



MENNONITE NURSES ALUMNI ORGANIZATION

Illinois State University

2010 Young Alumni Award

Janessa (Stimpert) Jenkins, B.S.N. '06

Janessa (Stimpert) Jenkins is the recipient of the MNAO Young Alumni Award. She graduated from the class of 2006, and received an externship at OFS St. Francis Medical Center. After graduation she was hired directly into the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at OSF. She cared for 1-3 intensive premature or ill newborn babies at a time, and was responsible for the assessments and technical nursing care for the infants and education for the parents.

Janessa was selected for a highly competitive Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program at Vanderbilt University. OSF was so impressed with her, that they paid for the program, tuition, travel and books and maintained her position at OSF. In April of 2009, she was appointed as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at OSF. She is responsible for a team of 6-12 patients, which allows her to function in both a nursing and medical model of care, as she is involved in the plan of care. She goes on rounds with doctors, reviews plans of care, attends all high risk deliveries, and handles resuscitations and procedures such as intubations and line placement.

In addition, Janessa served on three important committees, as the NICU is undergoing a major expansion. These committees included: advising team on the addition of a meditation room for parents and families, facilitating the Pain Management Committee in the NICU, and a Respiratory/ Ventilator committee, as the unit received new ventilators. Janessa also serves as a valued preceptor for MCN students.

