Michael A. Hastings, MSN’12, RN, CEN
2015 Early Career Achievement in Nursing Alumnus

For his outstanding leadership in emergency care, Michael A. Hastings, MSN’12, RN, CEN, is the recipient of the 2015 Early Career Achievement in Nursing Award.

Hastings was born in Kansas City and was raised in Independence, Missouri. His mother worked for 39 years at Hallmark. He put himself through Longview Community College, then transferred to Central Missouri State University where he received a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. He later decided to enroll in nursing school and graduated from Baker University with a bachelor’s in nursing. He then attended the University of Kansas and earned a master’s in nursing organizational leadership.

After graduating from KU, Hastings worked in the emergency department at The University of Kansas Hospital. He was quickly identified as a leader and was approached to help lead the hospital’s sepsis initiative. He dived into in his new role by helping create education and screening tools to be utilized throughout the hospital. The sepsis team’s work quickly earned a stellar reputation, with hospitals across the state asking the team to help them with their sepsis protocols.

In 2010, the emergency department at KU Hospital was approved for a residency program, and one of the requirements was hiring a dedicated research coordinator. Hastings moved back to the emergency department, leading its research and quality department.

In 2013, Hastings’ future husband would take a job in Austin, Texas. Hastings followed and accepted a position as a trauma program manager at Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas in Austin. Under his leadership the trauma center was re-verified as a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center. This past June, Hastings began a new position as Clinical Supervisor of Emergency Services at Swedish Medical Center in Redmond, Washington.

Community service is an important part of Hastings’ life. He was involved in numerous volunteer activities while in Kansas City, including the AIDS Walk, the Heart Walk, and being a Boy Scout leader. Also while in Kansas City he served as a foster parent to ten different children in a four-year period. This service continued in Texas where he volunteered at a local church providing food and clothing to those in need.

Hastings and his husband Chris were married in November 2014 after being together for 14 years. They now reside in Edmonds, Washington, and are parents to twin 4-year-old boys.

The KU Nurses Alumni Association is thrilled to bestow Michael A. Hastings, MSN’12, RN, CEN, with the 2015 Early Career Achievement in Nursing Award.