

The My Blue Dot Pin Story

Tonight we want to acknowledge that Stanford was the genesis of My Blue Dots as well as to honor those who wear the blue dots. We also want to honor those who travel the journey with those going through this challenging experience. Many of these technicians and doctors wear a brave face but often go home with a broken heart. I know my doctor did.



My doctor, Dr. Sarah Donaldson, is the reason we are here tonight. She has been strong for so many as they travel through these uncharted and very smoky times. Her peers have acknowledged her and she has been awarded scores of honors as well as the Stanford University School of Medicine Dean's Medal.

But tonight, I speak for her patients, the many people who wear the blue dots that she has touched over the years and will continue to touch in the future. We, her patients, who she has been strong for when we were weak, and compassionate toward when we did not know it, want to acknowledge and honor her tonight.



Thus, this blue dot pin was created to honor you, Dr. Donaldson as well as to provide a symbol of *Healing*, healing of the body, mind and spirit, *Hope* for a bright new future, and robust *Health* for those cancer warriors in the days and years to come.

Dr. Donaldson, this evening we, your patients and those in the Radiation/Oncology Department, honor you with this blue dot pin and thank you for your care over these many years.

These blue dot pins will be given to the doctors, therapists and all who completes their treatments at Stanford both now and in the future. However, as this pin is to honor you, we want you to be the first to receive it and to wear this as a symbol of healing, hope and health.

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