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Hospital Association of Rhode Island Honors Outstanding Hospital Employees

Warwick, RI – Hospital employees from throughout the state were recently honored at “Celebration of Excellence,” an annual awards ceremony held by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI). Employees of the year from HARI’s member hospitals were recognized by the HARI board of trustees for exemplary performance and dedication to health care.

“These nine men and women have been chosen by their peers as an example of the type of hard-working, determined employee who is an inspiration for everyone: supervisors, subordinates, peers and patients,” said Edward Quinlan, president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island.

Award recipients included:

Barbara Saleeba, RN, CRRN, Registered Nurse, Center for Rehabilitation, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island
Celeste DiMascolo, Executive Secretary, The Miriam Hospital
June Martin, RNC, Clinical Nurse, Newport Hospital
Dawna Blake, MD, Associate Chief, Primary Care, Providence VA Medical Center
Robert Johnston, III, Respiratory Care Practitioner, Rhode Island Hospital
Betty Pacheco, Medical Secretary, Roger Williams Medical Center
Ruth McEneaney, Laboratory Technical Specialist, South County Hospital Healthcare System
Christine Godin, RN, Charge Nurse, Emergency Department, St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island
Jeanne Jones, RN, Registered Nurse, The Westerly Hospital

Edward Iannuccilli, MD, FACP, chairman of the Rhode Island Hospital board of trustees, was presented with the Benjamin R. Sturges Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to the health care community.

Elizabeth Burke Byrant, JD, executive director of Rhode Island Kids Count, received the HARI Award for her extraordinary achievement in serving the people of Rhode Island.

A broad spectrum of career choices within the health care industry was represented among those recognized. Honorees’ professions ranged from nursing to administrative services. The award criteria include all hospital personnel: clinical, professional and technical.

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Pictures of the award recipients are available electronically by request.