



**Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare and the Susan D. Flynn  
Oncology Nursing Development Program, Inc. Award Four Scholarships to Advance Oncology Nursing**

NEW YORK, July 16, 2019 – [Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare](#) and [Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Development Program, Inc.](#) are proud to announce the recipients of a new joint scholarship to four doctoral nursing candidates seeking to improve healthcare for cancer patients. This scholarship, made possible by a grant from the Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Development Program, Inc. to Jonas Philanthropies, Inc., will sponsor the first cadre of Jonas-Flynn Scholars over a two-year term. This marks the first time the organizations have partnered to award scholarships in support of their shared causes.

The following recipients are all D.N.P candidates pursuing doctoral degrees with a specialization in Oncology Nursing:

- **Julie Earls**, BSN, RN from the Fairfield University School of Nursing and Health Studies was selected for her research on oncology nurse residency programs and internships. Ms. Earls was a Flynn Fellow in 2014 at Stamford Hospital.
- **Emily Kopas**, BSN, RN, OCN, also from the Fairfield University School of Nursing and Health Studies, was selected for her work focusing on caring and contributing to the wellbeing of patients and families affected by a cancer diagnosis. Ms. Kopas was a Flynn Fellow at Greenwich Hospital in 2015.
- **Kaitlin Phelan**, BSN, RN from the University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, was chosen for her research on the pivotal role nursing plays in improving outcomes for patients with cancer-related fatigue. Ms. Phelan was a Flynn Fellow at Dana Farber in 2015.
- **Molly Smith** BSN, RN, OCN, from the Columbia University School of Nursing was selected for her work as an Oncology Research Nurse and her role as a preceptor and mentor for several Flynn Fellows.

“We are excited about our new initiative in partnership with Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare of Jonas Philanthropies,” said Frederick C. Flynn, Jr. founder of the Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Development Program. “We are also grateful for this unique opportunity to continue our support of oncology nursing clinical practice and research in order to improve the prevention, treatment, and quality of life outcomes for cancer patients and their families.”

The Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program was created by Mr. Flynn in loving memory of his wife who died of ovarian cancer in 2013. Out of respect for the wonderful quality of nursing care she received during her illness, the program was developed to help stimulate the career interests and foster the professional development of potential Oncology Nurses who are rising seniors at several leading undergraduate nursing schools. Since implementing this program in 2014, it has nearly tripled -- from 13 Flynn Fellows in 2014 to 33 Fellows in 2019 -- and has produced over 100 practicing oncology nurses to date.



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“Thanks to Fred’s philanthropic vision to support oncology nursing at the doctoral-level, Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare will continue to advance and support nurses in clinical practice and research,” stated Wanda Montalvo, PhD, RN, the Executive Director of Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare. “We look forward to the impact that these oncology nurses will have on the health outcomes of patients in their care.”

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### **About Jonas Philanthropies**

Jonas Philanthropies is transforming healthcare for the better by investing where it matters most, in solutions that can be scaled for the greatest impact. Its programs address high-need issues and audiences with high-impact solutions: promoting leadership in nursing and veterans healthcare, preventing and treating low vision and blindness, and protecting our children’s environmental health. For more information about Jonas Philanthropies, visit [jonasphilanthropies.org](http://jonasphilanthropies.org), follow us on Twitter, or like us on Facebook.

### **About Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare**

Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare (JNVH) is the signature program of Jonas Philanthropies. In partnership with schools across the country, Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare identifies and invests in high-potential doctoral nursing Scholars who will address our nation’s most pressing healthcare needs. These nurses will go on to fill leadership roles as faculty, clinical leaders and researchers. For more information about JNVH, visit [jonasphilanthropies.org](http://jonasphilanthropies.org), follow us on Twitter, or like us on Facebook.

### **About Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Development Program**

The Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Development Program works to stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of the next generation of Oncology Nurses. By raising the visibility of Oncology Nursing as a career choice and provide a vehicle to expose the “best and brightest” undergraduate nursing students to this critically important and highly rewarding field, the program promotes effective partnerships between the leading cancer care Hospitals and top Nursing School programs to help attract and develop future Oncology Nurses and improve the quality of care for future cancer patients and their families

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