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Saluting our Sustainability stalwarts

Parkland's continued sustainability efforts go far beyond just new buildings

Monday, April 22, is Earth Day, an annual global event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. As things like energy use, deforestation and climate change become more and more pressing issues in our society, Parkland's Sustainability team works every day to ensure that our organization is doing all we can to minimize our environmental impact.

The Sustainability department is involved in many initiatives throughout the health system that provide environmental, social and economic benefits. These programs range from recycling and energy conservation to starting a community garden and helping to ensure that new buildings are as "green" as possible. This is illustrated by six buildings on our campus (Parkland Memorial Hospital, WISH Clinic, Ron J. Anderson, MD Clinic Building, Moody Outpatient Center, Central Utility Plant and Tower Garage) achieving from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

These efforts were further recognized last month by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as Parkland was the recipient of the Texas Environmental Excellence Award in Innovative Operations/Management for our holistic energy management program. These awards honor achievements in environmental preservation and protection. It is the state's highest environmental honor.

2023 Sustainability stats:

- 27,320 pounds of batteries recycled
- 505,640 pounds of metal recycled
- 787,280 pounds of single stream (glove boxes, plastic, aluminum, non-confidential paper, etc.) and cardboard recycled
- Energy use per square feet of space is 23% below the national average for healthcare facilities
- 30.2% of Parkland's energy was renewable energy, making us the second-largest purchaser of renewable energy in Texas among healthcare facilities

Despite all that we've accomplished, there is still more work to do, including a current project that involves rooftop solar panel installation on our main campus. You can also find out more about Parkland's vision for the future of sustainability on [The Joint Commission's Sustainable Healthcare website](#).

To delve into more details, including Parkland's Sustainability Strategic Plan, 2023 Sustainability Report, recycling information and information on how to volunteer at the Parkland FARM, visit [the Sustainability Sharepoint site](#). If you have any questions or want to know more about how you can get involved, email Sustainability@phhs.org.

Reach for the Stars Nursing Scholarship applications open May 8

At Parkland, we value the excellent work you do for our patients today and support you in achieving your goals for tomorrow.

If you are pursuing in a career in nursing, Parkland Workforce Development's Reach for the Stars Scholarship Program serves as an opportunity to help you reach your professional goals. Open to current Parkland employees, this bi-annual scholarship is specifically designed for undergraduate students enrolled in a public nursing school and who demonstrate financial need. The scholarship covers up to \$29,390 per recipient.

To apply for this scholarship and find eligibility requirements and more information, visit the Reach for the Stars Nursing Scholarship SharePoint page.

▼ Resuscitation classes update

In order to allow time for submissions to be approved in Peoplesoft, resuscitation classes (ALS, BLS, PALS) will not be held on the last week of the month. This is due to the fact that it can take 24-48 hours to get the card from American Red Cross, and then two business days (not including weekends) for OTM to approve the submitted card.

You can register for resuscitation classes by following the steps below:

- Log into Parkland Pathways.
- Click on the American Red Cross tile on the Pathways Home Page.
- Select the link for the course needed.
- Select "self-assign." The modules and skills check off will need to be completed within 90 days of registering.
- Click on "start course" to open the module.
- Once the module is complete, click "register now" to find and select a skills check-off date and time.
- Select a class, then click "register."
- If the date and/or time of class needs to be changed, select "withdraw."

A calendar is available on the Clinical Education SharePoint (<https://phhs.sharepoint.com/ClinicalEducation>) site detailing when resuscitation classes are offered.

▼ Lasting Impressions: Velma Stevens



Each week, "Lasting Impressions" features a Parkland employee who does exceptional work and provides excellent customer service. This week's "Lasting Impressions" features Velma Stevens, Supervisor, Nutrition Services.

"There is so much I can say about Ms. Velma. A simple 'thank you' is not enough. She is one of the sweetest people I have come in contact with while working at Parkland – beautiful inside and out. You do not meet many people who love their job and then make it look so easy. Whether you communicate with her face-to-face in the hallway, electronically or on the phone, she makes sure you get the best customer service and her undivided attention. It is because of her that we were able to provide a lunch for our off-campus clinic lab regulatory inspection team; she even graciously allowed us to add on a couple lunches at the last minute. She is a hidden gem and I appreciate her flexibility, compassion, empathy, hard work and dedication. She is my ICARE champion."



Want to nominate an employee who goes above and beyond? Tell us what makes them so fantastic by emailing Employees@phs.org or calling ext. 28048.

Drug take back event April 27

The Dallas County Hospital District Police Department will host a Drug Take Back event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27 at the Simmons Ambulatory Surgery Center (4900 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas 75235). The event, which happens twice a year, is a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Community members can hand the medications to a law enforcement officer with no questions asked.

"Drug Take Back Day is an opportunity to discuss medication safety with your family. Teach your child that medicine should always be given by an adult and teach older children how to take medicine responsibly and only when necessary," said Lizbeth Petty, MPH, Public Health Education Manager with the North Texas Poison Center. "Parents and caregivers can also utilize this as a reminder to make sure they are taking medication correctly and to get rid of expired medications."

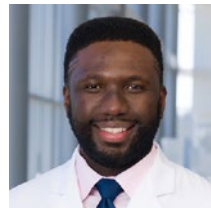
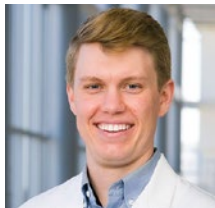
APRIL EMPLOYEE HEALTH & WELLNESS

Improving Health Outcomes through Better Understanding WEBINAR

On Tuesday, April 30, from noon to 1 p.m., Parkland Employee Health and Wellness and Benefits will host a lunch-and-learn webinar, "Improving Health Outcomes through Better Understanding," focusing on improving health literacy by enhancing understanding of health disparities and anti-ableism featuring panelists and health experts from Parkland and UT Southwestern.

Join the WebEx or go to the SharePoint homepage for the join link

Access code: 263 274 46068 | Call in: +1-469-210-7159 United States Toll (Dallas) | Webinar password: V4RhtFWKY47 (84748395 from phones/video systems)



Panelists: (left to right) Lauryn Tamar Minter, PhD, Director of Workforce Equity, Parkland Health; IV Mirus, MD, Health Equity Scholar, Vice Chair Parkland Institutional Ethics Committee, UT Southwestern Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Parkland Health Emergency Department; Jennifer Wimberly, MD, HCE-C, Medical Director of Clinical Ethics and Resiliency, Parkland Health; Emmanuel Oluwabunwa, MD, MBA, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and Health Equity Fellow, UT Southwestern and Parkland Health



Parkland, Dallas County host 'Reflections On Health Equity' event on April 26

Parkland has partnered with Dallas County to host a "Reflections On Health Equity" event featuring Dayna Bowen Matthew, JD, PhD. The event will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, April 26, and you can attend either in person (Dallas County Commissioners Court, 500 Elm St., 2nd Floor, Dallas 75202) or virtually. To attend, either in-person or online, [register here](#). For those who attend in person, free parking validation for the underground parking lot is available.

Dr. Matthew is the Dean and Harold H. Greene Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School. She is a leader in public health and civil rights law who focuses on disparities in health, healthcare, and the social determinants of health. Additionally, she is author of bestsellers *Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care* and *Just Health: Treating Structural Racism to Heal America*.



Total eclipse of the Park

Unless you lived under a rock, you've no doubt been bombarded with photos of the recent solar eclipse. But this photo submitted by Senior Supply Chain Logistics Technician Bobby Mathew was too good not to share. Great shot, Bobby!

▼ Microsoft 365 spring training opportunities

Have an interest in improving your use of Microsoft 365 products? Check out the class offerings below and [get registered today](#) to help you increase proficiency and confidence in the tools you rely on the most.

- **Outlook – Basic:** This class introduces you to the desktop version of Outlook, Microsoft's mail management program. You will learn the basics of how to work with mail, contacts, and the calendar.
- **Outlook – Intermediate:** In this class, you will learn how to customize view-related settings for the Mail and Calendar areas, use multiple methods to locate important messages, locate helpful tools for creating and sending messages, manage your mailbox with automation, and create calendar groups. You will learn how to recall a message and understand what can cause a recall to fail.
- **Outlook – Advanced Mail Management:** This class provides a detailed look into advanced features and techniques for managing large amounts of mail in Outlook. It covers techniques to manage large volumes of messages and automation of processes.
- **Creating Outstanding PowerPoint Presentations:** This class is intended for people who have mastered the basics of the PowerPoint application, but want to dig deeper into the program's image, graphics, animation, and video capabilities.
- **Microsoft Word – Basic:** This class introduces you to formatting text and paragraphs, adjusting a document's layout, and working with the spelling and grammar tools. You will also learn about inserting and resizing shapes and images and determine how text should flow around them. Finally, you will learn to customize and apply built-in styles to provide consistency throughout a document and use the Track Changes and commenting features to manage shared files.
- **Microsoft Word – Advanced:** This class introduces you to using styles, creating tables of contents, using multilevel lists, and creating and completing mail merges from Microsoft Word.
- **Microsoft Excel – Basic:** This class introduces you to Excel. Learners will explore the Excel interface while navigating, selecting, copying, and moving rows, columns, and cells, as well as adjusting number and cell formats. In addition, the class will touch on basic formulas for mathematical calculations.
- **Microsoft Excel – Intermediate:** This course introduces intermediate-level concepts in Excel. It begins with an overview of the benefits of using tables, then explores various ways to summarize and visualize data with PivotTables, charts, formulas, and conditional formatting. The goal of the course is to highlight the many ways that Excel can be used to make sense of your data.
- **Microsoft Excel – Advanced:** This class covers several advanced concepts in Excel. We start with creating and modifying charts, then we look at how to create and use PivotTables and PivotCharts. Finally, we review how slicers & timelines provide visual filtering capabilities.

[Register here](#) for these beneficial training opportunities.



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