

## Home I.V. Gift Establishes Dean's Excellence Fund



*(from left) — Dr. Jason Penry, vice chancellor for University Advancement; Brandi Melton, vice president of Home I.V. Specialists; Julia Robinson, president of Home I.V. Specialists; Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions.*

JONESBORO — Home I.V. Specialists has established the Dean's Excellence Fund at Arkansas State University with a gift of \$50,000. This endowed fund will provide A-State's College of Nursing and Health Professions an opportunity to enhance the educational experience for the college's students by strengthening its programs, faculty and facility.

"Home I.V. Specialists is proud to be partnering with Arkansas State University and the College of Nursing and Health Professions to create the Dean's Excellence Fund," said Brandi Melton, vice president of Home I.V. Specialists. "The medical communities that have supported Home I.V. Specialists for 25 years greatly benefit from the exceptional education and training that students receive from A-State."

With the establishment of the Dean's Excellence Fund, the dean will have an ability to identify and fund opportunities in priority areas that necessitate high-impact strategies or solutions, which are meaningful to the continued evolution and growth of the college. This discretionary fund is available for ambitious activities as emerging practices, knowledge building, quality transformation and leadership succession.

"In my 20-plus years at the university, I have never had the opportunity to have discretionary funding readily available for purposes of building and growing the college," stated Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. "For each new project, I would have to take time to identify funds for a particular initiative. This will certainly expedite the process of bringing more formulated ideas to the table for conversation and possible implementation. This is really a visionary fund and I am grateful to Julia and Brandi for their support of our current and future efforts".

The College of Nursing and Health Professions, behind the leadership of Dr. Hanrahan, has become one of the premier colleges in the region. In August 2015, the A-State School of Nursing was selected as one of the top-10 collegiate programs in the eastern region of the United States and as the top-ranked program in Arkansas by NurseJournal.org.

Home I.V. Specialists, Inc. is a specialty pharmacy, home infusion, enteral, parenteral nutrition and home medical equipment provider offering services to patients throughout Arkansas and Southern Missouri. Home I.V. Specialists is the only locally owned statewide provider in Arkansas, offering patients hospital and home training on services and medications with 24-hour follow-up. Home I.V. Specialists currently has full service pharmacies in Jonesboro and Little Rock with a support center in Mountain Home. Further Arkansas expansions are planned for 2016.

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