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# 2023 Nurse's Day Ceremony





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# Clinical Coaches of Excellence



# 5WT Clinical Coach

## Kaitlin Pike

Clinical Coach of Excellence







# 6ET Clinical Coach

**Elliott Farlow**  
Clinical Coach of Excellence





# 6ET Clinical Coach

## Cameryn Bowers

Clinical Coach of Excellence





# 7ET Clinical Coach

**Maya Cantley**  
Clinical Coach of Excellence





# 7CYT Clinical Coach

**Kaley Waldrop**  
Clinical Coach of Excellence





# 7 Oncology Clinical Coach

**Billy McConahay**  
Clinical Coach of Excellence





# 8ET Clinical Coach

**Cynthia Gillett**  
Clinical Coach of Excellence





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**Richard Cigich**  
Clinical Coach of Excellence





# 10WT Clinical Coach

## Almareli Santana

Clinical Coach of Excellence







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## Terria Gibbs

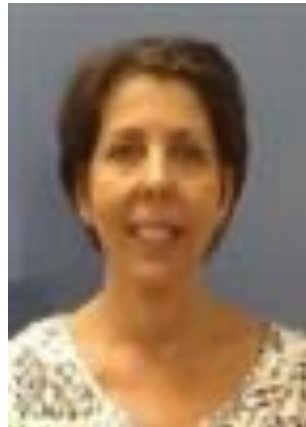
Clinical Coach of Excellence





# Critical Care Clinical Coach

**Deborah Adams**  
Clinical Coach of Excellence





# Raffle Prizes





# USF Preceptors of the Year

## Hollie Wales- ICU

Hollie took me under her wing and welcomed all my questions and provided independence but with support. Her work habits were excellent and she instilled those in me. I really feel lucky that I got to know her and was trained by her. I could not have asked for a better experience.

## Michele Nikatis- ECC

Michele went above and beyond to make sure I was prepared; asked what I wanted to learn and actively sought assignments and skills for me to participate in. She introduced me to everyone and made sure to make me feel supported. She was kind, considerate and very understanding.



# Shared Governance Chairs

• **We Thank You!**



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Abby West  
Alberta Costa  
Alyssa Patton  
Amanda Eastmond  
Amanda Sokalsky  
Amber Rooms  
Amber Westbrook  
Amy Green  
Billy McConahay  
Brandi White  
Briana Crawford  
Brooke O'Neil  
Brittany Wetzel  
Carlie Wilson  
Carolyn Ramirez  
Chantal Tanelus  
Christine Alston  
Christine Ryan  
Courtney France  
Courtney Milton

Cynthia McFadden  
Daconil Miller  
Danielle Schmidt  
Daria Swedzikowski  
Darlene Fisher  
Donna Rogers  
Emily Lucas  
Emily Reese  
Erica MacMillan  
Georgetta Parmann  
Heather Hackney  
Heike Bucken  
Jane Sarnicki  
Janelle Roseberry  
Jared Gosper  
Jennifer Cheng  
Jonna Moree  
Julianna Groom  
Karen Mejia  
Karen Summers

Karin Lazaridis  
Kathleen Faticone  
Katie Miller  
Kaylie Roberts  
Kristen Brazee  
Leah Brown  
Leah Yoder  
Lori Olsen  
Mark Peralta  
Michele Nikitas  
Michelle Marshall  
Michelle Nalley  
Monica Mason  
Morgan Dettmer  
Nicole Holubec  
Rome Escanillas  
Sarah Jordan  
Sarah Naples  
Shannon Cass  
Stephanie Robinson

Susan Michaud  
Taylor Hansen  
Tina DeSimone  
Tonirae Christofferson  
Tracy Hyatt



# SMH Clinical Scholars



# **10WT Clinical Scholar**

**Taylor Szmania, BSN, RN**

**Standardization of Evidence-Based Practices for  
Generalist Peripheral Intravenous Catheter  
Insertion and Maintenance**





# **3NW Clinical Scholar**

**Michelle Nalley, MA, BSN,  
RN, Medsurg-BC**

**Evaluation of a Phenobarbital Protocol for Severe  
Alcohol Withdrawal on Patient and Nursing Safety  
Outcomes**



# **8ET Clinical Scholar**

**Morgan Dettmer BSN, RN,  
PCCN**

**Prevention of Transition Shock Among Newly  
Graduated Nurses: An Evidence-Based Practice  
Project**



# **Distinguished Nurse- Research & Innovation Award**



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**Bridget Darfahl, PhD, C-ONQS, CNS, CNE, RN**

**For advancing the Sarasota Memorial mission to provide healthcare services that excel in caring, quality and innovation.**



# Daisy Award Winners



**March 2022- Beth Dix LPN II- Neuro 5ET- 41<sup>st</sup> Winner**

**June 2022- Megan Ireland, BSN,RN- 6 Oncology- 42<sup>nd</sup> Winner**

**September 2022- Alissa O'Connor, RN-BC- Med/Surg 5WT- 43<sup>rd</sup> Winner**

**December 2022- Kathy Otto, BSN,RN, CCRN- Trauma (TICU)- 44<sup>th</sup> Winner**



# **2023 Nurses & PCTs of Excellence**



# FLOAT TEAM

## **Katrina Grey** Nurse of Excellence



- Katrina goes above and beyond. She advocates for her patients, handles the role of charge with a caring touch & advocates for staff.
- Katrina takes time to educate and assist new nurses & travelers with ease.

## **Maksim Tkachou** PCT of Excellence



- Maksim is the 'call light sprinter'. He makes sure that all of his patient's needs are communicated, his rooms are tidy and clean, his patients are fed/eating, and patients are up to the chair when able.
- He never sits until all his work is done and is an excellent worker.



# Intervention Team

**Lisa Ziegler**  
Nurse of Excellence



- A great source of knowledge and insight.
- Always willing to help.
- Always caring to patients and staff.





# 3NW Medical Care Unit

## **Tonya Bellamy** Nurse of Excellence



- Tonya is a hard worker. She takes extra load to help her team.
- She is always willing to go out of her way to provide excellent patient care.
- She has excelled as a team leader performing as charge nurse.

## **Christian Helling** MST of Excellence



- Christian is an amazing team player. He is always eager to help even in the most difficult times.
- He is a top performer when it comes to patient care.
- His calm demeanor, politeness, and great de-escalation techniques make him a great asset for our unit.



# Emergency Care Center

## Georgia Reinke Nurse of Excellence



- Very helpful and so knowledgeable.
- Compassionate to fellow staff and to patients.
- Always has an upbeat attitude.

## Jared DeCubellis MST of Excellence



- Always helpful and friendly.
- Skillful and professional.
- Always willing to help others and has a positive attitude.



# Trauma ICU/CVICU

## Lauren Violette Nurse of Excellence

## Brent Solich MST of Excellence



- Lauren goes above and beyond for her patients.
- She is a wonderful team player and always jumps in to help.
- Lauren handles tough circumstances with such grace and compassion.



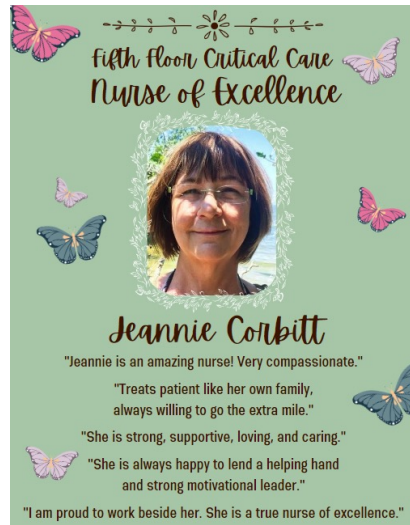
- Excellent resource, hard worker & team player.
- Always available to assist, very responsive & helpful especially with supplies & equipment.
- Upholds the standard of unit excellence.



# ICU Neuro/Med Surgical

## Jeannie Corbitt

### Nurse of Excellence



- Jeannie is an amazing nurse, very compassionate.
- Treats patients like her own family, always willing to go the extra mile.
- She is strong, supportive, loving and caring.
- She is always happy to lend a helping hand.



# 5ET Neuro/Cardiac

## **Kimberley Maynard** Nurse of Excellence



- Follows through on everything from her peers to patients alike without fail
- Knowledgeable and educates in a way that puts her patients at ease
- Has a proactive approach to her patients and peers to help everyone get through the shift

## **Sandra Tamayo Arribasplata** PCT of Excellence



- Positive attitude and proactive approach to patient care, anticipating patient needs
- Provides encouragement for other team members to promote a welcoming environment



# 5WT Med Surgical

## **Mackenzie Thwing** Nurse of Excellence



- She is supportive and well-liked by her peers. She is always “helping everyone on the floor.”
- Mackenzie is a strong clinical nurse and provides great care to her patients.
- She is always a pleasure to work with and remains positive, no matter what is going on on the unit.

## **Lindsey Lamont** MST of Excellence



- Lindsey displays professionalism by being attentive and effectively communicating with patients, doctors, and peers.
- Lindsey tackles obstacle and handles chaos with a calming demeanor keeping the unit functioning smoothly.



# 5NW Medical Short Stay

## **Amber Westbrook** Nurse of Excellence



- Perfect role model of a distinguished nurse-positive, compassionate, patient and caring
- Excellent team player, always asking and willing to lend a hand
- Extremely knowledgeable and loves to precept new hires
- Advocates for her patients but coworkers as well

## **Naomi Smith** MST of Excellence



- Goes above and beyond for her patients and always provides care with compassion and empathy
- Proactively answers call lights, never needs prompting
- Excellent team player, always asking staff if they need a hand
- Always flexible with her assignments and picks up extra so staff doesn't have to work short





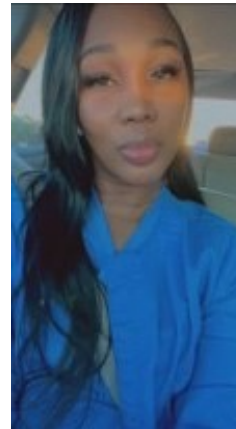
# 6ET General Surgical

## Courtney France Nurse of Excellence



- Always willing to help throughout the shift no matter the situation; helps EVERYONE; “I don’t think Courtney has ever told me ‘no’ when asked to help someone”
- Always goes above and beyond to help keep our day running smoothly without being asked, dependable and

## Mariesha Wildman PCT of Excellence



- Always has a positive attitude (“radiates positivity!”), upbeat, and willing to help everyone, and this never changes, even on the hardest days
- Provides the best, most excellent patient care to her patients, compassionate, hardworking, goes above and beyond (like blow drying their hair!)





# 6 Oncology Tower

## **Kayla Yoder** Nurse of Excellence



- Kayla is kind to her patients, family members, and co-workers. She stays positive, even during the hardest shifts. She is thorough and efficient all at the same time! I love when we share patients because she treats me as a teammate! Kayla is amazing!
- Kayla is always willing to help and goes above and beyond

## **Andrea Lanton** MST of Excellence



- Andrea is the rock of our unit and has an amazing work ethic! Not only is she a hard worker, often working but flexible to trade when needed.
- As a HUC, she is organized, orders all our supplies, pleasant to patients and visitors as our first encounter at the desk or pleasantly answering call lights.



# 6CY Mother Baby

## Mary Hopewell Nurse of Excellence



- Flexible in her assignment. Always willing to pick up extra to help a different unit in need (Labor, OBECC or MBU)
- Mentor to all new staff, she is trusted she will show all new hires the SMH way of providing top notch care to our patients.
- Patient care: Provides excellent patient care and shows compassion and support to all our patients .

## Denise Nelson MST of Excellence



- Great attitude, always has a smile on her face. Remains positive for her team
- Role model: is an excellent charge nurse and role model to all new staff and current employees. Maintains team morale everyday to the most positive level.
- Communicates well with staff and patients. Makes sure everyone feels heard!



# 6WT Pediatrics

## **Emily Sears** Nurse of Excellence



- Always takes the time to teach new skills or explain them to new staff.
- Emily is a team Player ALL of the time!! She jumps in to help with anything!
- One of her co-workers states: *She is the nurse I aspire to be!!!!*

## **Genevive Ghen Arellano** MST of Excellence



- Ghen often helps to stock the unit at the end of her shift, if she wasn't able to get to it.
- She is willing to help everyone and often has completely things before even having to be asked. She is always one step ahead!



# 7 Oncology Tower

## **Ellie Farmer** Nurse of Excellence



- The recurring themes in her nominations are that she always has a smile on her face and goes above and beyond for the team. She radiates positivity on the unit and is a joy to work with.
- She is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure the next shift is set up for success.

## **Brian Gurchiek** MST of Excellence



- Even on difficult days, he remains positive and optimistic and works hard to support the team.
- He communicates well with fellow PCTs as well as the nurses. His peers state that he brightens up each room he walks into with his positive attitude.
- He is resourceful and always willing to tackle any task in a timely manner.



# 7WT Wound/Diabetic

## Emily Vandersteen Nurse of Excellence



- Provides very compassionate care for her patients.
- All of her patients and their family members sing her praises.
- She always goes the extra mile to assist with issues and overcomes every obstacle she encounters.
- She is detail oriented, diligent, and dedicated both to her peers and her patients.

## Kelsey Grendel PCT of Excellence



- Kelsey is always ready to jump in and help in any situation.
- She is a hard-worker and always trying to learn new things.
- Kelsey has become a preceptor and wants to become an MST next, and even applied to nursing school. She will be a great nurse!
- She provides the best care to her patients and always goes the extra mile to make them comfortable.



# 7ET Cardiac Progressive 4

## **Kristen Brazee** Nurse of Excellence



- Kristen is A ray of sunshine to the unit, an amazing team player, a great charge; so knowledgeable and will always pull a policy.
- Treats & cares for her patients SO well. Adds so much value to SMH.
- Goes above and beyond for her patients & team.

## **Yarlin Carrero Urdaneta** PCT of Excellence



- Yarlin is always eager to help with any patient, she is proactive and always lets us know when she needs to notify nursing, she goes above & beyond every day and has an amazing bedside manner.
- Sweet, kind, always there to help.





# 7CY Cardiac Progressive

**Katelyn Wilcox**  
Nurse of Excellence



- Provides great care to her patients
- Goes above and beyond to help everyone around her
- Picks up extra shifts to make sure our floor is always well staffed
- Great Preceptor
- Always kind to others
- Trains new grads and does such a great job

**Talia Synstelien**  
PCT of Excellence



- Very positive
- Is always eager to help anyone that needs it
- Able to multitask without sacrificing great care
- Is always positive even when it is very busy
- Never complains about the work load



# 8WT Medical 2

## **Jonna Moree** Nurse of Excellence



- Jonna is an exemplary nurse, friend & mentor. She is very kind to her patients, encouraging to staff, and fights for what is needed. ALWAYS leading by example & willing to jump into any situation to help whenever she can.
- ALWAYS has a positive demeanor & is genuine with caring every action toward her patients & peers.

## **Jordan Riddle** MST of Excellence



- Jordan has exemplified excellence when it comes to patient care. He is ALWAYS willing to help & has a positive attitude, no matter what.
- Hard worker, team player, polite, caring & an amazing tech. He never says no to helping.





# 8ET Cardiac Progressive 2

## **Rich Cigich** Nurse of Excellence



- Rich has a winning attitude--- positive, bright, thoughtful, kind, hardworking.
- He puts patients at ease and explains their plan of care in a way they understand.
- He checks in on other staff to offer help when needed and is quick to respond.
- Rich is a great team builder and uplifts the unit when he works.

## **Kerry Hancock** PCT of Excellence



- Kerry has a great attitude
- Kerry is always smiling and always kind to her patients
- She is very helpful to her coworkers and available when needed.
- She gives great patient care and goes above and beyond for her patients



# 8CY Cardiac Progressive Acute

**Angela Wilds**  
Nurse of Excellence



- She takes pride in the quality of care our patients receive
- I truly aspire to be her! (from a newer nurse)
- Makes me feel safe when she is in charge
- Incredibly smart and a great resource
- She is kind and tactful

**Nichele Brown**  
MST of Excellence



- Great teacher, patient and informative
- Always willing to help
- Reliable – always shows up for the team
- Always knows the answer
- Great teamwork



# 9CY/9WT Orthopedics

## **Christine Ryan** Nurse of Excellence



- Constantly goes above and beyond with providing safe, quality care- sees the whole patient, the big picture.
- Tenderly, lovingly, calm and compassionately cares for each patient as an individual and their family!
- Ensures the needs of the patients are always met.

## **Cristina (Tina) Marquez** MST of Excellence



- Tina Marquez is all things efficient, safe and kind...
- When Tina is your PCT, you know your patients will be clean, happy and cared for! The environment of the patient looks the same way! Cared for!
- She is so efficient, she can have and anticipate what is needed for the charge nurse when in the HUC role!



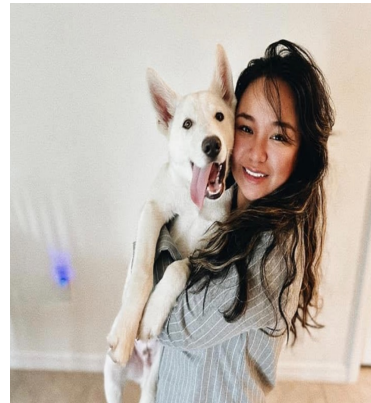
# 9ET Trauma

## **Taylor Frye** Nurse of Excellence



- Taylor is always willing to lend a hand with a positive attitude.
- I always know that when I work with Taylor my shift will be great.
- Taylor has an excellent wealth of knowledge and is a great resource. She is the policy and procedure expert.

## **Althea Cedeno** MST of Excellence



- Althea is always willing to teach others new things on the unit. She never says no to helping when help is needed.
- She has so much knowledge on things that help me grow as a tech/person.
- She always puts patient needs and care first.



# 10WT Medical 1

## **Taylor Szmania** Nurse of Excellence



- A true patient advocate who really utilizes music therapy, always willing to help and a great clinical coach for new grads.
- Has incredible people skills and manages patient care with aplomb, care and kindness. She can handle just about anything.

## **Ricardo Henri** MST of Excellence



- Very kind, works hard, compassionate.
- Committed, responsible, with initiative.
- Helpful, never says no, team player.
- The nicest, most polite person. He goes above and beyond and is a great team player.



# 10ET Respiratory Progressive Care

## **Abby West** Nurse of Excellence



- Team Player. Excellent patient care and always accountable.
- Patient advocate, great resource and educator for other staff.
- Compassionate, loving and patient with us and our patients and family. She always goes the extra mile.

## **Bitervens Noel** MST of Excellence



- Always patient, gentle, kind and treats everyone with respect. Never gets flustered.
- Team player, always go above and beyond. Very empathetic and excellent communicator.
- Team work! Stays calm and does the best for his patients.





# Labor & Delivery

## **Rebecca (Becca) Figueroa-Cintron** Nurse of Excellence



- Flexible and always willing to jump in to help.
- A great resource to the entire team.
- Well respected by her peers.

## **Brooke Gnerre** MST of Excellence



- Always willing to go the extra mile to help on all the units.
- Goes over and beyond to make sure patients feel welcomed, heard, and important.
- Always has a positive attitude that is infectious.



# Hemodialysis

## **Regina Ramirez** Nurse of Excellence



- Very helpful and professional when dealing with staff and patients.
- She has excellent critical thinking skills.
- She is a pleasure to work with and goes above and beyond for her patients.
- She is kind, caring, and compassionate.
- She is very knowledgeable and always willing to share and teach others.





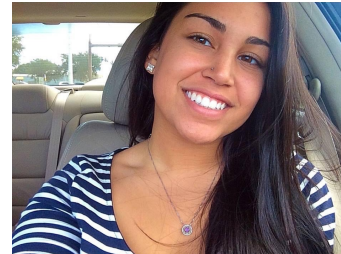
# Endoscopy

## **Alya Serfaty-Hakim** Nurse of Excellence



- Always makes a positive impact to patients and staff with her always caring and compassion.
- Alya is always a go-getter. She will come in extra to cover staffing so safe patient care will be delivered. She is a patient advocate from admission to discharge at all times.

## **Ashlee Ramnarine** MST of Excellence

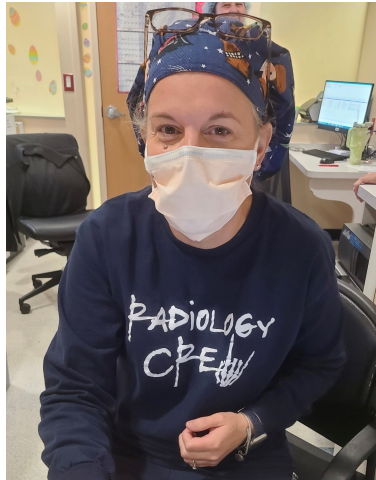


- Ashlee gives 120%+ while working, she sees the entire picture and flow of the Endo Unit.
- Ashlee is proactive in moving patients into preprocedural bays and assisting the nurses in prepping patients for their procedure.



# Radiology Nursing Services

## Heather Wood Nurse of Excellence



- She is always an advocate for our patients, communicates with physicians and helps resolve patient issues
- She is very comforting to patients and a huge resource for staff
- Upbeat and fun to be around
- Keeps a smooth running workflow

## Kenny Evans MST of Excellence



- Always smiling and ready to help
- He does everything with a smile, never complaining about any request
- His warm and caring demeanor helps to ease the anxiety and tension often experienced by our pre-procedural patients
- Our unit is absolutely made better because of Kenny



# Inpatient Rehabilitation

**Doris Galvez**  
Nurse of Excellence



- Phenomenal patient advocate.
- Always willing to pick up extra shifts.
- Compassionate, respectful, and professional.
- Goes to extra mile to provide the best patient experience .

**Julia Whisonant**  
MST of Excellence



- Provides exceptional patient care
- Great role model
- Always smiling and willing to take on difficult tasks
- Empathetic and compassionate



# Neonatal Intensive Care

## **Dawn McGarry** Nurse of Excellence



- Dawn is a strong patient/family advocate who consistently thinks outside of the box for solutions to patient needs.
- Dawn is an incredible team player and always willing to help with NICU admissions all while caring for her own patient assignments.

## **Kyle Schottke** MST of Excellence



- Kyle is our positive and friendly staff member that welcomes our NICU families and makes their first impression of the NICU a positive one.
- Kyle is helpful and informative to our families supporting them from admission through discharge.



# Operating Room

**Angela Shattuck**  
Nurse of Excellence



- Dedicated to excellence.
- Patient-centered, kind, professional.
- Lifelong learner.
- Resource to all.

**Katherine Culbert**  
MST of Excellence



- Energetic.
- Go-getter.
- Speedy response.
- Pro-active.
- Excellent communicator.



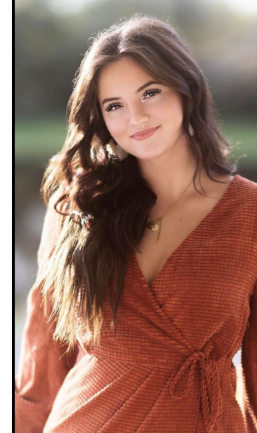
# North Port ECC

## **Amy Green** Nurse of Excellence



- Amy is a Wealth of Knowledge
- Is always there for you if you need her
- Exceptional Charge Nurse who constantly organizes and motivates her team.
- Makes sure everyone is taken care of - Patients and staff alike.

## **Madison Shepard** MST of Excellence



- Is a breath of fresh air, will jump right in and help with a positive attitude.
- Great attitude towards patients and staff.
- Great teammate and very good at her role as MST
- Always willing to learn.





# Nursing and Rehab Center

## Missy Miller Nurse of Excellence



- Missy is engaged with her residents and their families. This engagement facilitates optimum customer service. Her residents thrive under her care.
- Missy constantly is looking for ways to help others. She manages her assignments with ease and is open to assisting others anyway possible.

## Eve Milliard PCT of Excellence



- Eve is the best listener, finding the perfect moments to make her residents feel like they are the only one she is caring for on any given day.
- She provides care in an effective manner, efficient with her time management that always exceeds the expectations of her residents.



# Logistics

## Kiersten Kaplan Nurse of Excellence



- She is solutions focused, respectful, positive, and calm in the face of high priority, stressful situations.
- Proactively created an electronic resource for the Logistics team which is now used by all when she saw a need to keep the ever changing algorithms, policies and intricacies of the units up to date in one centralized location, accessible from all Logistics computers.
- Strives to always do the right thing and holds others to the same standard.
- Humbly accepts all tasks, no matter how complicated or difficult, and will go above and beyond. Her striving for excellence pushes her peers to do the same, creating an excellent team.





# Bayside

## **Joleen Dorman** Nurse of Excellence



- Joleen Dorman is a Nurse of Excellence every day of the year.
- Joleen is an incredibly valuable contributor to our patients and our team. As a Charge nurse at Bayside, she ensures that the team feel supported, and she goes above and beyond.

## **MK DeBruhl** PCT of Excellence



- The activities that MK leads show originality and are designed to keep patient's attention and to encourage participation. His positive attitude, great communication style and his focus on the needs of each patient, result in patients staying engaged in the activities.



# Pre Operative Services

## Krystal O'Connor Nurse of Excellence



- Always maintains a positive attitude while working
- Great with patients
- Extraordinary person and clinician
- Always willing to help in any situation
- Compassionate team player

## Angela Rivers MST of Excellence



- Amazing asset to the team
- Works well under pressure
- Great resource of information
- Always has a positive attitude
- Awesome team player



# PACU

## **Eden Cannon** Nurse of Excellence



- Amazing evening charge nurse. Very knowledgeable when caring for critical care patients.
- Excellent resource in the unit. Does the best job handling stressful situations.
- Eden is a team leader.

## **Alissa Torres** MST of Excellence



- Alissa is always on task and working hard for the patients and nurses. She's always busy doing whatever needs done on the unit.
- She takes initiative to get things done without being asked.
- Alissa is dependable and takes great care of the patients.
- She's always polite and respectable to everyone.



# Pre Admission Testing

**Nicole Julao**  
Nurse of Excellence



- Great team player
- Calm, kind and compassionate
- Amazing preceptor
- Empathetic and patient
- Always willing to help
- Knowledgeable and confident

**Carla Cacelli**  
MST of Excellence



- Professional with patients and staff
- Always friendly
- Detail oriented, catches mistakes
- Hardworking, productive and reliable
- Always helping her peers



# University Pkwy Radiology Nursing

## Christine Hale Nurse of Excellence



- Always demonstrates caring and compassionate care to make her patients feel at ease.
- Always willing to help out her team with a flexible schedule.
- Has established trusting relationships with physicians and staff, she is a go-to resource for new as well as senior staff.
- She maintains a positive attitude and is a joy to work with. If Christine is here, you know it is going to be a good day!



Thank you for celebrating with us!

**Thank you to our 2023 Nurses Day  
Committee:**

***Cindy Taylor, Abby Olsen, Tamela Fonseca, Susan Fallis,  
Michele Summers, Kathy Harnick, Gianna Palermo, Jessica  
Berkery, Patricia DeBernardo, Natalie Steinberg, Maggie  
Castro, Mary Ann Molnar, Diana Krier, Christina Taylor,  
Chastity Brewer, Tiffany Solorzano, Nathan Blount, Crystal  
Fultz, Francine McGrotty, Brittany Wetzel and Karen  
Gormley***