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# Mary Glavassevich

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**M**y mother's decades of nursing have given her a unique perspective on healthcare. She has seen it as her duty to share her knowledge with the new generation of healthcare providers. Although my mother did not receive formal training in teaching, she has enthusiastically taught, mentored and inspired many nursing students and healthcare workers. I congratulate my Mom on recently winning the award detailed below and want to share the interview done after the award ceremony.

Michael Glavassevich



Mary Glavassevich centre, with VP Education, Dr Ari Zaretsky and Director of Organizational Development and Leadership, Shamena Maharaj.

Mary Glavassevich is the Patient Care Manager for Surgical Oncology and Hearing Services at Sunnybrook, where she has worked for more than 40 years. In her role as PCM and as a registered nurse, *Mary G* as she is known by many, continuously mentors new staff and students. She recently received the *Educating Sunnybrook Award* from the Sunnybrook Education Advisory Council.

### **What do you like most about being an educator?**

I like being able to identify the potential in others and to work with them to develop and grow individually and professionally. And best of all, I love to hear about their successes.

### **What tips do you have for other educators who are looking to inspire students or colleagues?**

I would ask educators to reach out to others. Don't wait to be approached by staff because they may not always be aware of their needs or be willing to seek assistance. Reach out to help individuals identify their strengths and build on their strengths.

### **Do you have a teacher who made a lasting impact on you and your career?**

I have had many teachers that have made an impact on my career and growth. They have mentored me in various aspects of my career. For example, I have received mentoring in research and also in administration.

### **What inspires you to be an outstanding educator?**

I am inspired to be an outstanding teacher and mentor by watching others whom I have mentored grow and develop into significant leaders at Sunnybrook. This would give me comfort as I step away from the profession knowing that I have left my footprints for others to emulate.

### **What does it mean for you to win the Educating Sunnybrook Award?**

Winning this award has given me personal pride in being recognized for fostering development and growth in others.

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