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Melbourne COVID-19 Nurse Awarded Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing Scholarship

4 August: Chief Executive Women (CEW) is proud to award its ground-breaking Leadership in Nursing Scholarship to Le Truong, a Nurse Unit Manager from St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne where she is also celebrating 10 years of service. Ms Truong led a team of 50 through the 2020 pandemic on a designated COVID-19 ward.

The resilience shown by her and many other nurses during the pandemic is a key quality of leadership according to Bonnie Boezeman AO, Scholarship Benefactor and a founding member of CEW.

"As essential workers, they've shown enormous resilience showing up every day and not knowing what challenges would face them and they take it in their stride, like true leaders," Ms Boezeman said.

"From clapping in the streets to the tribute at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympic Games, nurses have been publicly recognised for their contribution like never before. It is well overdue," she said.

Ms Truong is passionate about the future of the nursing profession with this growing recognition and is looking forward to further developing her leadership skills to make meaningful changes in the nursing profession.

"I see so many young, eager nurses who are willing to move towards leadership positions, and this scholarship will help me foster that environment for them," Ms Truong said.

The [Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing Scholarship](#) will see Ms Truong undertake a Master of Healthcare Leadership at [Southern Cross University](#).

Southern Cross University Chancellor Sandra McPhee AM said the online course was designed with flexibility for working nurses.

"It allows nurses to engage with the latest evidence-base to further develop their confidence and leadership, whilst extending their skill set to enhance their day-to-day nursing practice," Chancellor McPhee said.

“As a long serving member of Chief Executive Women, I am particularly pleased to celebrate this important partnership with Southern Cross University as we both strive to develop the future health workforce, recognising the critical role that female nurses play on a daily basis in our healthcare.”

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Since 1985 CEW has influenced and engaged all levels of Australian business and government to achieve gender balance. Through advocacy, research, targeted programs and scholarships, CEW helps to remove the barriers to women’s progression and ensure equal opportunity for prosperity. CEW’s members work actively to realise our vision of a community where women and men have equal economic and social choices and responsibilities.

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