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## Mark your calendars: Celebrate Us! returns May 13-17

We are thrilled to announce the return of Parkland's annual employee recognition week: Celebrate Us! This year's event will take place Monday, May 13, through Friday, May 17, with the theme "We are here, because YOU are here!"

We have created several exciting ways to thank you for your incredible work and for embracing our ICARE values of integrity, compassion and collaboration, accountability, respect and equity.

### Activities will include the opportunity to:

- **Monday Kickoff:**
  - Leader greetings with snacks outside of Park Market
  - Celebrate Us! Kickoff video message from the Chiefs
- **Team-Building Tuesday:** Caring Cart Leader Rounding from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. ([leaders sign up here](#))
- **Wild West Wednesday:** Share your Texas spirit by wearing an approved western item
- **Throwback Thursday:** Wear any approved throwback gear
- **Friday Finale:** Beach party, wear Parkland gear
- Free meal for all team members on designated days

We can't wait to celebrate with you! For the latest information, visit the [Employee Engagement SharePoint page](#).

## ► Congratulations to our annual physician award winners

Parkland announced the winners of our annual physician awards at a celebration on Tuesday, April 2. Congratulations to these outstanding physicians, and thank you for all you do to benefit our patients.

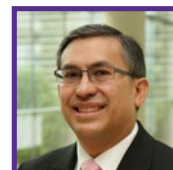
### Physician of the Year (Hospital): Rebecca Vasquez, MD

*"Dr. Vasquez stands as a shining example of Parkland's ICARE values. Her unwavering commitment to these values is evident through her extensive community outreach efforts and volunteer activities. Dr. Vasquez goes above and beyond by actively engaging high school students, igniting their passion for medicine and dermatology. Through her mentorship, she not only imparts knowledge but also instills a sense of purpose, inspiring the next generation of healthcare professionals."*



### Physician of the Year (COPC): Cesar Termulo, MD

*"Dr. Termulo is a role model pediatrician and a great physician leader who has practiced at Parkland for almost 25 years. He values the diversity of his patients & staff, and always treat them with dignity & respect. His passion for providing the best medical care for the indigent population of Dallas County goes beyond the traditional borders of the clinic and health system to make great strides on health outcomes."*



### Fellow of the Year: Steven 'Blaine' Holloway, MD

*"Dr. Holloway exemplifies integrity in every aspect of his practice. His dedication to upholding the highest ethical standards is evident in his interactions with patients and their families, his colleagues, residents and staff alike. His exemplary demonstration of accountability sets a standard for others to follow; he consistently takes ownership of his actions and decisions, inspiring confidence and admiration from his patients and all who work with him."*



### Resident of the Year: Griffin Olsen, MD

*"Dr. Olsen is compassionate and demonstrates a high level of collaboration and emotional intelligence when caring for his patients. It is very obvious that his goal is to be a patient advocate and provide the highest level of care for his patients. Not only is he a great doctor for his patients, but a joy to work with as an APP. Dr. Olsen stands out as a prime example of powerful gentleness, as evidenced by the consistent praise he receives from those who have had the opportunity to work alongside him."*



## ▼ Lasting Impressions: Jobin Varughese



Each week, "Lasting Impressions" features a Parkland employee who does exceptional work and provides excellent customer service. This week's "Lasting Impressions" features Jobin Varughese, Health Unit Coordinator, 9 Observation.

*"I would like to recognize Jobin for his dedication and hard work. He went above and beyond to replace my pager when I told him my provider pager is not working. He created a work order and spoke with IT multiple times. He went down to the basement multiple times to the pager department to pick up and drop off the pager. He is always hard working. He is a helping hand to anyone on the unit. We as providers, nurses and techs always can count on him. He always greets and meet others. He is very respectful of others and their time. He did not have to do this for me. He could have told me this is not his department, but instead he helped in assessing the problem and solved the problem, so I didn't have to leave my provider role."*



Want to nominate an employee who goes above and beyond? Tell us what makes them so fantastic by emailing [Employees@phhs.org](mailto:Employees@phhs.org) or calling ext. 28048.



## Healthcare Heroes Night at the Texas Rangers game on Aug. 2

The Texas Rangers are hosting a Healthcare Heroes Night on Friday, Aug. 2, as they take on the Boston Red Sox to show appreciation for the lifesaving work that medical professionals dedicate daily. Tickets purchased [through this link](#) include a custom Healthcare Heroes Rangers cap. All tickets must be purchased through the link below or through the Rangers' community page.

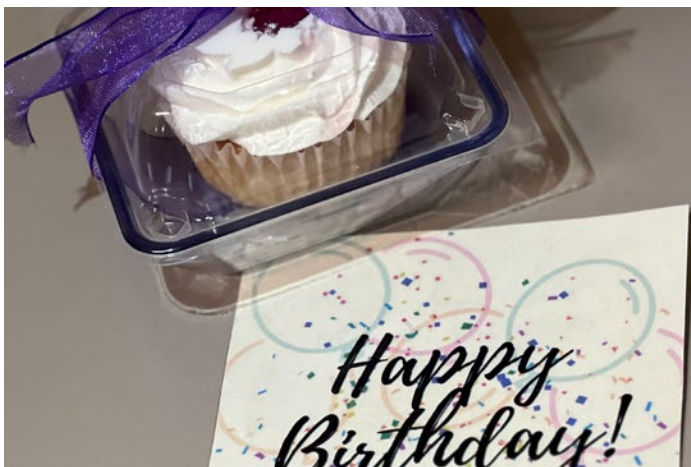
Join your fellow team members and other healthcare heroes in our community for a night at the ballpark!

## ► Join the monthly virtual town hall April 18

Join us at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 18, for our monthly employee virtual town hall:

- [Join the WebEx](#)
- **Event number:** 2664 704 9312
- **Event password:** 2HVv2YMfRe3 (24882963 from phones and video systems)
- **Phone number:** 1-650-479-3208 (United States Toll)

To catch up on any town halls you missed, visit <https://phhs.sharepoint.com/ParklandTV/Pages/Employee-Town-Halls.aspx>.



## ◀ Making patients feel special on their special day

To celebrate our patient's birthday while at Parkland, Nutrition Services is now putting a celebratory spin on our patient meal trays. Patients will receive a house made mini vanilla cupcake that our Executive Chef, Adam Schloemer, developed in collaboration with the Clinical Nutrition and Patient Food Service team. Cupcakes will be provided in alignment with the patient's diet order so we keep our patients safe in our care.

While celebrating your birthday in the hospital is not ideal, Nutrition Services is going the extra mile to help celebrate our patients on their special day.

## ► Apply by April 26 to host an intern this summer

If your department is interested in hosting an intern this summer, time is running out to apply! To request an intern through Workforce Development, fill out [this application](#) and send it to [WDInternshipprograms@phhs.org](mailto:WDInternshipprograms@phhs.org) by Friday, April 26. Students will be matched based on their area of interest and Parkland's budgetary considerations.

Parkland's Workforce Development Summer Intern Program offers participating departments additional assistance for the summer while providing an excellent developmental career opportunity for some of Dallas' most inspired, ambitious students. Workforce Development collaborates with community organizations, Parkland Foundation and Parkland Auxiliary to offer these paid internships for graduate, undergraduate and high school students in Dallas. Through this program, interns are employed at Parkland for eight weeks, gaining valuable experience in preparation for a future healthcare career. The time spent at Parkland provides them with the first steps in beginning their professional career.

There will be a training this spring for all managers of intern hosting departments (more details will be provided soon). Interns will attend new employee orientation on Monday, June 3.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Along with hosting an intern (paid for by OTM), departments also have the opportunity to sponsor an additional intern (paid for by sponsoring department). For more information on Parkland's intern programs, contact Rabin Pathak, Workforce Development Program Manager, at [WDInternshipprograms@phhs.org](mailto:WDInternshipprograms@phhs.org).

## Onward & Upward

**ARPA Digital Health Grant:** Monica Nash to Medical Practice Assistant

**Bio-Tel Emergency Medical Service:** Nakiba Varnado to Social Worker (LCSW)

**Central Fill Pharmacy:** Angelica Lopez to Pharmacy Technician

**Clinical Engineering:** David Garcia to Clinical Device Integration Engineer

**Corporate Compliance:** Griselda Cervantes and Vasholey Hill to Compliance Analyst

**Grants Management:** Shametrish Moore to Grants & Research Manager

**Hatcher Station Women's Health Center:** Tiffany Castano to Business Support Specialist

**Hospitalist A:** Bondu Lebbie to Unit Technician

**Labor & Delivery:** Treva Madison to Manager, Nursing

**Laboratory Support Services:** Rilvin Abraham to Senior Lab Support Specialist; Elisa Bennett to Lab Support Specialist

**Parkland Community Health Plan – Health Services:** Jasmine Harris to Prior Authorization Nurse; Sean Nguyen to Healthcare Business Data Analyst

**Perioperative Services Administration:** Cassandra Ruiz to Clinical Reimbursement Specialist

**Release of Information & Customer Services:** James Joseph to HIM Analyst I

**RIGHT Care:** Heather Hagan to Social Worker (LCSW)

**Spiritual Care:** Michael Brumley to Program Manager, Spiritual Care

**Transplant Services:** Laura Juarez Mireles to Transplant Financial Coordinator

**Value Analysis:** Marisa Hart to Value Analyst Coordinator

## Retirements

- Benjamin Byrd, Pharmacist, Pharmacy – Inpatient
- Deborah Carter-Lane, Program Coordinator – DHS Consortium, Healthy Start
- Emily Conner, Clinical Aide, Operating Room
- Charmaine Miller-Spencer, Advanced Practice Provider III – General, APP Infectious Disease Service Line
- Moussa Moussa, Director, Engineering Services, COPCs & Off-Site
- Ruby Philip, Senior Registered Nurse – Medical/Surgical Inpatient, Medicine Specialties
- Nancy Staas, Senior Registered Nurse, Simmons Ambulatory Surgery Center – Ortho, Pain & Plastics
- Bosamma Thomas, Advanced Practice Provider II – General, Correctional Health Adult Clinical



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