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BLOOMINGTON, III.— Illinois Wesleyan University alumna Susan Okuno-Jones has been named vice president, nursing practice and innovation at Advocate Health Care, the largest integrated health care system in Illinois.

Okuno-Jones received a Bachelor of Science in **Nursing** at Illinois Wesleyan in 1986. She earned a Doctorate of Nursing Practice and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and she holds a Master of Art in health service management from Webster University.

In her new role, Okuno-Jones will lead a system-wide approach to nursing professional practice through evidence-based practice and nursing research. She joined Advocate in 1987 as a staff/charge nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill. Leadership positions at Advocate Lutheran General included case manager of the NICU, coordinator of evidence-based practice and magnet,



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manager of nursing science and magnet program director, and director of professional development and service excellence. Since 2012 Okuno-Jones has served as the hospital's executive director of cancer, neurosciences and medical services.

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