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With reflection—and laughter—we grow

IN JUNE, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to travel to Halifax to attend the conference at which *Registered Nurse Journal* was recognized with a national award. I was thrilled to be there in person to accept our first-place prize from the Health Care Public Relations Association. Many entries arrive each year for this competition to honour excellence in health-care work behind the scenes, and the editorial team is proud of its win in the external publications category.

As we celebrate this achievement, we are mindful that we cannot rest on our laurels, and must always strive to improve. Beginning this summer, we are asking readers to take a few moments to complete an electronic survey, providing feedback that will help us to identify what you like most about your magazine, and where we can make changes that will improve your reading experience. We encourage you to browse the digital versions of RNJ, and to select the link that will allow you to share

your insights and suggestions (www.RNAO.ca/resources/rnj).

In the magazine world, it's easy to get stuck in the status quo, and to only realize once you've stepped away that there is excitement and innovation in change. That is just as true for the nurses we profile in this particular issue: nurses who stepped out of their comfort zones in different professions to begin the journey to become RNs (page 12). Their experiences and motivations may remind you why you chose the profession, and what you love most about it.

Also in this issue, we bring you our annual collection of stories written by – and for – members (page 18). This year, you've shared some of your funniest nursing moments, and we hope these comical scenes bring readers back to a particularly poignant or memorable moment in their own careers. These moments we take to laugh at ourselves help bring perspective to our lives, and help break some of the monotony of everyday life. Enjoy. **RN**



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