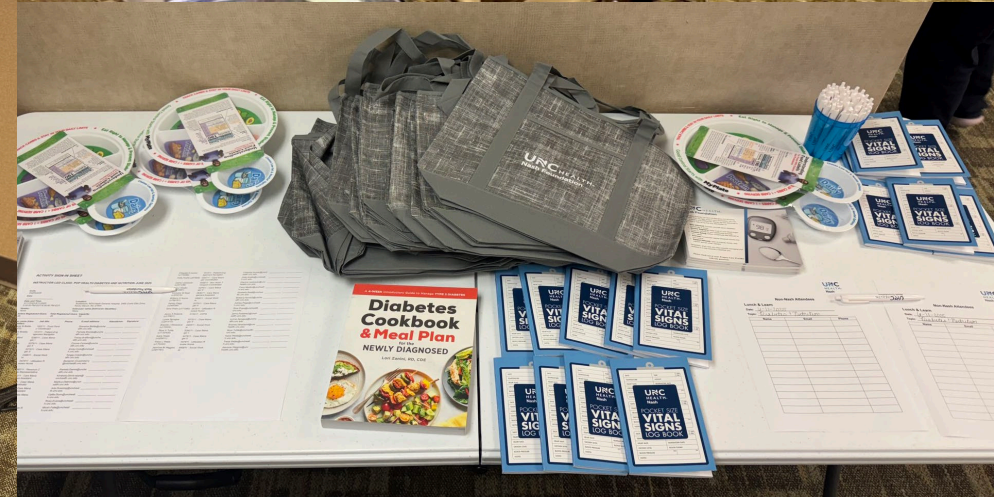
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 UNC Health Nash Auditorium
2460 Curtis Ellis Drive
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Dr. Joanna Dauber, a Family Medicine physician, will provide an overview of diabetes and ways to remain healthy with the disease for all patients- newly diagnosed, patients who have battled the disease chronically, and their family members.

This event is open to everyone - patients, families, community members, staff, etc.

Contact Cassidy Rodgers to RSVP:
 cassidy.rodgers@unchealth.unc.edu
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UNC Health Nash team members came together to support young athletes across our community through our annual Free Sports Physicals Clinic.



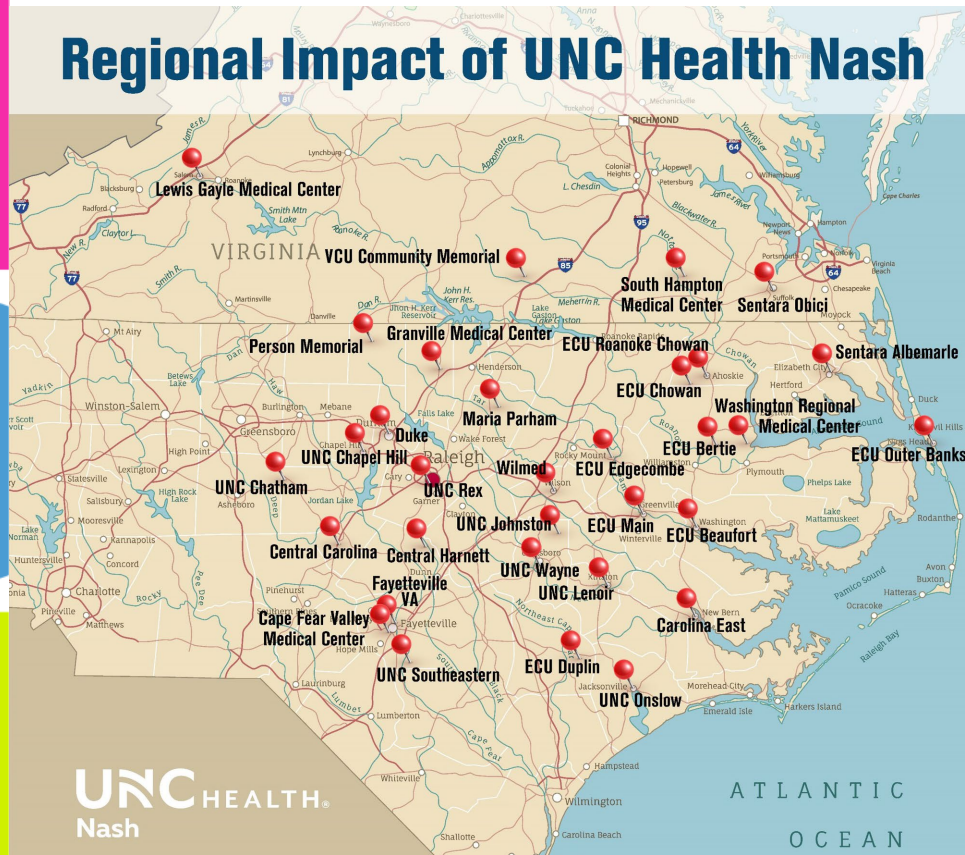
The Heart Works Employee Resource Group hosted A Conversation with the Chaplain, led by UNC Health Nash's Chaplain Shawn Crumley.

led volunteers whose aim is to create a culture of inclusion for employees spiritual practices. We recognize and appreciate the many ways that beliefs differ and work to identify the common themes across the varied faiths to serve as anchors for our work.

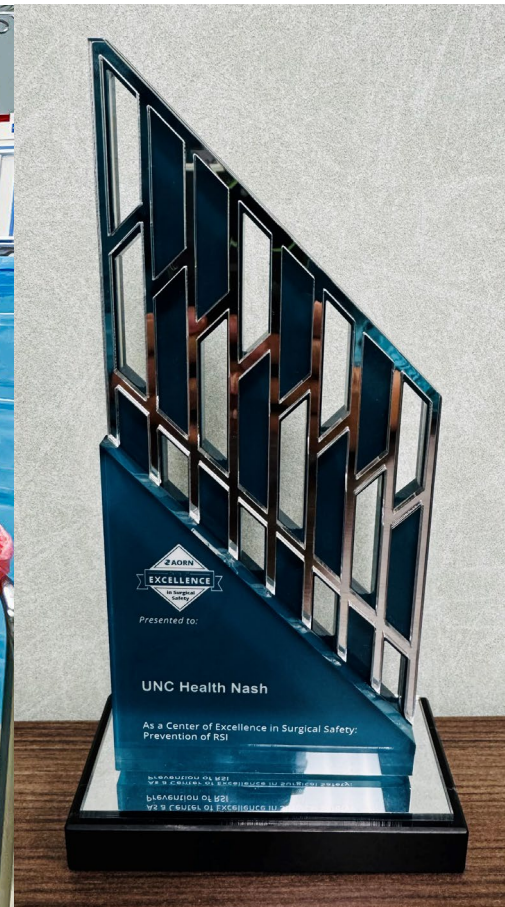


Over the past year, UNC Health Nash cared for nearly 1,000 transfer-in patients from across NC, SC, and VA, expanding access to advanced specialty services while strengthening Gastroenterology, Interventional Radiology, and coordinated follow-up care for patients throughout the region.

Regional Impact of UNC Health Nash



UNC Health Nash was recognized by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) as a *Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety: Prevention of Retained Surgical Items (RSI)*.



Costal Plain Hospital was featured on an episode of WHIG-TV's *Here's To Your Good Health*, represented by Melanie Meeks, Partnership and Coalition Manager for CARE, and Trish West, MSW, Psychiatric Social Worker



UNC Health Nash Breast Care Center passed its annual FDA MQSA inspection, reaffirming high-quality, patient-centered imaging through rigorous standards and strong team collaboration.



UNC Nash volunteers participated in the Little Raleigh Community Day event, providing health education, giveaways, and blood pressure checks.



The Laboratory Council Committee went above and beyond to collect and donate school supplies to Williford Early Learning Center and Edwards Elementary.



UNC Health Nash and the Foundation celebrated Cancer Survivors Day, honoring survivors and families with a meaningful day of connection, resilience, and hope.



Our Perioperative Services and Community Development teams partnered with The Collaborative (NC State and ECU) for 2025's Health Science Summer Camp.



UNC Nash volunteers participated in the Back-to-School Community Health Fair at Gethsemane Baptist providing health education, giveaways, and blood pressure checks.



UNC Health Nash celebrated the 30, 35, and 40+ year milestones of several Nash employees with special guest Dr. Cristy Page, CEO of UNC Health.



UNC Nash volunteers participated in the Rock the Mount community event, providing health education, giveaways, and blood pressure checks.



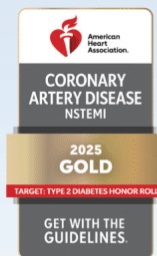
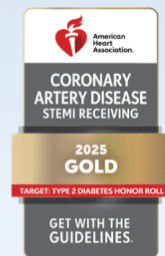
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UNC Health Nash earned recognition from the American Heart Association, American Stroke Association, and American College of Cardiology for leading performance in heart and stroke care. U.S. News & World Report also named Nash “High Performing” in Heart Failure and Stroke in its 2025–26 Best Hospitals report.

Your heart is in good hands.

Eight national awards for heart and stroke care in 2025



Progress on the construction of the new UNC Health Nash inpatient tower made an exciting leap forward with the installation of an industrial tower crane.



The UNC Health Nash Foundation returned with Blue Jeans & BBQ, earning raffle donations and recognizing participating businesses through event sponsorships.



Meadowbrook hosted a Community Day festival with food, activities, giveaways and resources; UNC Health Nash provided education and blood pressure checks.



The UNC Nash Quality team once again pulled off a fun and informative display educating patients, staff, and visitors about sepsis awareness and presentation.



The Nash Women's Center held this year's "Walk to Remember for Steps Never Taken" event, commemorating pregnancy and infant loss.



Nash Infection Prevention joined statewide Infection Preventionists at the APIC NC Fall Conference to share insights, strengthen partnerships, and advance infection prevention and patient safety.



UNC Cancer Care at Nash was featured on an episode of WHIG-TV's *Here's To Your Good Health*, Breast Cancer Awareness Special Episode, represented by Ranju Singh, NP, Medical Oncologist.



UNC Nash volunteers participated in the Minority Economic Development Week Celebration, providing health education, giveaways, and blood pressure checks.



UNC Health Nash had a spooky-good time dressing up for the first ever staff Halloween costume contest.



UNC Health Nash earned third consecutive ANCC Pathway to Excellence® designation, recognizing sustained commitment to nursing excellence, empowerment, and high-quality patient care. Nash continues its three-year journey to become Magnet certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to establish the organization's commitment to excellence in the nursing profession.



The UNC Health Nash Scholars Program welcomed a new group of scholars, each signing their commitment to join our team after graduation.



The Nash Inclusive Diversity Council hosted “Be the Light”, a celebration of Diwali in appreciation of its cultural significance.



UNC Health Nash hosted a Veterans Day Ceremony honoring veterans, featuring reflections, a memorial tribute, and remarks from veterans Dr. L. Lee Isley and Greg Pait.



Nash Infectious Disease was featured on an episode of WHIG-TV's *Here's To Your Good Health*, represented by Medical Director Connie Smith, MD.



Connie Smith MD, FAAP, FIDSA
Nash Infectious Disease

The Leapfrog Group—a national nonprofit organization that evaluates hospital performance—released its Fall 2025 scores for Hospital Safety, in which UNC Health Nash received an “A” grade.



UNC Health Nash hosted the 11th Annual Behind the Red Lines Open House for Nash-Rocky Mount seniors for hands-on healthcare experiences and mentorship.



Heart Works volunteers spread kindness across UNC Health Nash on World Kindness Day, sharing encouragement with staff, patients, and visitors.



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The UNC Health Nash Foundation hosted the annual Lights of Love Tree Lighting Ceremony, featuring the ever-adorable Children's Tree Lighting Choir.



UNC Health Nash launched a new, future-focused brand campaign highlighting the next generation of care and our continued growth through expanded services, new clinics, and the hospital tower.



An annual UNC Health Nash tradition continued with the hoisting of the Rooftop Christmas Tree, led by the Nash Plant Services team and featuring the tower crane for the first time.



Hospice & Palliative Care of UNC Health Nash was featured on an episode of WHIG-TV's *Here's To Your Good Health*, represented by Megan Webb, NP.



Megan Webb, FNP-C
Nash Hospice & Palliative Care

UNC Cancer Care at Nash patients were pleasantly serenaded by a surprise visit from local music legends Chandler James and Meredith Davis Johnson.



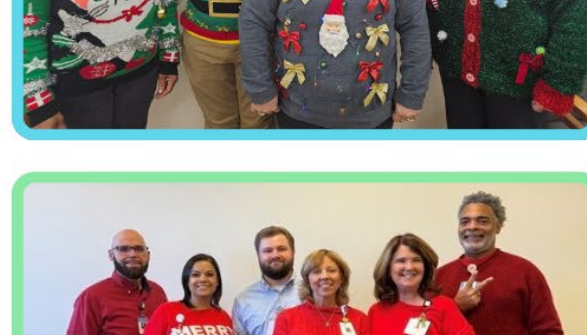
Ripe for Revival's Mobile Market visited UNC Cardiology at Nash, expanding food access and highlighting support for patients facing food insecurity.



The Leapfrog Group released its 2025 annual list of Top Hospitals, in which UNC Health Nash was honored as one of the nation's top hospitals



From tacky sweaters to festive colors, the UNC Health Nash team showed up in their holiday best, spreading joy and cheer throughout the season.



UNC Health Nash hosted interactive STEM stations at Red Oak Elementary, inspiring students to explore real-world healthcare careers and STEM education.



UNC Health Nash supported the community through festive volunteer efforts, including Salvation Army bell ringing and Peacemakers gift wrapping.



UNC Health Nash's 2025 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest awarded several winners after raising \$2,654 through community and staff participation.



UNC Health Nash volunteers participated in the Mill Chill Four Miler, supporting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through a community race event.



UNC Health Nash employees joined the UNC Health Nash Foundation's 2026 Super Mario-themed Employee Giving Campaign supporting patient access, assistance programs, and United Way initiatives.



The 2025 Employee Holiday Meal was a merry, bright, and memorable occasion!



The Nash Women's Center welcomed Nash County's first baby of—a baby boy named Karter—born to parents MaKaelah Joyner and Alonte Givens.



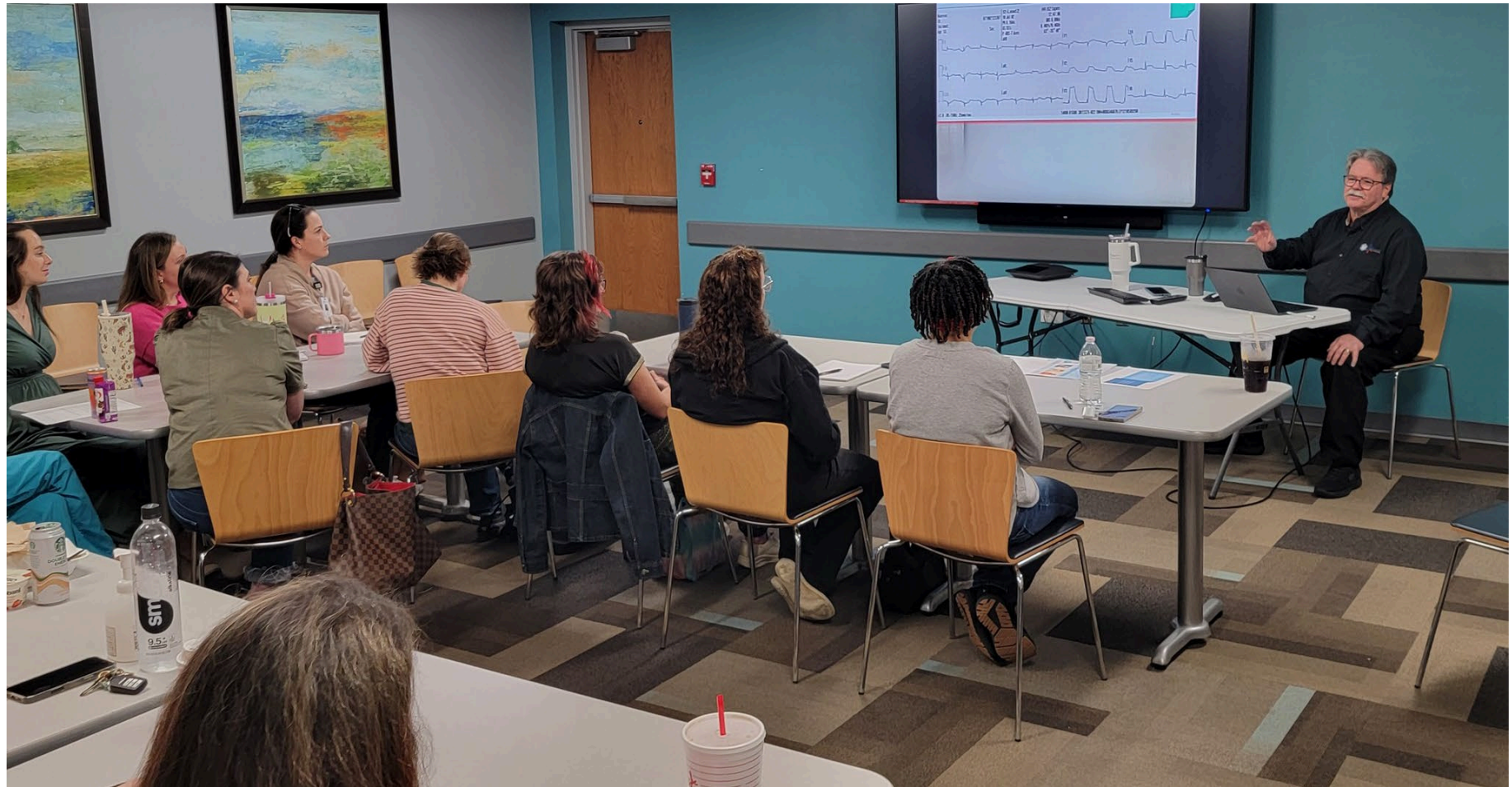
Kenneth D. Arrington was appointed as chairman of the UNC Health Nash Board of Commissioners.



Over the last year, UNC Health Nash's Community Paramedic Program served nearly 5,000 patients, the Food Pantry distributed more than 600 food boxes, and nearly 3,000 patients received assistance through Foundation-supported programs made possible by employee, medical staff, and community support.



The Dr. Zipf Scholarship funded hands-on EKG training with educator Bob Page—strengthening anesthesia care and improving patient outcomes across every procedure.



Flu season arrived early and hit hard; Dr. Connie Smith shared valuable prevention guidance with our community on WHIG-TV's *Live Morning Show*.



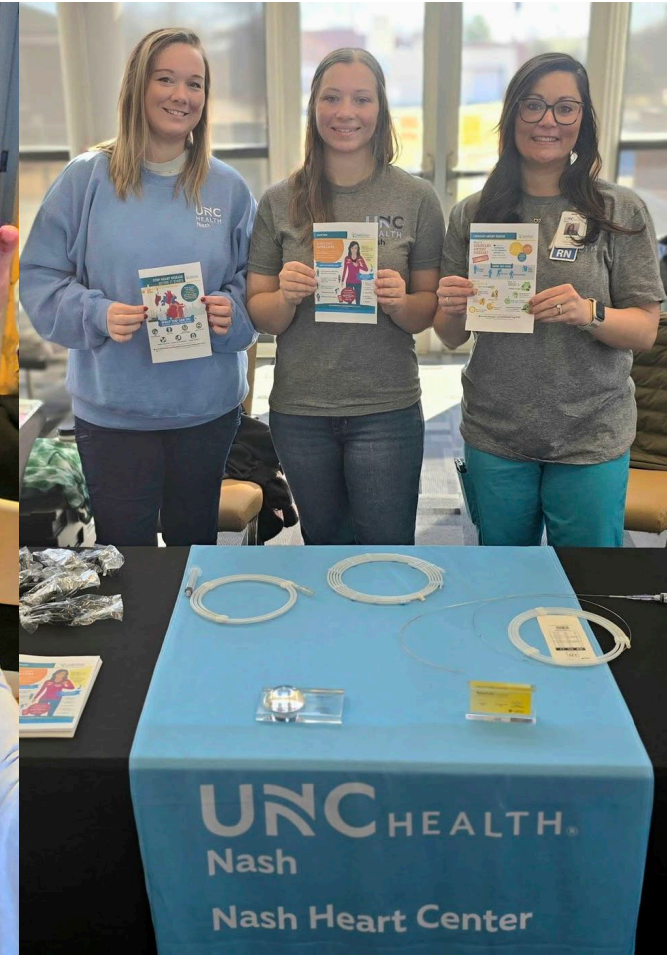
Following Dr. Smith's flu update, Dr. Anubhav Kanwar of Nash Infectious Disease shared practical immune health and infection prevention tips on an episode of WHIG-TV's *Here's To Your Good Health*.



During harsh winter weather, several UNC Health Nash team members adjusted plans, extended shifts, and ensured safe, uninterrupted patient care across campus.



Nash Heart Center partnered with many UNC Nash clinical services and community vendors, holding a successful Third Annual Women's Heart Fair.



Nash Heart Center was featured on the American Heart Month episode of WHIG-TV's *Here's To Your Good Health*, represented by Tera Joyner, Chest Pain Program Coordinator, and Velvie Zabel, Director of Cardiovascular Services.



UNC Health Nash continued to grow its partnership with OIC Family Medical Center to provide new pediatrics and OBGYN practices, as well as expand access to care through the mobile primary care clinic bus.



Healthcare you can trust

OIC of Rocky Mount is pleased to welcome Michelle Nguyen, MD.

Learn more at OICMedical.com

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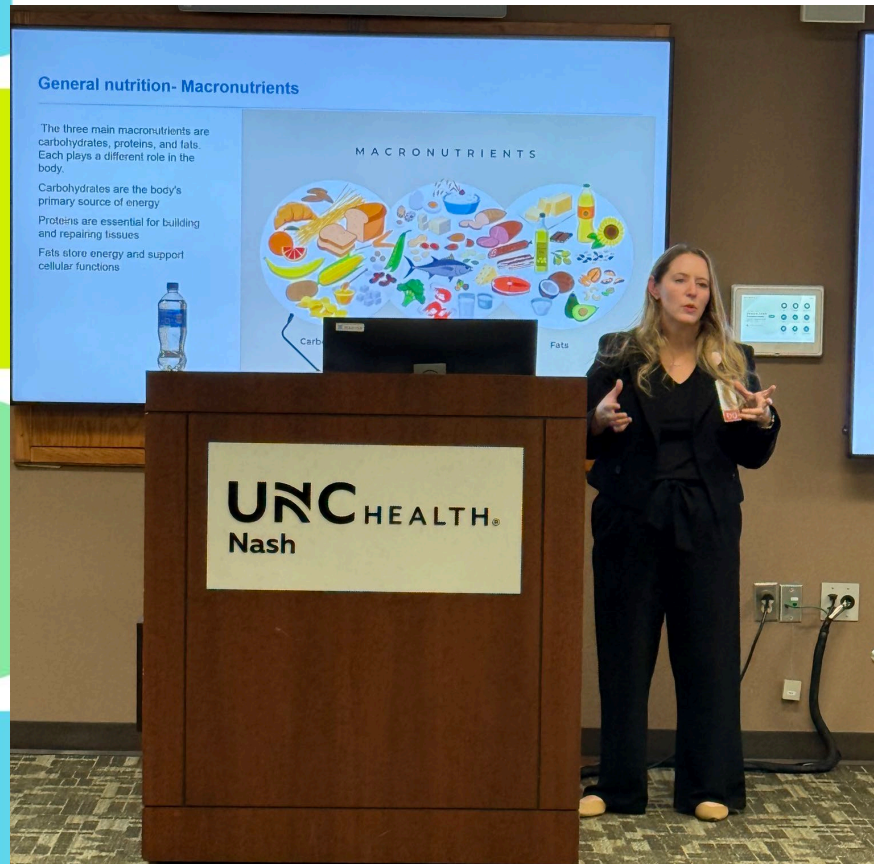


Michelle Nguyen, MD,
OIC Pediatrics

The Supply Distribution team implemented enhancements to Requisition Self Service, improving purchasing workflows, reducing errors, and creating a more efficient, user-friendly requisitioning experience.



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Berry Building Group posted an exciting progress update on the new Nashville Medical office, which will feature eight Primary Care providers and expand convenient, high-quality local care.



UNC Health Nash Foundation's 2026 Fundraising Soiree brought the community together, raising local support for the Community Paramedic Program and other programs that enhance care, remove barriers, and provide comfort to patients.



UNC Health Nash hosted a Women's Leadership Panel highlighting diverse leadership journeys, collaboration, and growth, featuring women leaders across the organization.



BoxHause Rocky Mount Boxing and Fitness LLC hosted an incredible fundraiser in support of our Community Paramedic Program.



UNC Health Nash joined the ONE UNC HEALTH Culture Shift initiative, training team Members to act as Culture Champions to strengthen accountability, collaboration, shared values, and organizational alignment across teams and patient care experiences.



UNC Health Nash hosted Pause to Give Life with HonorBridge, honoring donors, recipients, and families while sharing powerful stories of life-changing organ donation.



UNC Health Nash was recognized as an Emerging Partner at the 2025–26 Nash County Public Schools Career and Technical Education Awards Ceremony.



UNC Health Nash Foundation hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch recognizing volunteers' vital contributions during National Volunteer Month.



The final beam was raised on the new tower, marking a milestone as staff signatures were added to honor Nash's shared commitment and future.



UNC Health Nash Foundation hosted a family-friendly Dueling Pianos fundraiser supporting community paramedic and behavioral health recovery services.



UNC Health Nash hosted Nurse Scholars Signing Day, expanding partnerships and supporting future nurses with education, mentorship, and career pathways.



This year, EVS expanded services to Creekside, Nashville, and Middlesex while partnering with Pharmacy, Lab, and Perioperative Services to provide specialized support that helps hospital departments succeed through sanitation, disinfection, and tailored EVS services.



UNC Health Nash hosted Day 3 riders of the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, providing lunch as they honored fallen EMS professionals traveling 78 miles.



Several nurses were celebrated for going the extra mile to sharpen their specialized nursing skills at the Certified Nurses Celebration.



Nash welcomed many new providers to the community in the last year and celebrated the vital role of our medical staff on Doctor's Day.



Several amazing community members and organizations supported the UNC Health Nash Foundation through fundraisers and philanthropic giving this year.

