

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, April 19, 2020

Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax was scheduled to accompany the Portsmouth High School trip to Sister School, Nichinan Gakuen Jr. – Sr. High School and its companion Nursing School, during April Vacation. That trip was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; but inspired this poem. To read more, visit Tammi Truax's blog at <http://aintiawriter.blogspot.com/>

To the New Nurses of Nichinan whose cap pinning ceremony I was to attend this month

As you finished your formal studies
the world has demonstrated
what an enormous responsibility
is being pinned upon you
along with a pretty white cap.

Do not let the weight
of that enormity daunt you.
You affirmed everything
you need to succeed
before donning the cap,

when you answered this calling,
when you chose this profession.
For there is no nobler calling
than to alleviate
the suffering of another.

Be that a well-timed smile,
be that a word of support,
be that needed nutrition,
be that pain management,
be that helping someone breathe.

Be that being there
when one can no longer breathe
and would leave this world,
alone, if not for you,
your presence, your touch.

You'll handle the enormity
because you already have
the ability, the nobility.
The cap is an adornment, and
for your willingness to wear it
the world thanks you.



Nichinan Nursing School cap ceremony, during 2016 Portsmouth High School Sister City/Sister School visit.

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