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# Nominate a team member for the DFWHC Employee of the Year Awards

**Recognize the GREAT work at Parkland!**

Do you work with someone who goes above and beyond each and every day? Does someone you know at Parkland inspire others and embody Parkland's ICARE values? Help us build on last year's success and nominate deserving team members for the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council's Annual Employee of the Year Luncheon today!



## How to make a nomination

The nomination form is now available on [Parkland's Online Rewards Platform](#) under "Special Rewards." This luncheon honors employees' outstanding work and meaningful contributions through awards in the following categories:

- Employee of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- System Employee of the Year
- Physician of the Year
- Preceptor of the Year
- Rex McRae Scholarship

The deadline to submit nominations is Tuesday, Dec. 31. Parkland is allowed to submit one nomination per category. We will not be accepting any forms or attachments via email – please use the link above to submit someone for consideration. Nomination criteria for all categories can be found below.

Award	Nomination criteria
Employee of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital-based, non-management employee who's achieved success in multiple roles at work and in their personal life; sets high standards and serves as a role model; compassionate, sensitive and caring for patients and coworkers.</li> </ul>
System Employee of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-hospital based, non-management employee who's achieved success in multiple roles in system work and personal life; sets high standards and serves as a role model; compassionate, sensitive and caring for patients and coworkers</li> </ul>
Physician of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician associated with the organization in an employed, non-employed or volunteer capacity</li> <li>• Consistently demonstrates and verbalizes a commitment to patient-focused care</li> <li>• Regarded as a role model and leader among other physicians and staff members</li> <li>• Demonstrates integrity, compassion, respect, teamwork and personal accountability</li> <li>• Physician has impressive achievements in community-oriented and/or humanitarian activities</li> <li>• Must not hold a senior physician administrator or leadership position within the organization</li> </ul>
Preceptor of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee of DFWHC-member hospital and a non-management level employee</li> <li>• Education commensurate with preceptor role</li> <li>• Attended at least one North Texas Preceptor Academy (preferred)</li> <li>• Precepted at least 3-5 individuals in a two-year period</li> <li>• Sets high standards and serves as ideal role model</li> </ul>
Rex McRae Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student who needs financial assistance to graduate from a program</li> <li>• Student in the last year of a nursing program</li> <li>• Enrolled in an ADN, RN to BSN Bridge or BSN program in North Texas</li> <li>• Student in good standing</li> <li>• Employee of DFWHC-member hospital</li> </ul>
Volunteer of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer, not a paid employee, associated with the hospital/organization</li> <li>• Nominated specifically for their volunteer work within the hospital</li> <li>• Committed to quality, service and inspires other volunteers</li> <li>• Demonstrates care, compassion and concern for patients, employees and others</li> </ul>

## ► Elevator bank screens will soon be replaced

Parkland will soon begin the process of replacing the screens in all elevator bank lobbies on campus. This work will begin in January 2025 and installation will be completed in this order: H, G, B, A, E and D bank elevators.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as this change occurs. The vendor expects work to be complete by the end of March 2025.

## ▼ Lasting Impressions: Kristin Elizalde



Each week, "Lasting Impressions" features a Parkland employee who does exceptional work and provides excellent customer service. This week's "Lasting Impressions" features Kristin Elizalde, Senior Registered Nurse Specialist, ICU CCU PCU.

*"Kristin is often described by her patients as 'being great, very kind and we need more nurses (like her) in this world.' Her peers describe her as a rockstar with a mission to always deliver the best nursing care to her patients. Kristin's dedication to her patients and the importance of delivering high quality care is evident in the way her patients speak about her. She takes going above and beyond to the next level."*



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.

## Stop by the Gold N Visions sale Nov. 18-19

The Parkland Auxiliary is sponsoring a sale featuring Gold N Visions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, and Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the Private Dining Room. Stop by to browse the selection of Kendra Scott and other fine jewelry, handbags, fragrances and electronics. Payroll deduction is available for employees, and cash, debit and credit cards are accepted.



## On-campus blood drive on Monday

In response to the ripple effects caused by the recent hurricane damage in the eastern U.S., Parkland will host a Carter BloodCare blood drive from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the Nursing Center of Excellence (NPC 02.505.01). Online registration is encouraged and is available by [clicking here](#). There will also be a limited opportunity to accommodate walk-ups, based on availability.

Blood donors should bring a driver's license, know their medications, eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids. For more information, contact Monique Barksdale at 469-419-1628 (ext. 71628) or [Monique.Barksdale@phhs.org](mailto:Monique.Barksdale@phhs.org).

## ► Join the CHNA Hypertension Lunch & Learn on Nov. 14

From noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, Parkland will host a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Lunch & Learn focused on hypertension management.

- [Join WebEx](#)
- **Webinar number:** 2314 786 1666
- **Webinar password:** ryTp84KGVh2 (79878454 when dialing from a phone or video system)
- **Join by phone:** +1-469-210-7159 (access code: 231 478 61666)

### Speakers include:

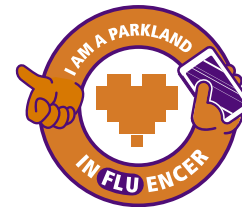
- **Sentayehu Kassa, MD**, Physician Lead of CHNA THN, Associate Medical Director, Southern Region & Optometry, Deputy Medical Information Officer, Ambulatory Care
- **Vanessa Grifaldo, RN**, Nurse Lead of CHNA HTN, Nursing Manager, Vickery Health Center
- **Lauren Chuprin, RN**, Nurse Navigator, CHNA HTN

Join this WebEx to learn more about the work that is being done at Parkland to manage hypertension in residents within our community.

## ► Get your flu shot by this Friday

The influenza vaccine (“flu shot”) is mandatory for all employees and volunteers, with limited approved exemptions\*. To support the health, wellbeing and safety of our patients, guests and staff, please get your flu shot at Parkland by Friday, Nov. 15. You can get your flu shot from the following locations:

- Occupational Health Services (OHS-WISH)
- Employee Health Center (EHC-Moody)
- Designated Flu Drive locations listed below
- Preferred providers



### Steps to receive your flu shot

- **First:** Complete the 2024 Seasonal Flu Immunization Survey in ReadySet.
- **Second:** Either get the flu vaccine or provide documentation of your current flu shot by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 15.
  - **Uploading documentation:** If you get your flu shot from an off-site provider, ReadySet now allows you to upload your documents digitally. In ReadySet, navigate to the “My Health” tab, click on the “Documents” link, and then press the green plus sign to upload your document.
- **Third:** Apply the campus-wide flu shot sticker should be applied to your ID badge as confirmation of compliance.

For more information, click the banner on the intranet homepage or contact Office of Talent Management at 469-419-3000 (ext. 73000).

*\*Employees who do not receive the flu shot by the Nov. 15 deadline (or those granted exemptions/reasonable accommodations and who do not comply with the mask requirement will be subject to progressive discipline in accordance with [OTM Procedure 8000-100 Health Screening/ Immunizations](#)).*

## Onward & Upward

**8 Medical/Surgical:** Daphne Ramirez and Kelly Villeda-Alvarado to Registered – Acute Care

**Acute Dialysis:** Emil Joseph to Associate Manager, Nursing  
**Correctional Health Float Pool:** Mercy Eguakun to Licensed Vocational Nurse

**C.V. Roman Health Center:** Jerkeyla Simmons to Medical Practice Assistant

**Emergency Department:** Cristal Martinez to Senior Registered Nurse Fellow

**Family Practice Clinic:** Harold Wilson to Senior Medical Practice Assistant

**General Medicine/Cardiology:** Susan Digno, Karlyn Pierce and Tiara Wade to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**General Medicine:** Sergio Aragon-Zamora, Hunter Eiben, Katherine Martinez, Marlene Ramirez and Ruth Situmorang to Registered Nurse – Acute Care; Rachida Hamdach to Senior Registered Nurse Fellow

**General Surgery:** Kiana Foster, Sharon Mathew, Mikala Prass, Liann Sebastian and Allison Wang to Registered Nurse – Acute Care; Mariana Aguirre to Senior Registered Nurse Fellow

**Hospitalist A:** Sarah Paul to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Hospitalist B:** Erick Barrera, Ayesha Henderson, Kyle Ness and Savannah Walker to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Hospitalist Medicine:** Delia Rojas and Xiaoyun Zhou to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Information Technologies – Desktop Support:** Kristopher Vincent to IT Desktop Support Technologist – Senior  
**Medicine Specialties:** Van Nguyen to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Nurse Residency:** Adriana Morales to Registered Nurse Specialist – ICU/CCU/PCU

**Observation Unit:** Litzheiry Rodriguez to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Ortho A:** Jessica Esparza and Tu Nguyen to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Parkland Health Foundation:** Jeanne Dexter to Director, Philanthropy

**Perioperative Services Administration:** Holly Goode to Business Support Coordinator

**Plastic Surgery:** Lyvyan Goo and Brittney Monroe to Registered Nurse – Acute Care

**Shared Services:** Irvin Ruiz to Senior Shared Services Specialist

**Surgical Intensive Care Unit:** ShaNequa Jones to Unit Technician

**Transitional Care Unit:** Noorie Hussain to Care Coordinator

## Retirements

- Jacqueline Pierce, Class D – Repackaging, Pharmacist
- Cathy Walker, Enviro Serv-PMH, Senior Environmental Services Technician



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