



CONTACT:

Pat Dolce, Public Affairs Specialist
(O) 239-343-8370 - (C) 239-989 2758

Department Mobile/After Hours:
239-789-5786

Lee Health 2019 Nursing Excellence Awards Celebrate Caregivers
Nineteen Winners Represent Compassionate, Patient-Centered Care

(Fort Myers, Fla. – June 28, 2019) --- For those who choose it, nursing is a vocation that requires a sincere dedication to patients, fellow nurses and other clinicians. To honor those who go above and beyond in this calling, Lee Health is proud to honor 19 nurses with its 2019 Commitment to Nursing Excellence Award.

The Commitment to Nursing Excellence Award recognizes registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who provide exceptional care, and who excel in practice, research, education and leadership. Nurses are nominated for this high honor starting during Nurses Week in May.

“Nurses are the main point of contact for many patients in their clinical care, providing compassionate treatment and support day in and day out,” said Lisa Sgarlata, DNP, MSN, MS, FACHE, chief patient care officer and chief nurse executive at Lee Health. “This award recognizes and celebrates those nurses who make a difference for our patients every day.”

Congratulations to the 2019 Commitment to Nursing Excellence Award winners:

- Tasha Baer, BSN, RN, Gulf Coast Medical Center
- Maria Galfano, RN, BSN, The Rehabilitation Hospital
- Susan George, RN, BSN, CMSRN, Gulf Coast Medical Center
- Colleen Hinton, BSN, RN, CEN, Lee Health Coconut Point
- Marie Littrell, BSN, RN, Lee Physician Group
- Jessica Maguire, RN, CCRN, Lee Memorial Hospital
- Susan McBride, RN, Outpatient Surgery Center
- Charlene Oliveri, RN, MSN, COC-C, Home Health
- Marie Oslebo, BSN, RN, Lee Memorial Hospital
- Shirley Rimmer, LPN, HealthPark Care & Rehabilitation Center
- Tanairy Rivera, BSN, RN, Cape Coral Hospital
- Donna Seilberger, RN, Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
- Benjamin Sprosty, RN, CCRN, Lee Memorial Hospital
- Guy Thompson, BSN, RN, CCRN, HealthPark Medical Center
- Diane Tingelhoff, LPN, Lee Physician Group Patient Outreach

- Rachel Toa, RN, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida
- Empris White, BSN, RN, Lee Memorial Hospital
- Patricia Willson, BSN, RN, CCRN, Cape Coral Hospital
- Stephanie Zavala, ASN, BS, CNOR. HealthPark Medical Center

About Lee Health

Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at www.LeeHealth.org.