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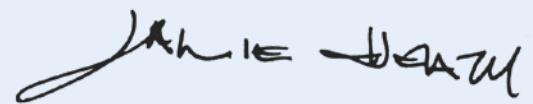
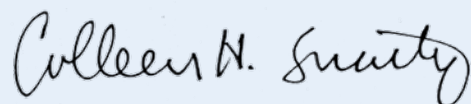
UK HealthCare® and the UK College of Nursing are proud to introduce you to our ninth edition of InStep! With every passing year, we discover new reasons to highlight the important work and experiences of our nurses—each unique, each invaluable, each giving meaning to our true mission to serve “every patient, every time.”

In the following pages, you will read about our teams using cutting-edge technology to serve our ever-growing patient populations through ECMO transport. You will hear from an individual who endured extreme circumstances and translated his experience to be a voice for other patients. You will learn about the ways in which our nurses made decisions on the physical spaces of our newest parts of Albert B. Chandler Hospital that positively affect patient outcomes. These are just a few of our many stories that demonstrate our commitment to those we serve—inside these walls and beyond. The practice of nursing has certainly evolved over the past decade, and as you read, you will experience the contemporary profession’s successes and challenges.

As we continue to lead the way as the No. 1 hospital in the state of Kentucky, we understand the impact our nurses have on our patients—and we are proud to continue our legacy of excellence as a Magnet®-designated health care system. The current workforce shortages we experience fuel our innovation and our desire to ensure our standard of care is upheld in every practice location. We are keen to ensure our nurses are prepared for the clinical transition, as well as ensuring our academic programs are pointed, relevant and progressive to match the clinical needs of our complex patient populations.

We hope these pages serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration that provide momentum to improve the value of nursing practice along each and every episode during the care continuum. On behalf of both UK HealthCare and the UK College of Nursing, we thank you for recognizing our nursing excellence as a long-standing academic-clinical partnership that is transforming patient care every day. Our committed partnership continues to grow and thrive—we hope you enjoy reading about our journey.

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What is The Boomerang Society?

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The Boomerang Society is an annual giving recognition society formed to assist the College's Alumni Association in providing opportunities that may not otherwise be available. Gifts to the Boomerang Society support scholarships, professorships, research, education programs, internships, networking opportunities and more. Join us today and support the next generation of exceptional nurses from the Big Blue Nation and beyond!

To join the Boomerang Society, simply give a gift to the College fund of your choice.

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Scholarships transform the lives of promising nursing students by allowing them to invest their time and energies more fully in their course work.

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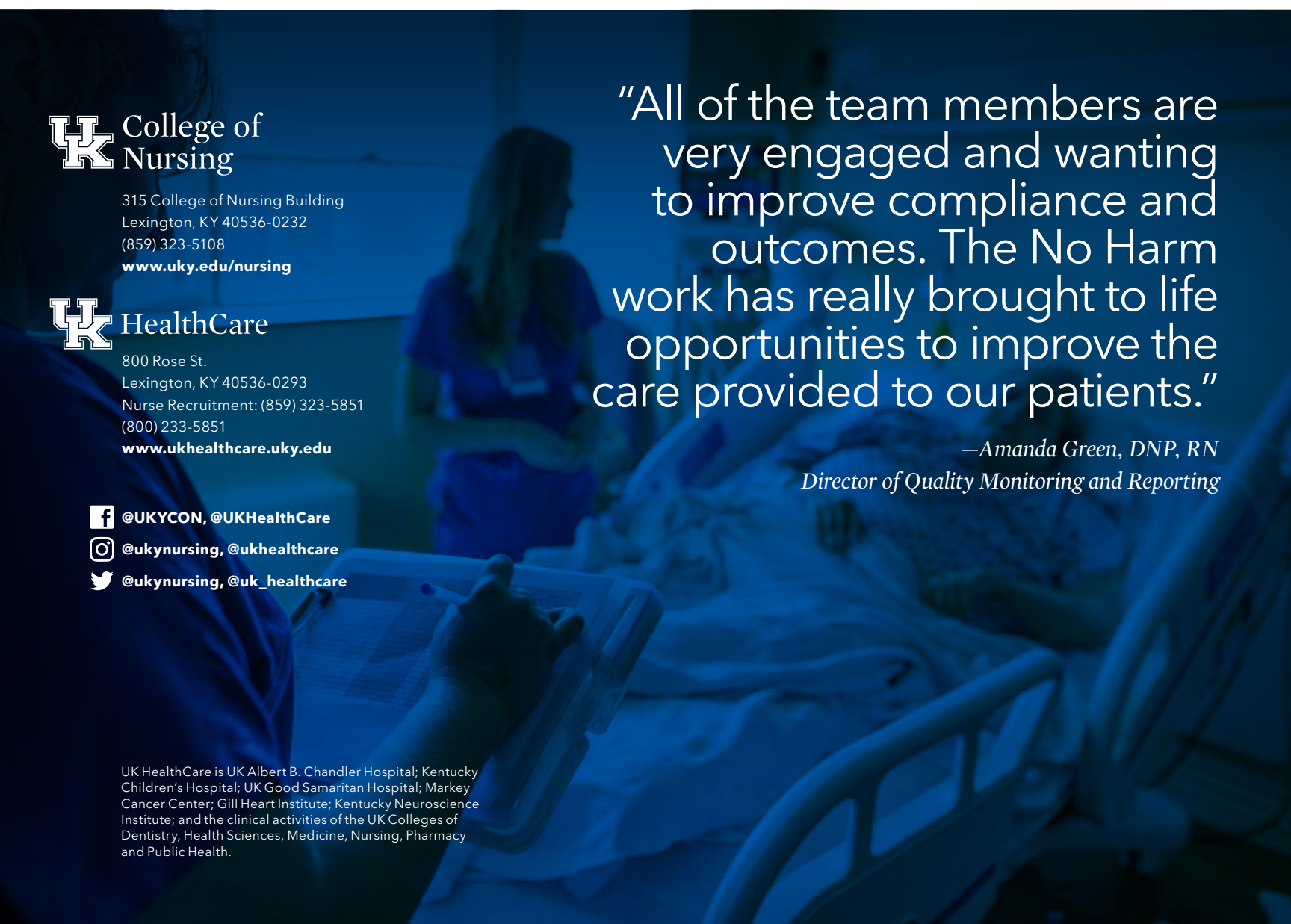
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"All of the team members are very engaged and wanting to improve compliance and outcomes. The No Harm work has really brought to life opportunities to improve the care provided to our patients."

—Amanda Green, DNP, RN
Director of Quality Monitoring and Reporting

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