

Achieving Academic Excellence



Graduation speakers with the honorees (from left) Kristin Kenny, RN; Mable Joy, RN; Sedrick O'Connor, Vice President, Human Resources; Brian Moynihan, RN; Joanne Boniello, RN; Jijimol Rajkumar, RN; Laura O'Grady, RN; Sabrina Nitkowski-Keever, RN, Director of Maternal Health; Paul Butler, Chaplain Coordinator; Sue Pardee, RN; Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital; Latoshia Dicker-Clark, RN; and A. Bonnie Corbett, DNP, MS, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President, Patient Services (Not pictured) Nuwan Narampanawe and Maria Sabii, RN

On December 8th, New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital held its inaugural Graduation Celebration to recognize 11 employees who completed advanced degrees in 2017. A ceremony, held in the Main Lobby, began with a processional and concluded with a festive reception.

Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, commended these employees for their commitment to achieving personal and professional excellence, not only for themselves, but also on behalf of their patients and co-workers. "This is a tremendous accomplishment by all of you," said Ms. Petrower. "It was achieved while you worked and took care of families. You set the tone, the bar, and inspire us all."

A. Bonnie Corbett, DNP, MS, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President, Patient Services, was among the graduates. In May, Dr. Corbett earned her Doctor in Nursing Practice degree from Case Western Reserve University, marking a first for the hospital. "We are so proud of each and every one of you," said Dr. Corbett. "Your efforts to develop professionally by achieving the next level of education demonstrates your commitment to both our patients and our nursing profession."

Sabrina Nitkowski-Keever, RN, Director of Maternal Health, who organized the event, said she was inspired by Dr. Corbett to begin her own studies to earn a DNP. She noted it was important to hold a celebration, since many of the graduates were unable to attend their own graduation ceremonies.

Sedrick O'Connor, Vice President, Human Resources, added that NYP as an organization is dedicated to building the best possible employee experience and last year's Human Resources initiatives included increasing the Employee Tuition Assistance Benefit to \$7,000 a year.



Congratulations to the Graduates!

Joanne Boniello, RN, 3South BSN, Excelsior College

Bonnie Corbett, DNP, MS, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President, Patient Services
DNP, Case Western Reserve University

Latoshia Dicker-Clark, RN, 3South BSN, Adelphi University

Mable Joy, RN, 4South BSN, Grand Canyon University

Kristin Kenny, RN, NICU BSN, Jacksonville University

Brian Moynihan, RN, Emergency Department Associate's Degree in Nursing, SUNY Orange County Community College

Nuwan Narampanawe, MIS BS, Lehman College

Laura O'Grady, RN, Emergency Department MSN, Chamberlain College of Nursing

Sue Pardee, RN, Obstetrics BSN, Southern New Hampshire University

Ijmol Rajkumar, RN, 3South BSN, Grand Canyon University

Marla Sabii, RN, NICU BNS, Ohio University

Celebrating Vital Role of Volunteers

On December 6th, the Volunteer Holiday Luncheon at NYP Hudson Valley Hospital recognized the outstanding volunteers and Auxiliary members who collectively number nearly 400 individuals and who make vital contributions to patient care. "We are very grateful and proud that all of you are focused on our common goal — to provide the best experience to our patients and their families," said Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital. "Thank you for all of your hard work."

Sedrick O'Connor, Vice President, Human Resources, and Tonja Inlaw, presented certificates to volunteers with long-standing service, including Elizabeth (Betty) Warnock, a volunteer for 20 years. George D'Onofrio, a Chaplain and retired RN, shared that he gets "such joy" from all his volunteering and has a special place in his heart for patients who are veterans. "We thank them for what they did for our country."



(From left) Paul Butler, Chaplain Coordinator; George Coniglio, Chaplain; Tonja Inlaw, and Sedrick O'Connor, with George D'Onofrio, Chaplain (front)



Ms. Inlaw and Mr. O'Connor present a certificate to Elizabeth (Betty) Warnock.



Carolyn Padial, Director of Rehabilitation, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, celebrated with Stuart Brinkman, volunteer at the hospital's Center for Rehabilitation.

Welcome to Our New Employees!

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We continue to grow. Did you know that in 2017 we hired 168 people and 99 people were also promoted and/or transferred within the organization.



An Exceptional Contribution

William W. Geis, Jr., a long-time benefactor of NYP Hudson Valley Hospital and an Honorary Member of its Foundation Board of Directors, presented a \$1 million gift to the hospital. Over the years, Mr. Geis has promoted the importance of supporting the hospital that means so much to him. He has been personally moved by the excellent medical care provided by the highly skilled practitioners and, through this recent contribution, hopes to inspire others to follow his lead.

Mr. Geis (center) is joined by Michael Delfino, Chairman of the Community Board of Directors; Susan Mackey, daughter of Mr. Geis; Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital; and Andrew Lerner, Financial Advisor to Mr. Geis.



Honoring Service and Sacrifice at NYP Hudson Valley Hospital

On Veterans Day, November 10th, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital held a special flag-raising ceremony, recognized employees who are veterans, and expressed gratitude to the family members of those in active service, protecting the liberties of so many around the globe. Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, and Sedrick O'Connor, Vice President, Human Resources, presented employees who are veterans with a special "NYP Military Veterans Challenge" coin and lapel pin as a symbol of the hospital's appreciation for steadfast service in both their military careers and at our hospital.

"Today, we also honor our patients and those in our communities who have served our country so bravely," said Mr. O'Connor. In addition, that afternoon, Magnet nursing leaders and staff delivered cookies and a special message of thanks to patients from Ms. Petrower.

A Breaking Bonds Cooking Class was also held at the hospital's Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen for veterans and relatives of veterans to share insights about how cooking can assist individuals facing challenges associated with military experience. Throughout the day, employees and visitors who have served or are reservists were provided with a complimentary meal in the cafeteria as an expression of the hospital's sincere appreciation.



Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital (center), and Sedrick O'Connor, Vice President, Human Resources (sixth from left) joined a group of 60 employees and family members in honoring veterans who are employees or relatives of employees (from left) Devon Preston, Paul Butler, Catharine Square, William Matney and Mandall Alexander, VFW Yorktown guests, Michael DiCola, Thomas Lindert, Douglas Curtin, Richard Pilla, Tom Lepore, Ross Keating, and Coleen Moore-Genn.



Veterans Day celebrations were held on campuses and at regional hospitals throughout NYP. Employees who are veterans were presented with commemorative coins and lapel pins.



Festive cookies were delivered with a note from Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, which read, in part: "I would also like to recognize our many employees with family members that are currently serving in the Armed Forces and protecting the liberties of so many around the globe. May they remain safe and secure."



(From left) Sabrina Nitkowski-Keever, RN, Director, Maternal Child Health; Naim Bideiwy, RN, 3South; Susan Sheehy, Patient Services Coordinator; A. Bonnie Corbett, DNP, MS, NEA-BC, Vice President, Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer; and Coleen Moore-Genn, Case Manager, deliver cookies and a smile throughout the hospital.



Veterans, family members, and relatives of those in active service joined (center) Chef Emilie Berner and Sarah Cincotti, U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer, for a unique cooking class at the hospital's Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. The "Breaking Bonds Cooking Class" utilized physical activity (cooking) along with a meditative group session, facilitated by Paul Butler, MDiv, Chaplain Coordinator, imparting skills to help individuals and loved ones cope with challenges associated with military experience. "Cooking ignited a real thirst for me to share my story and help other people understand they are not alone," said Ms. Cincotti, who served five years in the U.S. Navy.

Veterans Day Spotlight: Two of Our Own Who Served



Catharine Square
Assistant to the Vice Presidents
of Human Resources and
Quality and Patient Safety

"I decided to serve my country during the first Gulf War by joining the ranks of the United States Air Force. I believed, and still do, that 'America is Great.' I spent seven years in the United States Air Force as a Reservist. In basic training, I went from being a Dallas police officer to a platoon leader. My MOS (military occupational specialty) included Supply/Procurement and Nutrition/Hospital Administration. I went from A1C (Airmen 1st Class E3) to Staff Sergeant E5. My military experience taught me respect, teamwork, love of family, and love of country. My service also taught me that we all share a common thread and bond no matter what political affinity one marches to and that hatred has no place in this world. Our veterans deserve the utmost respect and support."



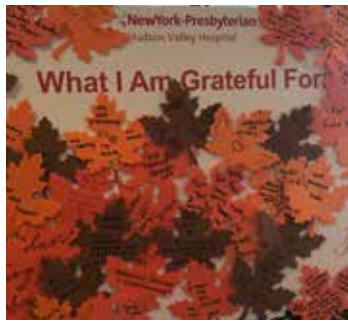
Paul Butler
Chaplain Coordinator

"I served in the United States Navy from 1990 to 1997. It was the end of the Cold War and the first Persian Gulf War. I served as a Fire Control Technician aboard two submarines, the USS Omaha and the USS Olympia, both Los Angeles Class submarines out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. My duties centered on working with the sub's weapons system. It was my job to track and target all possible contacts in the surrounding area of the submarine. This put me right between sonar, the "eyes and ears" of the boat, and the torpedo room. My official title was Petty Officer 2nd Class Butler or FTG2 Butler. The service allowed me to go to college. It also allowed me to learn how to serve with all sorts of people from all different backgrounds. My years in the Navy taught me invaluable lessons about work, service, and respect. I believe that those who serve today are offering a true sacrifice, which is invaluable to our country. They sacrifice time with their family and offer their talents to help others. They are a true inspiration and need to be assisted in so many ways. When I recollect on how I see veterans and those in active service I think this: 'I've never met a vet or active duty service member I couldn't sit down with and feel honored to have met them.'"

The Season for Giving

Sharing Messages of Gratitude

During the November 21st Farmers Market in the Main Lobby, staff and visitors were invited to post a note about what they were grateful for on a "Gratitude Board." Soon the board was filled with handwritten messages, including one for the NYP Hudson Valley Hospital team: "I'm grateful for being a part of such an incredible, empathetic work family."



Joining in Giving Tuesday

On #GivingTuesday, November 28th, people all over the world took a moment out of their everyday busy schedule to support nonprofits and amplify the impact of giving. Dr. Bobby Janda, Chief Medical Officer, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, donned his volunteer hat to celebrate Giving Tuesday at our hospital, where 220 individuals serve as volunteers and another 190 individuals serve the hospital's Auxiliary. Together, they play an essential role in the hospital's ability to deliver excellent and compassionate care to patients and respond to community needs.



"Giving makes our community a better place," said Dr. Janda. "Whether you contribute time or a donation, it has a huge impact and matters to both the giver and receiver." Joining Dr. Janda were Francine Revella, RN, Patient Care Director, 3South; Jeanette Gilbert, Deputy Executive Director, Volunteer NewYork; and Dr. Josmi Joseph, Hospitalist. Volunteer NewYork conducted this year's #Bridge2Give campaign uniting community and business leaders from Westchester and Rockland counties.

It's a Wrap

"Holiday Helpers" at NYP Hudson Valley Hospital wrapped more than 500 gifts in the Main Lobby on December 14th to make wishes come true for local children and their families. More than 100 employees served as personal shoppers. Organizers of the event, now in its 22nd year, were (from left) Denise Pilla, Human Resources Specialist; Maureen DiMaggio, Director, Patient Financial Services; and Sue LePore, Administrative Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator. (Not pictured) Deborah Petranichik, Manager, Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation



Let's Talk Turkey

Dan Wald, Director of Operations, was in full holiday spirit as he joined other dedicated employees working the Thanksgiving holiday, including employees of Laboratory Services (standing, from left) Kathy Zubradt, Norma Daileg, Cheryl Carey, and Rita Melendez-Reed, and (kneeling) Mark Lavisores.



Holiday Fun at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor



In and Around the Community

Westchester Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Recognize George Coniglio and Jini George Cummins

Congratulations to George Coniglio, Chaplain, NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, who was one of four seniors receiving Special Recognition honors from the Westchester Senior Citizens Hall of Fame at a special ceremony in Tarrytown on December 1st. Jini George Cummins, a member of the hospital's Auxiliary, received an Honorable Mention.

Tonja Inlaw, Director of Volunteer Services, who wrote on behalf of NYP Hudson Valley Hospital to nominate George, noted in her submission to the Westchester County Public/Private Partnership for the Aging, "George has spent most of his career working with and advocating for seniors in Westchester. He is nearly always available to come to the hospital at a moment's notice... A few times a month, he serves as the on-call night chaplain to comfort a distraught individual or sit bedside for hours with a family in the early morning hours as they go through the death of a loved one."

The 35th Annual Awards Luncheon drew many government officials and community leaders, including Deputy Westchester County Executive Kevin J. Plunkett, who presented plaques to George and four other top nominees. "When I retired, people advised me to keep busy," said George, a hospital chaplain since 2013 and former Director of Senior Citizen Programs and Services at the Theodore D. Young Community Center in Greenburgh for 20 years. "But it's not about keeping busy, it's about staying involved and meeting a need in the community. And NYP Hudson Valley Hospital has one of the best volunteer programs in the state. To be nominated from this group is an overwhelming honor."



Joining George Coniglio in celebration were colleagues and family members (from left) Cora Weis; Tonja Inlaw, Director, Volunteer Services; Sedrick O'Connor, Vice President, Human Resources; Siobhan Cavagnaro; and Josh Weis.

Chemotherapy Care Bags for Cancer Patients

On behalf of cancer patients at NYP Hudson Valley Hospital's Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, Karen Erickson, Director, Oncology Services and Pharmacy, accepted a dozen "chemo care bags" made by Girl Scouts from Troop 80 of Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery, New York. The scouts filled the bags with reading and writing materials, crafts, and a bottled water.

"We just wanted to help make the patients feel better," said Quinn Manning, daughter of Cristen Manning, Troop Leader, who also visited the Cancer Center with Troop Leader Tracie DeSpirito.



Bio-Med Students Visit the ED

On November 17th, 10 bio-med students from Hendrick Hudson High School in Montrose were given a tour of the hospital's Emergency Department. They also met with Dr. Ron Nutovits, Director, and Dr. Evan Cohen to hear more about emergency medicine and how science studies can lead to medical careers. "I liked the personal aspect of the trip to the ED," said one student. "We got to hear directly from medical professionals in different fields and they gave us details about their own experiences, which added a personal touch that you don't always get from a field trip."



Meeting with the students and their teacher, Jeanine Hall (on left) were Lindsay Seekircher, PA; Matthew Esposito, RN; Dr. Evan Cohen; and Dr. Ron Nutovits. (Not pictured) Bernie Dolan, RN, who conducted the students' tour of the Emergency Department.

Promoting Health and Wellbeing as We Age

More than 100 people attended the Silver Lining Healthy Aging Fair in the Main Lobby of NYP Hudson Valley Hospital on October 26th presented by the NICHE Committee (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders). The hospital is a NICHE facility with "Exemplar" status, an impressive recognition from the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University College of Nursing.



(From left) Linda Kanojia, RN, ICU; Julie Gorman, RN, Ambulatory Surgery; and Asha Sundeep, RN, and Kathleen Calabro, both of the Education Department

Shining a Light on Lung Cancer

NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital patients, employees, and administrative and medical leadership joined a nationwide “Shine A Light” vigil on November 15th organized by The Lung Cancer Alliance on behalf of individuals with lung cancer, survivors, and their caregivers and families.

The event included a comprehensive education program presented by the hospital’s Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center to provide information and raise awareness about lung cancer. Presenters discussed new treatments and the importance of lung cancer screening because early detection saves lives.

Also speaking was Elaine Trumpetto who expressed gratitude for the excellent medical care she received from ColumbiaDoctors and the team from the Cancer Center, particularly by Dr. Mark Stoopler and Magnet nurses. She also cited the hospital’s resources, including a Teaching Kitchen program, as being instrumental in her recovery.

To bring the evening to a close, Paul Butler, Chaplain Coordinator, requested all in attendance to raise “lights” for a “moment of reflection” in acknowledgement of survivors, patients, and their families, and in gratitude for medical advances.



Among the supporters of the Shining a Light on Lung Cancer program were (from left) Stacey Petrower, President, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital; Dr. Roy Ommen, Thoracic Surgeon, ColumbiaDoctors; Karen Erickson, Director, Pharmacy and Oncology Services; Angela Gonzalez-Perez, Vice President, Operations; Dr. Mark Stoopler, Medical Oncologist, ColumbiaDoctors; Drs. Leah Katz and Lawrence Koutcher, Radiation Oncologists, Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center; and Paul Butler, Chaplain Coordinator.



(From left) Elaine Trumpetto with her daughter, Brynna Trumpetto, and Chef Emilie Berner, Coordinator, the Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen

Creating Healthy Thanksgiving Side Dishes

Popular demand to learn more about making the Thanksgiving meal more healthy was evident on November 16th, when Dr. Surbhi Agarwal, Internist, NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group Hudson Valley, and Chef Emilie Berner, Coordinator of the hospital’s Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen, presented a “Physician in the Kitchen” program to 20 participants.

Also observing the program with Dr. Agarwal and Chef Berner, and spending the day with Jodie Ferrari, RD, NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, and

her team to discuss our hospital’s “Malnutrition Initiative” and other clinical nutrition programs, were colleagues from NYP (from left) Kathy Ryan, Director of Clinical Nutrition, NYP Westchester Division; Gena Seraita, Senior Dietitian; Elaine Rosenthal, former Director of the Dietetic Internship Program at NYP and currently a consultant; Kristen Mathieson, Senior Dietitian; and Louise Merriman, Administrative Director, Clinical Nutrition, NYP.

To make an appointment with Dr. Agarwal, please call 914-736-0400.



Comfort Feeding Program



Comfort Feeding is a process that involves techniques and strategies for caring for persons with swallowing difficulties. On December 5th, Dr. Bruce Heckman, MPH, who specializes in Palliative and Hospice Care, shared his expertise with caregivers in a special “Physician in the Kitchen” program. Joining him were (from left) NYP Hudson Valley employees Jodie Ferrari, RD; Carol Bancel, RD; and Chef Emilie Berner, Coordinator of the hospital’s Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen.

To make an appointment with Dr. Heckman, please call 914-941-1334.

Progress in Parkinson’s Disease



Dr. Yael Rapoport, Neurologist, NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group Hudson Valley, conducted a Lunch & Learn: Ask the Doctor community education program discussing new trends in the treatment of Parkinson’s disease.

To make an appointment with Dr. Rapoport, please call 914-293-8600.

Roy Ashikari, MD, Breast Cancer Symposium 2017



NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital and its Ashikari Breast Center held the Fifth Annual Roy Ashikari, MD, Breast Cancer Symposium, attended by senior leadership, medical leadership, cancer experts, and other healthcare professionals from throughout Westchester, Dutchess, and Putnam Counties.

The keynote presentation, Fertility Preservation in Cancer Patients, was presented by Kutluck Oktay, MD, PhD, FACOG, Medical Director and Founder, Innovation Institute for Fertility Preservation and IVF, and Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Reproductive Sciences, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at Yale University School of Medicine. Melissa K. Accordino, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, discussed cancer survivorship in her presentation, Improving Quality of Life in Breast Cancer Survivors.

The symposium is a professional education program named for Dr. Roy Ashikari, the founder of the Ashikari Breast Center, which has earned an international reputation for its expertise and successful outcomes. The Ashikari Breast Center's three surgical oncologists are Andrew Ashikari, MD; Pond Keleman, MD; and Melita Charles, MD.



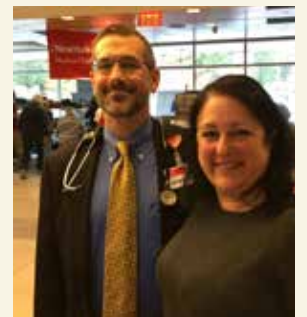
(From left) Dr. Kutluck Oktay, Dr. Pond Keleman, Dr. Melissa K. Accordino, Dr. Andrew Ashikari, Dr. Roy Ashikari, and three medical oncologists from ColumbiaDoctors, who practice at the hospital's Cheryl R. Lindenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center: Drs. Martin Oster, Mark Stoopler, and J. Gregory Mears.

Healthy Living Community Cook-Off

The Healthy Living Community Cook-Off, presented by the American Heart Association, PCSB, and NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, was promoted throughout the Hudson Valley region in October to raise awareness about heart-healthy cooking and eating. The finals were held at the hospital's November 7th Farmers Market. First Place honors went to Raymond Patchey, a Pawling resident. Four contestants were selected from more than 75 Hudson Valley residents who submitted recipes. Mr. Patchey won for his Mediterranean Squash Casserole.



Raymond Patchey (third from left) with three other contestants and Cook-Off judges. (From left) Jackie Schwartz of Patterson; Chef Emilie Berner, Coordinator, the Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen who served as a Cook-Off judge; Joseph Roberto, Chairman, President and CEO, PCSB bank and Cook-Off judge; Sue Lynam of Poughkeepsie; Chef Leslie Lampert, Owner and Philanthropist, Cafe of Love and Ladle of Love, and Cook-Off judge; and Donna Hermiston, PCSB bank.



Also attending the festivities were Dr. Patrick Thomas, Cardiologist, NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group Hudson Valley Cardiology, and President of the Board of Directors, Putnam Chapter of the American Heart Association, and Jennifer Miller, Senior Regional Director, Westchester County, American Heart Association.

Empowering Seniors at Jefferson Village

On November 17th, members of the Ethics Committee discussed "Life and End of Life" planning with Jefferson Village residents in Yorktown, emphasizing how honoring patient preferences is a critical element in providing quality end-of-life care. "We can talk about our wishes and what we want for end-of-life care when we are healthy," said Dr. Craig Hametz, Cardiologist, NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group Hudson Valley Cardiology. "It does not have to be a dire conversation." Attendees also learned about the importance of a healthcare proxy, medical orders for life-sustaining treatment (MOLST), and do not resuscitate (DNR) orders.



Members of the NYP Hudson Valley Hospital Ethics Committee (from left) Chris Malmgreen, RN, hospital chaplain and former Director of the hospital's Magnet Program; Dr. Craig Hametz, Cardiologist; Dr. Harold Stevelman, Cardiologist and Ethics Committee Chair; Jodie Ferrari, RD; Gemma Martini-Mahon, RN, Emergency Department; and Asha Sundeeep, RN, Education Department.



Helping Our Garden Grow

Thank you to Hemlock Hill Farm in Cortlandt Manor for supporting the hospital's organic garden with a significant donation of compost. "This will nourish our community in the coming year," said Chef Emilie Berner, Coordinator, the Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen. Crops grown on site include tomatoes, corn, beans, squash, and strawberries.

These fruits and vegetables are used for food preparation and samplings at Teaching Kitchen classes as well as in the hospital's "Soups and Sides" program for patients undergoing infusion at the Cancer Center.

Honors and Awards

Physician of the Quarter



Dr. Glenn Hamroff, Cardiologist, was selected by his peers as “Physician of the Quarter.” At the annual MD Holiday Celebration on December 6th, Dr. Ron Nutovits, President, Medical Staff, praised Dr. Hamroff as a “dedicated and talented” physician and thanked him for his service as Chair of the hospital’s Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for more than a decade, and for being a valued voting member of the Medical Board. Dr. Nutovits also noted that Dr. Hamroff’s oversight of diverse non-invasive cardiology clinical trials for more than two decades has allowed many of the hospital’s patients access to the latest treatments in medicine. Dr. Hamroff is also Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center.

Daisy Award Winner



At NYP Hudson Valley Hospital, the DAISY Award was presented on October 26th to Kellyne Fonrose, RN, BSN, 3South, by an enthusiastic group of colleagues led by A. Bonnie Corbett, DNP, MS, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President, Patient Services. Patients nominate nurses who demonstrate extraordinary patient care. Congratulations to Kellyne, pictured here with Francine Revella, RN, Patient Care Director, 3South. Kellyne was among 21 nurses nominated. She is the hospital’s second Daisy Award recipient.

Employees of the Month

It is with great pleasure that we recognize our Employees of the Month for September through December 2017. Congratulations and thank you for all that you do to Put Patients First.



September 2017
Robert Gorgone
Central Sterile Processing

Rob Gorgone embarked on his career at NYP in 2010 as a member of the Environmental Services team, later transferring to the Store Room. In light of his personal commitment to self-improvement and career development, Rob applied for a position in the Central Sterile Processing Department (CSPD) in 2014 and became a Certified Central Processing Technician. Rob has continued his professional development and obtained an additional certification as an Instrument Specialist in the summer of 2017.

Rob is described by his colleagues as positive, upbeat, and a consummate team player. He views every challenge as an opportunity for self-growth. He is meticulous in his craft and demonstrates excellence in instrumentation and sterilization processing in an effort to provide safe care for our patients.

In March of this year the CSPD team was introduced to endoscope processing for which Rob has become a “champion.” He worked closely with the endoscopy clinical team on implementing the current process flow. His passion and continued drive inspired him to seek out training opportunities to improve his skill set in endoscope processing. He is now exploring the path to certification in this area as well.

Rob epitomizes employee engagement. The CSPD and Surgical Services Department are extremely honored to have Rob as a member of their team.



October 2017
Irina Torres
Food Service

As a Food Service Supervisor, Irina Torres successfully leads by example. Irina knows that the perfect mix of ingredients with the right recipe will create an amazing patient and employee experience. The results of her talents are sampled daily and enjoyed by all.

Irina is most proud of her staff and colleagues for the efforts they put forth each day. She promotes a team spirit environment encouraging staff to live and work to their full potential. Employed with the hospital since August 2012, she has been an important part of the continued success of our Food and Nutrition team. In addition to promoting a warm and pleasant environment, Irina takes great pride in the work that she performs and the results are appreciated by patients, visitors, and staff throughout the hospital. Her commitment to her team members’ success shows in her efforts to help anyone in need while creatively crafting solutions to meet any challenge presented. Irina’s commitment to her job is evident daily and visible to all. She works closely with all of her Food and Nutrition colleagues to deliver a high quality patient experience.

We are pleased to share that Irina was recently promoted to Food Service Manager. We extend our congratulations to Irina and wish her continued success in her new role as she continues to enhance the patient experience in partnership with her team.



November 2017
Angelina Rivera
Nuclear Medicine

Angelina Rivera has been with the hospital since March 2007. Angelina has a vibrant and welcoming attitude ensuring that every patient and family member feels cared for and welcomed. One of Angelina’s greatest strengths is her ability to remove the “stress” from the stress test experience for both the patient and their family and friends. It isn’t unusual for a stress test to take three to four hours. These are long and challenging hours for our patients and having someone such as Angelina, who exudes empathy and understanding while professionally taking care of the patient and their support team, makes the difference and positively impacts their experience. An engagement champion of the Nuclear Medicine Department, Angelina encourages employee engagement and team work.

As a local resident, Angelina is very involved in community and humanitarian efforts outside of the hospital, most recently joining in the system-wide NYP initiative as well as other community efforts to get supplies to the residents of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. She also traveled there to assist with on-the-ground distributions. Angelina especially enjoys working with children. Having two children of her own shared with her husband of many years, Angelina instills high values in both her home and work life. In fact, Angelina’s daughter will be following in her mother’s footsteps pursuing a career in the medical field as a Physician Assistant.

A fun fact about Angelina... prior to entering the medical field, she enjoyed success in acting, appearing in several movies. She is now pursuing a degree in Healthcare Administration.



December 2017
Menino Gonsalves
Environmental Services

Menino Gonsalves epitomizes the Respect in our Respect Credo and exemplifies its true meaning. No matter how challenging the day may be, Menino brings a calming serenity with him as he works throughout the hospital. His ever present smile brightens the day of many. He is described by his colleagues as a great person to work with, always dependable, extremely reliable, thoughtful and caring, and an overall amazing person who we are lucky to have on our staff.

The values of our organization are readily evident by Menino’s commitment to care, and demonstrated through his sense of responsibility and teamwork. Menino has served in the capacity of Environmental Services Aide since October 2009, and his nomination was enthusiastically supported with cheers of well-deserved wishes throughout the hospital.

Menino’s humble character is such that he accepts and wishes to share this recognition with the entire Environmental Services Department. This sense of teamwork is yet another reason why his nomination and selection is so well deserved.

KUDOS Corner

“Excellent pastoral care people.”

“I would like to give the hospital and its entire staff a million thank yous.”

“Best nurses I have ever had, FANTASTIC!”

“All of my nurses were incredible, specifically Carmen, Missy, Debbie, Jenn, Shann, Shay, Linda and Mari.”

“As far as hospitals goes this is by far one of the best. I mean if you have to stay in a hospital this would be the one.”

“My nurses were rock stars.”

“Dr. Roy Oommen was amazing. I am so happy I went to Hudson Valley Hospital because of the care I received. An A++ experience.”

“Pedro was very kind and made sure everything was clean.”

“Dr. Russinoff is terrific. I have recommended him many times to friends and relatives.”

“My family felt welcomed.”

Welcome to Our New Employees!

November – December 2017

<p>3 South Carmel Dorner Registered Nurse</p> <p>Danielle Piperato Registered Nurse</p> <p>Margaret Treanor Registered Nurse</p> <p>Felisha Virtuoso Registered Nurse</p>	<p>Cold Spring Physical Therapy Victoria Cacomo Physical Therapist</p> <p>Dietary Services Alexandra Mogrovejo General Kitchen Worker</p> <p>Dispatch Services Aneisha Meekins Dispatch Aide</p> <p>Rebecca Sitzer Dispatch Aide</p> <p>EMS Bryana Barreto Emergency Medical Tech</p> <p>Matthew Carroll Emergency Medical Tech</p> <p>Ryan Cullen Emergency Medical Tech</p> <p>Thomas Maher Emergency Medical Tech</p>	<p>JoAnne Sandford Emergency Medical Tech</p> <p>Jennifer Weireter Emergency Medical Tech</p> <p>Environmental Services Mayra Somarriba Environmental Services Aide</p> <p>Evaristo Vazquez Lead Environmental Aide</p> <p>Leon Vidal Manager, Environmental Services</p> <p>EWS Nicole Lim Scheduler</p> <p>Intensive Care Unit Kathleen Flynn Registered Nurse</p> <p>IT Carlos Terrero Help Desk Operator</p>	<p>Laboratory Carmen Azurin Manager, Laboratory</p> <p>Terry Brown Laboratory Tech I</p> <p>Jhonny Luciano Specimen Processor</p> <p>Maternity Cheri Bennett Registered Nurse</p> <p>Nursing Administration Mercy Azeta-Dixon Clinical Coordinator</p> <p>Paramedic Institute Olexa Makuch Paramedic</p> <p>Jennifer McSorley Paramedic</p> <p>Thomas Romano Paramedic</p> <p>Tiffany Williams Paramedic</p>	<p>Patient Accounting Kristy Benevento Billing Representative</p> <p>Magaly Binet-Fraioli Credit and Collection Representative</p> <p>Pharmacy Malcolm Brownlee Pharmacy Tech</p> <p>Benjamin Lukens Clinical Pharmacist</p> <p>Progressive Care Unit Elyssar Ghaleb Registered Nurse</p> <p>Security Joseph Bernardez Security Officer</p> <p>David Kronegold Security Officer</p> <p>Social Services Lorena Hoyos Case Manager RN</p>
<p>4 South Blessy Benjamin-Mammen Registered Nurse</p> <p>Amber Berrios Registered Nurse</p> <p>Jennifer Coleman Registered Nurse</p> <p>Gianna Fantini Registered Nurse</p> <p>Ashley Reichard Registered Nurse</p>				

Marking Anniversary Milestones

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<p>30 Years Mary Alfaro Surgical Services</p> <p>Ann Molyneaux 2 South</p> <p>Ian Morrow Laboratory</p> <p>20 Years Barbie Morgan Recovery Room</p> <p>15 Years Tyrone Benjamin Environmental Services</p> <p>Dianne Browne 4 South</p> <p>June Calderon Laboratory</p>	<p>Charles Cannato MRI</p> <p>Justin Costable Paramedic Institute</p> <p>Melissa Cummins 2 South</p> <p>Susan Faeth Surgical Services</p> <p>Mark Felder Engineering</p> <p>Elizabeth Iglesias Radiology</p> <p>Carol Kolesar Laboratory</p> <p>Robert Miller Paramedic Institute</p>	<p>Olive Peart Women's Imaging</p> <p>Patricia Todd-Perez Laboratory</p> <p>10 Years Masoumeh Gholamrezaei Nursing Administration</p> <p>Beverly Gordineer Cashiers</p> <p>Karen Houlahan Ultrasound Diagnostic</p> <p>Kurt Leonard Environmental Services</p> <p>Valerie McGough Women's Imaging</p> <p>Rita Melendez-Reed Laboratory</p>	<p>Carol Morales Wound Care</p> <p>Jane Orji 3 South</p> <p>Katherine Pagano 4 South</p> <p>Rosemary Tortorici Nursing Administration</p> <p>Sonia Varela 3 South</p> <p>5 Years Edward Becker Paramedic Institute</p> <p>Anna Comiotes-Pugsley Dietary Services</p> <p>Beth Conetta Croton Physical Therapy</p>	<p>Susan Davis Surgical Services</p> <p>Catherina DiFonzo 4 South</p> <p>Sofia DiMaio Cold Spring Physical Therapy</p> <p>Robert Joachim Nursing Administration</p> <p>Marisa Pidala Surgical Services</p> <p>Gail Roake Progressive Care Unit</p> <p>Colleen Royston Social Services</p> <p>Charlene Wharton Infusion Center</p>
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