

AMY (SMULSKI) DRUML



Amy graduated from West Campus in 1994 and has risen from certified nursing assistant (CNA) to Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive for Northwestern Medicine (NM) McHenry and Woodstock Hospitals.

A dedicated leader with a career spanning over three decades at Northwestern Medicine, she has been instrumental in elevating the healthcare standards of McHenry County.

Prior to her appointment as vice-president, Amy served as the Manager of Operations in the Cardiac Telemetry Unit. She began her career at

Centegra Health System in 1995, working as a certified nursing assistant. She has served in multiple leadership roles, contributing to strategic projects such as the NM Huntley Hospital opening, Centegra/ NM integration, ANCC Magnet designation, McHenry Hospital bed privatization, and COVID-19 response.

Amy earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from NIU's School of Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of

Phoenix. Amy holds board certification as an advanced nursing executive and credentials from a variety of professional organizations.

Amy received the DAISY Nurse Leader of the Year award in 2023 in recognition of her outstanding transformational leadership.

Amy has been a staunch advocate for the next generation of healthcare professionals. She serves on the Nursing Advisory Boards for McHenry County College and the College of Lake County. Notably, she partnered

with McHenry High School to assist in the development of our Biomedical Science Program, providing local students with residency opportunities and a pathway to earn their CNA certificates.



*Class of 1994
Inducted in 2026*