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Lee Health Announces Board of Director Commitment to Excellence Awards

(Fort Myers, Fla. – Aug. 24, 2018) --- Lee Health announced this year’s recipients of the annual Board of Directors Commitment to Excellence Award. Twelve award winners were selected from the health system’s hospitals, outpatient centers, physician offices and ancillary and support services. Employees are chosen based on their demonstrated commitment to Lee Health’s pillars of patient experience/customer service, teamwork and continuous performance improvement.

The prestigious award, formerly known as the “Doc Coggins Commitment to Excellence Award,” was created by the Board of Directors in 2003 to honor exceptional employees and is the highest formal award given to non-management staff.

“More than 260 employees were nominated for the Commitment to Excellence Award this year,” said Stephen R. Brown, M.D., Lee Health Board of Directors Chairman. “We are extremely proud of the winners as well as those who were nominated. They truly exemplify everything Lee Health stands for and on behalf of the entire Board, I congratulate them.”

This year’s winners are:

- **Robert Atchison**, RN, Resource Nurse Critical Care, Nurse Staffing, Lee Memorial Hospital
- **Nicole Bazinet**, Occupational Therapist, Rehabilitation Services, Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
- **Richard Billian**, RN, Emergency Services, Lee Memorial Hospital
- **Carly Fifer**, Speech Language Pathologist, Rehabilitation Hospital, Lee Memorial Hospital
- **Emil Frankinburger**, Medical Social Worker, Care Management, Gulf Coast Medical Center
- **Joann Gallant**, Certified Nursing Assistant Advanced, Medical Progressive Care Unit, Gulf Coast Medical Center
- **James Hammond**, PRN Lead Transport Paramedic, Transport/Vascular Access Nursing, Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
- **Islande Joseph**, RN, Critical Care, Medical Intensive Care Unit-7N, Lee Memorial Hospital
- **Cheryl McConnell**, RN, Denial Specialist/Lead Utilization Management Case Manager II, Utilization Management Corp., Cape Coral Hospital
- **Dorene McCoy**, Advanced Provider II, Lee Physician Group Cardiothoracic Surgery, Outpatient Office
- **Lauren Rivera**, Certified Nursing Assistant Advanced, Medical Progressive Care Unit, Gulf Coast Medical Center
- **Nicole Stone**, RN, Critical Care, Oncology Outpatient

Commitment to Excellence Award winners will be recognized at a special recognition ceremony in the fall with the Board of Directors and senior Lee Health leaders.

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.