

2025 Chapter Awards Submission Form : Entry # 437**Nominator Information****Name**

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Cell Phone (Call)

Are you a member of the Maryland ACEP Chapter?

Yes

Hospital Affiliation**Name of Hospital**

Johns Hopkins

Address of Hospital

Baltimore, MD

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Colleague

For which Chapter Award are you nominating a colleague or self-nominating?

Emergency Nurse of the Year

Nominee Information**Name**

Sherril-ann Pinnock RN

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Is the nominee a member of the Maryland ACEP Chapter?

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Please submit a brief narrative (500 words or less) describing the nominee's achievements, contributions, and impact on emergency medicine.

Sheril-Ann is an exceptional nurse in emergency medicine whose dedication and contributions have made a profound impact on patient care and the department as a whole. With unparalleled clinical expertise, she provides compassionate, high-quality care in some of the most urgent and fast-paced environments. Her ability to think critically and act swiftly under pressure ensures that patients receive the best possible care, regardless of the circumstances.

A passionate advocate for patient-centered care, Sheril-Ann works tirelessly to improve the healthcare experience for patients. She advocates for processes that prioritize both patient safety and well-being, collaborating closely with other healthcare professionals to implement policies and procedures that enhance the quality and accessibility of emergency care. Her ability to support and guide her colleagues further strengthens her department's collective commitment to excellence.

Sheril-Ann is also deeply invested in advancing research within the department. She plays an instrumental role in supporting the research staff and fostering a culture of inquiry. She encourages her colleagues to engage in research and actively participates in research initiatives that seek to improve patient outcomes and advance evidence-based practices. Her contributions ensure that the latest research is integrated into clinical care, ultimately enhancing the quality of care provided to patients.

Even when faced with inappropriate and challenging situations, such as being unknowingly recorded while addressing patient issues and having the footage shared on social media, Sheril-Ann maintained the highest professional character. Despite the invasion of her privacy, she responded with grace, keeping her focus on patient care and maintaining her commitment to the values of respect and professionalism. Her ability to rise above such challenges exemplifies her resilience and steadfast dedication to upholding the highest ethical standards in nursing.

Sheril-Ann's leadership extends beyond her clinical and research support. She serves as a mentor and role model for her peers, encouraging collaboration and teamwork while maintaining a positive, supportive atmosphere within the department. Her dedication to continuous improvement, both personally and professionally, inspires those around her to strive for excellence.

In every aspect of her work, Sheril-Ann embodies the core principles of nursing—compassion, integrity, and advocacy—while demonstrating the highest level of clinical expertise. Her contributions to the field of emergency medicine, coupled with her unwavering commitment to patient care and professional growth, make her an invaluable asset to her team and the broader healthcare community.

Nominee Headshot

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2025 Chapter Awards Submission Form : Entry # 415**Nominator Information****Name**

David Gatz MD

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Cell Phone (Text)

Are you a member of the Maryland ACEP Chapter?

Yes

Hospital Affiliation**Name of Hospital**

University of Maryland Medical Center

Address of Hospital

22 S Greene St, Maryland

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Colleague

For which Chapter Award are you nominating a colleague or self-nominating?

Emergency Nurse of the Year

Nominee Information**Name**

Chika Okusogu BSN, RN, CEN

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Is the nominee a member of the Maryland ACEP Chapter?

No

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Please submit a brief narrative (500 words or less) describing the nominee's achievements, contributions, and impact on emergency medicine.

Chika is an exceptional individual and an exceptional nurse, dedicated to systemic change for the betterment of our patients. We are very fortunate to have him as a member of our department. He finished his BSN in 2020, graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of Maryland. He hit the ground running and hasn't stopped! He quickly obtained his CEN certification, and has already been promoted to SCN I.

Clinically, he's amongst the very best. Be it at the bedside, in triage, as a preceptor, floating as a resource dropping US IVs, training others as a superuser, running the department as charge, or serving as Team Lead for the ED Transport Team - he's on top of it all! He's received multiple hospital "Good Catch Awards," including one for recognizing and intervening on a patient that experienced sudden cardiac arrest.

But it's some of his other work for which I think he truly deserves this award. Chika doesn't just put in the hours and then leave. He is routinely trying to make this ED better. It was almost entirely through his efforts that our ED has once again started routine HIV screenings for adult patients. As Chair of our department's Health Equity Committee, he has spearheaded initiatives related to dispelling COVID-19 misinformation for racial/ethnic minorities, investigated the effect of race/ethnicity on length of time from triage to rooming, and facilitated fundraising for LGBTQ+ and Black organizations within Baltimore.

His most recent project was very well received by our department - in which he developed a new Winter Shelter Protocol for our adult emergency department. This was no minor task, and involved coordinating care by physicians, nurses, social works, psychiatry, and even risk management.

In summary - Chika is elite. I wish I could clone him.

Nominee Headshot

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