

15th Annual Employee of the Year Luncheon

Hospital employees honored at April 26 luncheon

Honoring the North Texas hospital workforce, the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation's (DFWHC Foundation) Annual Employee of the Year Luncheon celebrated its 15th year April 26 with the announcement of the 2011 recipients at the Irving Convention Center. Eleven winners were introduced from a pool of 48 area hospitals.

"This event paid tribute to the healthcare heroes of North Texas – our nurses, technicians, educators and so many other dedicated professionals working in our hospitals," said Kristin Jenkins, president of the DFWHC Foundation. "This event is an opportunity to honor the positive spirit and tireless efforts of those employees allowing our hospitals to function smoothly."

The recipients were:

Physician Award

- **Dr. Paul Whatley**, Orthopedic Surgeon, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton

Community Service Award

- **Ruth Aguilar**, Housekeeping Aide, Methodist Richardson Medical Center

System Award

- **Sandra Minatra**, Public Relations Coordinator, Methodist Health System

Special Recognition Awards

- **Diana Weeks**, Imaging Support Specialist, Hunt Regional Medical Center
- **Christopher Jackway**, Nuclear Medicine Tech II, Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton
- **Daniel Cruz**, Pharmacy Tech II, UT Southwestern University Hospitals
- **Kenneth Randolph-Ellis**, Registered Nurse, Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth



Stan Morton, chair of DFWHC and president of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton, served as Master of Ceremonies at the 15th Annual Employee of the Year Luncheon.

Employee of the Year Awards

- **Michelle Pinker**, Nurse Supervisor, Our Children's House at Baylor
- **Tonya Pena**, Clinical Coordinator, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center
- **Denice Taylor**, Registered Dietitian, Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital
- **Deborah Jean-Gilles**, Administrative Assistant, Baylor All Saints Medical Center Fort Worth

Board members of the Dallas-Fort Worth Healthcare Human Resources Association judged the nominations with names and hospitals removed, basing selections on the facts presented.

The 2011 Rex McRae Scholarship was presented to **Sarah Cook**, a nursing student at the Brookhaven College Nursing Program. The scholarship was created by DFWHC in 1998 to assist students pursuing healthcare careers in North Texas. ●



Michelle Pinker, a nurse supervisor at Our Children's House at Baylor, was named one of the 2011 Employees of the Year in the category of hospitals between 1-99 beds.



More than 600 attendees and 48 hospitals were present for this year's luncheon, held in the ballroom at the new Irving Convention Center in Las Colinas.

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EMPLOYEE NOMINEES 2011

Harold Polk, Safety Coordinator,
Baylor Health Care System

Deborah Jean-Gilles, Administrative Assistant,
Baylor All Saints Medical Center Fort Worth

Kelly Kahveci, Nurse Practitioner,
Baylor Health Texas Provider Network

Hollie Torres, Rehabilitation Nurse,
Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation

Mike Davis, Chaplain II,
Baylor Jack & Jane Hamilton Heart & Vascular Hospital

Christopher Jackway, Nuclear Medicine Tech II,
Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton

Lizzy Mathew, Registered Nurse,
Baylor Medical Center at Garland

Jeffrey Norris, Emergency Department RN,
Baylor Medical Center at Irving

Edward "Tommy" Dold, Senior Marketin/PR,
Baylor Medical Center at Southwest Fort Worth

Donna Drain, Clinical Pharmacist,
Baylor Medical Center of Waxahachie

Roseanne Corgill, Nurse Supervisor,
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine

Emily Gentry, Nurse Navigator,
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano

Kathryn Corso, Registered Nurse,
Baylor University Medical Center

Evelyn Conley, Senior Social Worker,
The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano

Michelle Pinker, Nurse Supervisor,
Our Children's House at Baylor

Catherine Strain, Emergency RN,
Centennial Medical Center

Virginia Koepsell, Clinical Educator,
Children's Medical Center Dallas

Cameron Brown, Chaplain Staff Care,
Cook Children's Health Care System

Jacqueline Villa, Clinical Educator,
Doctors Hospital at White Rock Lake

Diana Weeks, Imaging Support Specialist,
Hunt Regional Medical Center

Bobby Montgomery, Marketing Manager,
Lake Point Medical Center

Tyler Adams, Data Manager,
Las Colinas Medical Center

Gina Harrison, Employee Health Nurse,
Medical Center of Lewisville

Gay Ranallo, Registered Nurse,
Medical Center of McKinney

Delores Gonzalez, Scheduling Agent,
Medical Center of Plano

Jacob Makkappallil, Physical Therapist,
Medical City Dallas Hospital

Sandra Minatra, Public Relations Coordinator,
Methodist Health System

David Campbell, Education Specialist,
Methodist Charlton Medical Center

Winifred Neal, Education Specialist I,
Methodist Dallas Medical Center

Tonya Pena, Clinical Coordinator,
Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

Ruth Aguilar, Housekeeping Aide,
Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Divine Divson -Amoo, Patient Care Assistant,
Parkland Health & Hospital System

LaShunda Fisher, Administrative Assistant,
Parkland Health & Hospital System, System

Denice Taylor, Registered Dietitian,
Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

Karen Propp, Registered Nurse,
Texas Health Harris Methodist Azle

Ronda Dillard, Employee Health Nurse,
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Cleburne

Kenneth Randolph-Ellis, RN, ED and Palliative Care,
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth

John Thexton, Registered Nurse,
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB

Michael Gillham, Patient Care Tech,
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest FW

Jennifer McMeens, Clinical Educator,
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Stephenville

Tam Nguyen, Mammographer,
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Allen

Kristina Cardenas, RN Neonatal Intensive Care,
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas

Molli Bishop, Mammographer,
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton

Evelyn Daugherty, RN Day Surgery,
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Kaufman

Veronica Schaedler, Nursing Supervisor,
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano

Mavis Jones, Registered Nurse,
Texas Health Specialty Hospital

Daniel Cruz, Pharmacy Tech II,
UT Southwestern University Hospitals

Sherry Taylor, Senior Business Analysis,
UT Southwestern University Hospitals, System

PHYSICIAN NOMINEES 2011

Dr. Anita Chow, General Surgery,
Baylor All Saints Medical Center Fort Worth

Dr. Jill Studley, Geriatrics,
Baylor Health Texas Provider Network

Dr. Ravi Vallabhan, Cardiology,
Baylor Jack & Jane Hamilton Heart & Vascular Hospital

Dr. Walter Johnston, General Surgery,
Baylor Medical at Garland

Dr. Jeff Embrey, Pathology,
Baylor Medical Center at Irving

Dr. Dana Wingate, Emergency Department,
Baylor Medical Center at Southwest Fort Worth

Dr. Glenn Ledbetter, Internal Medicine,
Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie

Dr. Madhu Kollipara, Internal Medicine,
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine

Dr. Joshua Lemmon, Plastic Surgery,
Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano

Dr. Stuart Black, Chief of Neurology,
Baylor University Medical Center

Dr. Dwight Lee, Doctor of Medicine,
Doctors Hospital at White Rock Lake

Dr. Brenda Hampton, Chief of Staff,
Lake Point Medical Center

Dr. Tammie Rogers, Doctor of Medicine,
Methodist Charlton Medical Center

Dr. James Moody, Chief of Neurosurgery,
Methodist Dallas Medical Center

Dr. Ketan Trivedi, Emergency Medicine,
Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

Dr. Marc Quinn, Pulmonary Medicine,
Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Dr. Jeffrey Greco, Hospitalist,
Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

Dr. Althea Lynette Alexis, Doctor of Medicine,
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest FW

Dr. Paul Whatley, Orthopedic Surgeon,
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton

Dr. Michael Blackmon, Intensivist/Pulmonologist,
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano

Dr. David Brown, Cardiology,
The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano

Dr. David Uhrbrock, Neuroradiology,
UT Southwestern Medical Center