

Faces of FRONTIER: *FOCUSED ON THE MISSION*



Jeanne Parrish

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As a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), Jeanne Parrish is a part of the only SANE team for the City of Charlottesville, and surrounding rural counties of Albemarle, Nelson, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Madison. As a registered nurse for the SANE team at the University of Virginia Medical Center, Jeanne provides post-assault care and treatment to victims of sexual assault. She gathers forensic evidence, provides medical care, Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) and pregnancy prophylaxis, and counseling services to women to help them become survivors instead of victims of sexual assault.

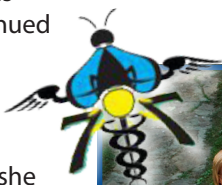
"I provide SANE care, which empowers women to take back control of their lives and avoid the victim mentality," Jeanne states. By providing the prophylaxis and counseling services, Jeanne ensures they suffer no lasting medical problems from their assault. She also ensures that her patients are well armed with information and access to continued support services to cope with the trauma they have suffered. If her patients request it, she will also gather evidence to be used to prosecute their attacker in the justice system.

Jeanne was introduced to Frontier Nursing University by a friend and she soon realized that her goals and aspirations were in line with those of Mary Breckinridge, FNU's founder, who established a healthcare structure to serve women and families and focused on rural and underserved populations. Jeanne shares, "I want to expand my education and skills in order to provide more comprehensive care to my patients. My ultimate goal is to open a women's center that not only provides rape crisis services, but also empowers women to better themselves and take control of their lives. I want to help women from all walks of life improve their lives and their families' lives."

FNU was the perfect fit for Jeanne as she fell in love with the history and family atmosphere that the university offers. She also says that her classmates (known as the Fireflies) have been invaluable to her education and career. "They have supported me unflinchingly since I met them over a year ago, and are helping to make me into an amazing provider. I would not be where I am now without them. I love my Fireflies!"

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Jeanne was a student in Class 77, aka the Fireflies. Her fellow classmates or "Fireflies" have been invaluable to her education and career.

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