

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

MMC Team Members Share Moments of Gratitude

This week, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, MMC colleagues are sharing what and who they are thankful for and highlighting those who go above and beyond to exemplify our values. Thank you all for your dedication to our patients and each other. Happy Thanksgiving!

“I have been in the secretarial field for over 30 years and this is one of the best group environments I have ever worked in! Although we are all different departments and everyone's schedule and work load is diverse, the people here are most respectful, kind and helpful in every way, everyday! Each and every person here lives and applies our values to their jobs and each other!”

Tricia Smith, Compliance

“Marvin, When it comes to patients you always are consistent with how you meet and greet each one.

Every tray you deliver you always ask if the patient needs help with setting their tray set up. When you leave you always ask if there is anything they need. Great job!”

Tammy Theriault on Marvin Aienza, Food Services

“Sahra is a great worker. She understands what it means to be patient-centered by being willing to change her area of work in a matter of minutes. Sahra always has a positive attitude and is willing to do her job to the best of her ability.”

Katherine McBrien-Carpenter on Sahra Huseen, Environmental Services



“CVO & Provider Enrollment had a Friendsgiving to celebrate our gratitude for an amazing group of people to work with. We have added a Thankful Tree to our wall for everyone to add their feelings of gratitude.”

Laurie Cressey, Provider Enrollment

Happy 50 Years, MMC School of Surgical Technology

Last week, the MMC School of Surgical Technology celebrated 50 years of education and community.

Since 1969, the school has graduated close to 1,200 students from its one-year intensive program. Graduates go on to work in hospital and ambulatory operating rooms, delivery rooms, cardiac catheterization labs,

physician and dentist offices and more.

The school is currently offering paid training opportunities to eligible MMC employees interested in becoming certified surgical technologists. The next entrance exam is in January. Those interested can contact Brenda Buck at blbuck@mmc.org.



The School of Surgical Technology team celebrated the milestone together. From left to right: C. Butch Fenton-Snell, RN, Brenda Buck, Colin McLean, CST, Jeff Anderson, CST, Diane Fecteau, RN, and Laura Marles, CST.

MMC is Platinum Awardee for Tobacco-Free Standards

Maine Medical Center was recognized at the 10th annual Tobacco-Free Hospital Gold Star Standards of Excellence Awards Celebration as a Platinum Awardee. The event was hosted by the MaineHealth Center for Tobacco Independence's Breathe Easy initiative to recognize efforts by Maine hospitals to decrease tobacco use and secondhand smoke

exposure. The award recognizes hospitals for efforts to prohibit smoke and tobacco use on campus and address patient tobacco use.

In addition to hospital recognition, MMC's Dena Whitesell, MD, was one of four colleagues to receive the Individual Gold Star Champion award that evening.



Dena Whitesell, MD, right, received the Individual Gold Star Champion award for her leadership at MMC addressing tobacco use and exposure. Pictured at left is Dr. Whitesell's nominator, Holly Stewart, PMH-NP, and at center, Barbara Ginley, MaineHealth Center for Tobacco Independence.

PEOPLE NEWS



Darlene Peterson, MD, has recently joined Maine Medical Partners – Westbrook Family Medicine. After earning her undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Vermont, she stayed on to complete her medical degree there. She then went on to complete her residency in family medicine at Maine Medical

Center and culminated her training in 2019 with an integrative medicine fellowship at Maine Medical Center.

Her clinic interests include integrative medicine, culinary medicine and prevention. In her spare time, Dr. Peterson enjoys exploring local restaurants, reading fiction, hiking and walking, and spending time with friends and family.

Brian J. McGrory, MD, of MMP Orthopedics & Sports Medicine was recognized for his work as Editor-in-Chief of *Arthroplasty Today* at the American Association of Hip and Knee

Surgeons (AAHKS) Board of Directors meeting held at the 2019 AAHKS Annual Meeting earlier this month. *Arthroplasty Today* established itself as the foremost open-access journal in the field of hip and knee

arthroplasty with readership growing from 38,000 to over 160,000 in the last two years. Dr. McGrory will end his six-year term as the first Editor-in-Chief at the end of 2019.



Brian J. McGrory, MD, left, is recognized by AAHKS President Michael P. Bolognesi, MD, for his work and vision with Arthroplasty Today.



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