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Our 2023 Nursing Award Recipients

Methodist Hospitals celebrated its annual Nursing Award Ceremonies, honoring exceptional nurses at Northlake on May 8 and Southlake on May 9. Please join us in congratulating this year's recipients, who truly represent the unwavering commitment and dedication of our entire nursing staff:

Nursing Excellence Award

Northlake: Dawn Jones, RN | Resource

Dawn is an exceptional clinician who is thoroughly knowledgeable about her patients' conditions, proactive in enhancing their care, and highly trusted by physicians. She maintains a professional, respectful environment, excels as the charge RN, precepts new staff, and ensures smooth unit operations and patient satisfaction.



Southlake: Morgan Ramsey, RN | Emergency Dept.

Morgan is an exemplary nurse at Methodist Hospitals, known for her quick learning, teamwork, and dedication to patient care and professional development, including earning her SANE certification. She balances her nursing duties, further education for her BSN, and single motherhood, while actively contributing to policy development and mentoring new staff and students.



Caregiver Award

Northlake: Brenda Spears, CNA | 5 South

Brenda demonstrates exceptional patient care and teamwork, frequently going above and beyond by helping others and working extra shifts. Beloved by patients for her thoroughness and strong work ethic, she is approachable, eager to learn, and consistently accurate in her documentation.



Southlake: Jose Salas, CNA | 3W2

Jose is a highly responsive and hardworking CNA who consistently helps his patients and coworkers with a positive attitude and without complaint. His dedication, kindness, and teamwork make him an excellent caregiver and a role model for his peers.



Friend of Nursing

Northlake: Anita Campbell | Housekeeping

Anita excels at keeping patient rooms clean and ensuring garbage bins are stocked with bags, even amidst the chaos of procedures and testing. She frequently performs partial cleanings throughout the day to maintain a tidy environment.



Southlake: Jeremy Bailey | Respiratory Therapist

Jeremy is an invaluable asset to nursing, consistently going above and beyond to assist with various tasks, including responding to code lifts and helping with patients regardless of assignment. His dedication is evident in his recent efforts to support nursing and security staff with a highly aggressive patient, ensuring their safety and providing continuous assistance.



The Times Honors 5 Methodist Hospitals Nurses



Five Methodist Hospitals nurses were chosen among 167 nominations to be honored by The Times at its annual Nurses Week event on May 14, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville. They were also featured in the newspaper's Get Healthy section, which published on May 8.

Margarita Meltzer, RN, (left); Wanda Jordan, RN; Amy Kersey, RN; Betty Magana, RN; and Randy Weber, RN, were among just 10 Northwest Indiana nurses chosen by a panel of four judges and more than 1,200 votes from Times readers.

To learn more, and to read a brief bio about each honored nurse, visit NWITimes.com/Nurses.

2024 Auxiliary Scholarship Winner Melanee Williams

A Methodist Hospitals employee since 2019, Melanee is currently an Emergency Department Technician at Southlake. She is currently pursuing her BSN degree at Purdue University Northwest.



Congrats to our Nursing Award Nominees

This year's Nursing Awards attracted the most nominations we have ever seen. Please join us in saluting our colleagues whose dedication and expertise inspired those nominations:

Nurse Excellence Nominations

- Austin Chas, RN, Southlake ICU
- Rita Dahl, RN, Northlake ICU
- Amanda Deardorff, RN, Southlake NICU
- Lakesha Ealom, RN, Northlake ICU
- Ifeoma Egbuna, RN, Northlake Resource
- Lydia Espinosa, RN, Southlake ICU
- Dawn Jones, RN, Northlake Resource
- Wanda Jordan, RN, Northlake ICU
- Beatris Magana, RN, Northlake ICU
- Latonia Mahone, RN, Northlake Admission/Discharge Nurse
- Michelle Saliaris, RN, Northlake PACU
- Traci Marshall, RN, Southlake 2W3
- Ruben Martinez, RN, Southlake Resource
- Anais Oglesby, RN, Southlake Resource

- Morgan Ramsey, RN, Southlake ED
- Samantha Rispoli, RN, Northlake Resource
- Eva Rivera, RN, Southlake Case Management

Caregiver Excellence Nominations

- Kelly Hall, CNA, Southlake 2W3
- Tameka Henley, Northlake Surgical Assistant
- Jose Salas, CNA, Southlake 3W2
- Brenda Spears, CNA, Northlake 5 South

Friend of Nursing

- Jeremy Bailey, Southlake Respiratory
- Lynn Budzielek, Social Worker
- Anita Campbell, Northlake EVS

KEEPING OUR NURSES *connected*



Our recent survey of Methodist Hospitals nurses revealed that many of you would like to receive Nursing Department Communications via text or to your personal email address.

So, we created a secure, online way for interested nurses to provide that information.

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Just scan this QR Code or visit MethodistHospitals.org/Connect to fill out our simple sign-up form.

Your information will only be used for official departmental communication and will not be shared with anyone.



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Call the appropriate number shown if the Operator doesn't answer when calling a CODE or RRT for a patient in distress...

For CODE calling, direct dial:
Northlake ICU: Ext. 4720
Southlake ICU: Ext. 4035

For RRT's, direct dial:
Northlake ICU: Ext. 4720
Southlake NICU: Ext. 5520