Soo-Ok Kim, MSN, CRNP, CRNA: The 2019 Oliver Berger Award Recipient

Soo-Ok Kim, MSN, CRNP, CRNA received the second, annual 2019 Olive Berger Award, recognized for Clinical Excellence and Leadership. Soo-Ok grew up in Seoul Korea where she studied nursing in college and was involved in community outreach providing care to patients who had no access to health care as part of her undergraduate program. She graduated from Yonsei University in Korea with a BSN degree in 1990. She moved to the United States in 1992, first working on a telemetry unit in Florida and then moving to Maryland to work at JHH in the SICU and IMC units. She then earned her first Master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University and became a CRNP in 2002 working in the WICU at Hopkins for 2.5 years. She went on and earned her second Master’s degree from the University of Maryland and became a CRNA in 2007. Upon graduation, she joined the CRNA team at Johns Hopkins and is an integral part of both adult and pediatric cohorts. She also works at Howard County Hospital to maintain her OB skills and knowledge.

She maintains the perfect blend of maintaining her existing clinical excellence with her desire to continually learn and improve. She is a role model for younger CRNAs and undergraduate students. She is a SRNA preceptor and puts forth an immense amount of effort so that the SRNAs have a great experience. Soo-Ok shares her time, talents and treasures with many.

Soo-Ok possesses many attributes of a great leader for our profession: she is authentic, empathetic, hard-working, reliable and helps other succeed.
Olive Louise Berger, CRNA was extraordinary and represents the rich history of our profession and the legacy of CRNAs at Johns Hopkins.

She graduated from the School of Nursing at Roosevelt Hospital in New York in 1920 and completed her anesthesia education from the Johns Hopkins School of Anesthesiology in 1922. Olive became the Chief CRNA in 1931 and from that time on, she managed the anesthesia department and the OR, administered anesthesia in countless operations and trained at least 4 anesthesia students per year. She remained head of the department until her retirement in 1969.

Olive had excellent clinical skills. She served as the first nurse to administer anesthesia during the famous “blue baby” operations performed by Alfred Blalock and Helen Taussig in the 1940s by open drop ether. Olive worked very closely with Dr. Blalock. She was involved with the 1st total pneumonectomy at JHH. She also developed an endotracheal technique for intrathoracic surgery with Helen Lamb.

Olive was a CRNA leader. The Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MANA) was founded in 1946 when Olive was elected vice president. She served as MANA president from 1947-1949 and then became the AANA president in 1958. She was the Agatha Hodgins Award Recipient in 1975.

The Olive Berger Award has become a highlight of our CRNA Week Celebration as it recognizes Clinical Excellence and Leadership of a CRNA.

Check us out on Twitter! @HopkinsCRNA Send us pictures highlighting our strengths from the ORs, Control Centers, social events, projects, and other activities.

#WeLoveOlive
Soo-Ok Kim (cont.)

Soo-Ok shows social responsibility by bridging the Johns Hopkins Hospital and healthcare with the community. She prides herself on diversity and inclusion. Soo-Ok is the co-director and co-founder of the CRNA Perioperative Mentorship Program which allows high school students to observe and spend time in the OR to gain perspective and knowledge which will hopefully lead to a healthcare career. These students typically spend an entire year alongside a CRNA and complete their senior projects under the guidance of a CRNA mentor. She was also involved with the P-Tech Program at Dunbar High School which JHU allows high school students who are interested in medicine the opportunity to observe in the OR. In addition, Soo-Ok has started volunteering for the Adopt-A-Class program in Baltimore City public schools where she leads positive classroom activities to middle school students. Soo-Ok has recently taken her expertise outside the country on medical mission trips to Morocco and Mauritania.

Congrats to Soo-Ok Kim for a job well done and for being an excellent CRNA! We are fortunate to have you on our team!

Save the Date: 3/30/19

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JHMI CRNA Education Retreat

The CRNA Leads from JHH, BV and HCGH are planning an Education Retreat that you won’t want to miss. Topics include Giving and Receiving Feedback, Anesthesia for LVAD Patients, Awake Fiberoptic Intubation, and Importance of Intraosseous IV placement. There will be special awards, food, CEUs, and surprises! Join us for a Saturday morning of education with your colleagues.

JHH CRNA Division Meetings

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Dr. Sikorski, guest speaker on Trauma Presentation

April 4
May 2
June 13

Bayview CRNA Division Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Bruce Schoneboom and Andy Benson will present Johns Hopkins University Nurse Anesthesia Program Update.
The Johns Hopkins Bayview CRNAs visited the students of St. Francis of Assisi engaging them with the skills of a CRNA. The Bayview team also volunteered at Our Daily Bread feeding those who need it the most. We have an AMAZING CRNA Team!
JHH CRNAs donated money and needed supplies for the brand-new Ulman House. They also made dinner for the patient families who were staying there.