

Baystate Nurse Honored with DAISY Award



We are delighted to announce that **Kelsey McLaughlin BSN, RN, RNC-nic** (pictured 5th from the left) a neonatal intensive care (NICU) nurse has received the DAISY Award. The DAISY Award is an international recognition program that honors and celebrates the skillful, compassionate care nurses provide every day. For the first time since Covid19 began, the family member that nominated Kelsey was able to attend the award presentation in the NICU. Assurey Garay who nominated

Kelsey McLaughlin, wrote: "there are simply not enough words or sentiments to show just how amazing Kelsey McLaughlin was to us. I had my baby at 23 weeks' gestation with a less than 3% survival on March 29, 2021 weighing 1lb 4.6oz... Our precious Gabriela spent the first 5months of her life under the care of the wonderful team at the NICU. 148 days to be exact. On day 1 it was Kelsey who took the time to go over the good, the bad, the ups the downs... so many downs...Kelsey was our therapist when I was falling apart when it seemed like all I got was bad news...From day 1, she advocated for Gabriela like she was her own...You have an amazing NICU and the Garay family is forever grateful for the 148 days spent with you all." Kelsey is a graduate of UMass School of Nursing and has been in our NICU since 2016. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!