



Candidate Position Statement and Biographical Information

Position: Nominations Committee

1. Candidate Information

Name of Nominee:

Khristine Ronquillo, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC, PhD Student

Education (Highest Degree Held and School):

MSN from Rutgers University, the College of Nursing

Position Seeking: (*President-Elect, Secretary, Board of Directors, Nomination Committee*)

Nomination Committee

Position Statement (250 words):

I am honored to seek nomination to serve on the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) Nomination Committee. With over 22 years as a registered nurse and 18 years as an advanced practice nurse, my career has been grounded in clinical excellence, leadership development, scholarship, and service to the nursing profession.

My professional journey spans advanced cardiac and cardiothoracic care across advanced academic medical centers, with leadership roles in heart failure, cardiac surgery, mechanical circulatory support, and structural heart programs. I have served in senior and lead advanced practice roles, contributed to NIH-funded research, and participated in national education initiatives, reflecting my commitment to advancing nursing practice and evidence-based care.

As a current PhD student in Nursing Science, Research, and Education, I am deeply invested in cultivating the next generation of nurse leaders. My work as a preceptor and educator, combined with peer-reviewed publications and national presentations, has strengthened my ability to recognize emerging leaders, value diverse contributions, and uphold the standards of excellence NJLN represents.

As a recipient of the NJLN Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Scholarship, I am especially committed to giving back to an organization that has supported my growth. Serving on the Nomination Committee would allow me to thoughtfully identify, support, and elevate nurses who demonstrate leadership, integrity, scholarship, and service to New Jersey's nursing community.

2. Major Positions Held During the Past 10 Years

Date	Title of Position	Employer
Nov. 2022-Jul. 2023	Senior APP in the Cardiothoracic Program	Valley Hospital
Jan. 2016-Jan. 2018	Lead Coordinator of the Heart Failure/Transitional Care Program, Lead for Heart Failure Joint Commission Certification	Valley Hospital
Feb. 2008-Jan. 2016	Lead Nurse Practitioner of the Levitronix Mechanical Circulatory Support Research Study for Right Ventricular Support, NIH-funded	Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

3. NJLN Activities During the Past 10 Years

Date	Activity
Nov. 2025	Recipient of the NJLN, Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Scholarship Award

4. Awards, Publications, Scholarly Activity

Awards:

- 2025 NJLN RECIPIENT FOR THE DR. MAUREEN SULLIVAN FOLEY SCHOLARSHIP
- 2025 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES RECIPIENT FOR TUITION ENDOWMENT FOR SPRING 2025 & SUMMER 2025
- 2022 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES RECIPIENT FOR TUITION ENDOWMENT FOR SPRING 2022
- 2019 INNER-G POSTER IN THE VALLEY HOLISTIC CONFERENCE
- 2018 INNER-G POSTER IN THE ANNUAL AMERICAN HOLISTIC ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.
- 2011 PRESENTED TO AMERICAN CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATION IN BOSTON: *Validity and Reliability of a Novel Slow Cuff-deflation System for Non-invasive Blood Pressure Monitoring in Patients with Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device*
- 2010 WAS WRITTEN IN AN ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND POUGHKEEPSIE NEWSPAPER: www.nytimes.com/2010/08/10/health/10heart.html
- 2007 RUTGERS COLLEGE OF NURSING PROFESSIONAL NURSE TRAINEESHIP GRANT AWARDEE
- 2003 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI MEMBER, GRADUATED WITH HONORS AND AWARDED THE RUTGERS, COLLEGE OF NURSING SCHOLAR AWARD
- 2002 SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING, ALPHA TAU CHAPTER
- 2000 RUTGERS, THE COLLEGE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
- 1999 BINHI AWARD RECIPIENT FOR BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Publications:

JESSICA ANDERSON, KRISTEN BERRYMAN, JESSICA DOWD, CAITLIN KENNY, PATRICK LUIB, ISAAC NKUMAH, LAURA REILLY, ANGELA RETANO-ANDERSON, **KHRISTINE RONQUILLO***, ANJU WADHAWAN, AND SHIRA BIRNBAUM. STUDENT REFLECTIONS ON LEARNING IN A DOCTORAL-LEVEL WRITING COURSE. *NURSE EDUCATOR*. SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024, 49 (5): 284-288.

ELVIRA USINOWICZ, **KHRISTINE RONQUILLO***, BONNIE MATOSSIAN, ET. AL. REDUCING READMISSIONS FOR HEART FAILURE. *CRITICAL CARE NURSE*. 2020. 40 (1): 82-86. DOI: 10.4037/ccn2020983.

PUBLICATIONS:

Gregg Lanier, **Khristine Orlanes**, Ryan Demmer, Paolo Colombo, et. al. Usefulness of a Standard Automated Blood Pressure Monitor in Patients With Continuous - Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device. *The Journal of heart and lung transplantation: the official publication of the International Society for Heart Transplantation.* July 2015. 34 (12). DOI: 10.1016/j.healun.2015.07.008.

Gregg Lanier*, **Khristine Orlanes***, Yacki Hayashi, Jennifer Murphy, Margaret Flannery, Rosie Tefrey, Nir Uriel, Melana Yuzefpolskaya, Donna M. Mancini, Yoshifumi Naka, Hiroo Takayama, Ulrich Jorde, Ryan T. Demmar, and Paolo C. Colombo. Validity and Reliability of a Novel Slow Cuff-deflation System for Non-invasive Blood Pressure Monitoring in Patients with Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device. *Circulation: Heart Failure.* June 2013. 6 (5). DOI: 10.1161/CIRCHEARTFAILURE.112.000186.

Gregg Lanier, **Khristine Orlanes**, Ryan Demmer, Paolo Colombo, et. al. Reliability of a Novel Slow Cuff-Deflation System for Non-Invasive Blood Pressure Monitor in Out-Patients with Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device. *Journal of Cardiac Failure.* August 2011. 17 (8). DOI: 10.1016/j.cardfail.2011.06.132.

Sims, D.B., Kato, T., Vink, J., Lasala, A., Murphy, J., ***Orlanes, K.**, Flannery, M., Tefrey, R., Gallos, R., Smiley, Uriel, N., Jorde, U. Whoa Baby! Successful Vaginal Delivery in a Woman with Dilated Cardiomyopathy Supported with a Left Ventricular Assist Device. *Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation*, Vol. 30, No. 4, pp S71-S71, 2011.

Scholarly Activities:

PRESENTATIONS:

INNER-G POSTER. PRESENTED POSTER IN THE VALLEY HOLISTIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE (SEASON'S, WESTWOOD, NJ – APRIL 30, 2019)

INNER-G POSTER. PRESENTED POSTER IN THE AMERICAN HOLISTIC NURSES ASSOCIATION (BUFFALO, NY JUNE 2018) : INNER-G

Presented poster in the American Cardiology Association (Boston, MA October 2011) : Validity and Reliability of a Novel Slow Cuff-deflation System for Non-invasive Blood Pressure Monitoring in Patients with Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device

CATCH-UP 2012 FACULTY SPEAKER: HEART FAILURE, DEVICES, AND INTERVENTIONS. MAY 17, 2012. TOPIC: *DRIVELINE INFECTION-PREVENTION AND SURGICAL MANAGEMENT.* ***FIRST NURSE PRACTITIONER TO EVER PARTAKE AS A FACULTY SPEAKER IN THIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.***

CATCH-UP 2013 FACULTY SPEAKER: HEART FAILURE, DEVICES, AND INTERVENTIONS. MAY 15-16, 2013. TOPIC: *VAD Coordinator on Call: "3am – Red Heart Alarm, Battery Failure, Power Surges and Other Routine Emergencies."*

CATCH-UP 2014 FACULTY SPEAKER: Heart Failure, Devices, and Interventions. May 15-16, 2014. Topic: *Palliative Care Case Study.*

THORATEC SPONSORED VAD SUPPORT GROUP TALK, held in Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. September 28, 2010. Topic: *Traveling with a Left Ventricular Assist Device.*