McLeod Nurses Receive 2019 Palmetto Gold Award

A statewide nursing recognition program

McLeod Health is honored to announce that 17 McLeod Registered Nurses (RN) were selected to receive the 2019 Palmetto Gold Award. These nurses represent McLeod Regional Medical Center, McLeod Health Cheraw, McLeod Health Clarendon, McLeod Health Dillon, McLeod Health Loris and McLeod Health Seacoast. They join the ranks of the 182 previous McLeod Nurses who have received this outstanding award.

The 17 nurses from McLeod Health who received the 2019 Palmetto Gold recognition include: Sherrie Ball, BSN, RN; Marissa Elliott, RN; Pamela Flagler, RN; Starlette Godwin, MSN, CRNA; Catherine Huggins, RN; Cornelia Jones, MSN, APRN, AGNP-C; Beth King, RN; Mekka Levy, BSN, RN; Aimee Renae Matthews, BSN, RN; Kathryn McLain, RN-ANCC, CMS; Brittany McNair, MSN, RN, CMSRN; Kelvin Oakley, BSN, RN, MBA, CEN, CFRN, NRP; Lisa Page, BSN, ADN, RN; Susan Roberts, RN; Elaine Stone, RN; Glenda Thomas, RN; and Selina White, MSN, APRN, AGNP-C.

The Palmetto Gold Award was created by various nursing organizations throughout South Carolina as a platform to recognize nursing and support nursing education with scholarship funds.

Each year, employers from a wide variety of South Carolina health care settings nominate outstanding nurses from their organizations to be considered as one of the 100 nurses honored with this prestigious award. The nominators are asked to provide evidence of how the nominee demonstrated excellence to the profession by addressing the following criteria: promoting and advancing the profession of nursing; displaying caring and commitment to patients, families, and colleagues and demonstrating leadership by assisting others to grow and develop. To select the recipients, a team of six nurses from across the state participate in a blind review process. The nominees are not referred to by name or place of employment on the nomination sections seen by the judges.

The recipients of the 2019 Palmetto Gold Award will be recognized at the Palmetto Gold Gala on April 27 in Columbia. Congratulations to our 2019 Palmetto Gold Award recipients.
Dr. Michael R. Rose, Senior Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer for McLeod Health, has been named a member of the Healthcare Innovators Professional Society’s (HIPS) Council of 33. Members of the council have innovative impact on one of every five U.S. hospitals and one in three hospital admissions.

HIPS, the first-of-its-kind national nonprofit professional society for chief innovation and chief strategy executives, achieved its goal of forming a council of 33 members in 2018. The invitation-only society has innovation leaders from some of the nation’s largest and best known nonprofit healthcare systems, including the Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic and Kaiser Permanente.

Dr. Rose is a member of the McLeod Health Board of Trustees and chairs the committee on Physician Alignment and Wellness. In his role as Chief Innovation Officer for McLeod Health, he is involved in scouting and standardizing market research methods for novel ideas and insights; strategic innovation; promoting open innovation; and introducing group tools and processes to encourage creative thinking.

Board certified in anesthesiology and internal medicine, Dr. Rose continues in clinical practice with a focus on the perioperative care of patients.

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McLeod Health Celebrates Doctors’ Day

McLeod Health celebrated our physicians for National Doctors’ Day on March 28. Events were held at McLeod Regional Medical Center, McLeod Health Darlington, McLeod Health Dillon, McLeod Health Loris, McLeod Health Seacoast, McLeod Health Carolina Forest, McLeod Health Cheraw and McLeod Health Clarendon. Thank you to everyone who submitted notes of appreciation to our physicians and joined us in thanking them for their service.

Please click on the image to see more 2019 Doctors’ Day Celebrations throughout McLeod Health. For optimal viewing, please open the Flickr album in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.
McLeod Director Awarded Neurologic Specialist Recertification

Paige Thomas, PT, MSR, MHA

Paige Thomas, PT, MSR, MHA, Director of Rehabilitation Services at McLeod Health Darlington, has achieved recertification as a Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). She is the only neurologic clinical specialist in the region.

Thomas specializes in comprehensive neurologic physical therapy. In addition to her role as Director of Rehabilitation at McLeod Health Darlington, Thomas is a Wheelchair Seating and Positioning Therapist. She is currently working towards certification as an Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) from the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA).

Thomas was recently selected to serve as a member of the Clinician Task Force (CTF). This national task force is comprised of a group of professionals who practice, serve and provide education to and advocate for individuals who require seating and wheeled mobility products and services.

A graduate of the College of Charleston with a bachelor of science in exercise science and a bachelor of arts in biology, Thomas completed a Master of Rehabilitation Sciences-Physical Therapy at the Medical University of South Carolina. She also completed her Master of Healthcare Administration at Ohio University. Thomas began her career with McLeod Health in 2014 as the Outpatient Rehabilitation Coordinator for McLeod Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine Center in Florence.

To obtain important information from McLeod Health such as emergency notifications, hospital updates, weather-related news, physician updates, upcoming events, job openings, patient stories and health information, follow McLeod Health on Facebook.

Go to [www.facebook.com/McLeodHealth](http://www.facebook.com/McLeodHealth) and click on the Like button. You can also click on the Following button located next to the Like button and select See First in Your Newsfeed and Receive Notifications from McLeod Health.
McLeod On-Site Health Services Hosts Open House & Ribbon Cutting

McLeod On-Site Health Services and Florence County hosted an Open House and Ribbon Cutting for employees, their families and county retirees on Thursday, March 21. During the open house, individuals had the opportunity to tour the newly expanded and relocated McLeod On-Site Health Center – Florence County.

With the expansion and relocation of the McLeod On-Site Health Center – Florence County, individuals have access to state-of-the-art equipment, designated triage areas, multiple exam rooms, and a spacious waiting area to accommodate increased utilization of the facility.

Care will be provided by Amanda Coleburn, APRN-C, DrPH. With more than 35 years of experience in providing patient care at McLeod, Coleburn joined the Florence County team in March 2014 to offer on-site health care for their employees.

McLeod Women’s Health Panel Draws 100 Participants

McLeod Regional Medical Center hosted a Women’s Health Panel on Thursday, March 14. More than 100 participants attended the event to learn more about key issues facing women in the areas of gynecology, gastroenterology, cardiology, and vascular health.

The event featured a panel of experts, including Dr. Candice Greenan with McLeod OB/GYN Associates, Dr. Eric Coughlin with McLeod Women’s Care, Dr. Veeral Oza with McLeod Digestive Health Center, Dr. Evans Holland with McLeod Cardiology Associates, and Dr. Eva Rzucidlo with McLeod Vascular Associates.

Sabrina Capell, Associate Vice President of Patient Services at McLeod Regional Medical Center, moderated the panel.

“The McLeod Women’s Panel is designed to answer any questions women may have about their health related to specific specialties,” says Capell. “Information on routine screenings as well as more complex health conditions were discussed. Women most often put the care of their families and loved ones above their own, and it is important to us that women get the answers and care they need.”
McLeod Health Participates in the 2019 EMS Symposium

McLeod Health participated in the 2019 EMS Symposium located at Kingston Plantation on Wednesday, March 13 through Saturday, March 16. EMS teams from across South Carolina came to Myrtle Beach to learn more about current healthcare technology, continuing education and medical facility capabilities. McLeod Health team members shared details of McLeod Health Seacoast, McLeod Health Loris and McLeod Health Carolina Forest facilities with attendees.

McLeod Nurse Receives March DAISY Nursing Award

Natalie Prince, RN, a staff nurse on the Cardiovascular Surgery Floor, was recently named the March DAISY Award Recipient for McLeod Regional Medical Center. Prince was nominated by a patient’s son for her extraordinary care and compassion.

To recognize those Nurses at McLeod Regional Medical Center who are true examples of Nursing Excellence, patients, family members and co-workers may nominate nurses for the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation’s program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

On the nomination form, the patient’s son wrote, “My father had chest pain on a Thursday, and after going through the Emergency Room, he was transferred to the Cardiovascular floor on Friday. Natalie, his nurse during the daytime, continuously monitored him and asked about his condition from time to time. She treated him with great respect and patience and answered all of our queries. He had a small scare on Saturday after his admission, but she gave him medicine, and he started feeling better. On Sunday evening, my father’s condition suddenly started deteriorating. His whole bed started trembling, and he had problems with his left arm and difficulty breathing. Natalie assembled the whole team of doctors and nurses right away and told them to get him to the catheterization lab. We were all panicking, but she kept her cool the entire time, continuously monitoring the situation and communicating with the doctors. Later we learned that he had a stroke, but due to prompt care and treatment, his heart was not damaged. Thank you to the whole team of doctors and nurses, especially Natalie.”

Natalie Prince, RN
Join us for Dinner and Discussion about

Women's Health

Women have a variety of health needs. At McLeod Health, we want to keep you informed of the latest medical information.

Thursday, April 25, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Free Physical Breast Exams: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Dinner & Discussion: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Central Carolina Technical College F.E. Dubose Campus
3351 Sumter Highway, Manning, SC 29102

RSVP to McLeod Reservations and Scheduling at (843) 777-2005.
Registration is required. Space is limited.

Dr. Monica Ploetzke
McLeod Women’s Care Clarendon

Dr. Steven Tollison
McLeod Women’s Care Clarendon

Dr. Bryan L. Christensen
McLeod Orthopaedics Clarendon

Judy Fry, CNM
McLeod Women’s Care Clarendon

Tom Chappell, CNM
McLeod Women’s Care Clarendon

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McLeod Sports Medicine Awards Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarships

McLeod Sports Medicine has awarded the Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarships to four local student athletes. The athletes are selected from participating area public and private high schools that have McLeod Athletic Trainers at the school.

The Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarship recognizes student athletes who personify excellence. The athletes chosen exhibit excellence in academics, athletics, and possess strong leadership skills. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to four college-bound high school seniors. The athletes receiving the scholarships are: Madison Caudill (Florence Christian School), Alyssa Eaddy (Hannah-Pamplico High School), Judah Gray (South Florence High School), and James Davis Ivey (Wilson High School).

For more information on McLeod Sports Medicine, please visit the McLeod Health website at www.mcleodhealth.org or call McLeod Sports Medicine at 843-777-5139.

McLeod Sports Medicine Presents to Latta Rotary

Adam Ploeg, Director of McLeod Sports Medicine, and Joe Cauble, Athletic Trainer Supervisor, spoke to the Latta Rotary Club in Latta, South Carolina on March 12. Ploeg and Cauble discussed the importance of Athletic Trainers in schools and explained the roles of Athletic Trainers.

McLeod Sports Medicine has 31 Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) on staff who provide medical care to athletes at 25 schools in Florence, Darlington, Marion, Horry, Dillon, Clarendon, Lee, Marlboro, and Chesterfield counties. They also provide athletic training services to the Florence Red Wolves, Francis Marion University and Florence - Darlington Technical College. The goal of an athletic trainer is to prevent injuries and provide timely access to care and manage day-to-day sports injuries to keep athletes healthy.

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Annual Pancake Day Supports McLeod Children’s Hospital

Local IHOP restaurants partnered with the Children’s Miracle Network for the 14th Annual Free Pancake Day to benefit McLeod Children’s Hospital on March 12. Guests who visited IHOP received a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes and could make a donation in return. All proceeds help support specialized care, medical equipment, and programs needed to help care for children in the region.

McLeod Children’s Hospital provides the highest level of pediatric care and technology available in the region, serving patients from the Midlands to the Coast. McLeod Children’s Hospital houses a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and a Pediatric ICU, under the direction of Board Certified Pediatric Intensivists. The McLeod Critical Care Transport Team consisting of McLeod Air Reach, Heart Reach and Child Reach provides ready access to all McLeod Health facilities ensuring the continuum of care needed.

McLeod Occupational Health Employee Publishes First Book

McLeod Occupational Health employee Whitney Davis recently published her first book, Beauty in My Brokenness. Whitney never anticipated that her journal entries would lead her to become a published author. “My book is mainly about the obstacles I overcame through a period in my life when I was finding myself,” says Davis. “The obstacles range from a miscarriage and goes as far as sexual assault. There are many little events and mishaps that lead to those things.” Through much brokenness, Whitney Davis found beauty.

Congratulations, Whitney on your accomplishment.

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McLeod Hospice Representatives Present to Auxiliary

Deby Strickland, Toni Gault and Courtney Sullivan of McLeod Hospice presented to the McLeod Health Dillon Auxiliary on Wednesday, March 20. They provided an overview of hospice and also addressed common misconceptions surrounding hospice. Hospice volunteers recently began meeting at McLeod Health Dillon, where they knit butterflies and blankets for hospice patients.

McLeod Health Dillon Auxilian Named President of SCAHA

Betty Stout, a McLeod Health Dillon Auxilian, has been named President of the South Carolina Association of Hospital Auxiliaries. Stout, an auxilian since 2009, will serve a two-year term. She has served on the SCAHA board since 2010 in various positions, including Coastal District Co-Chair, Coastal District Chair and President-Elect. In addition, Auxilian Donna Haselden will serve a two-year term as Coastal District Co-Chair.
The McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program had a successful Match Week. The program filled all eight spots for incoming resident physicians and celebrated by hosting a luncheon to reveal the newest class of resident physicians starting July 1, 2019.

Match Week is an event recognized by medical schools and residency programs across the nation. Applicants and residency programs submit their rank lists to the National Resident Matching Program. This program creates “matches” based on the preferences of applicants and residency programs. During Match Week, applicants find out where they will be completing their residency training.

The McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program is pleased to introduce the Class of 2022: Timothy Blackner (St. George’s University), Parker Edison (University of South Carolina), Virginia Ferguson (University of Louisville), Jacob Kozacki (Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine), Kassie Ledoux (Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine), Amber Martin (Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine), Miranda McCoy (University of South Carolina), and Laine Way (University of South Carolina).

The arrival of Spring brings with it the beauty of the season but the pollen that comes with it often produces an increase in allergy symptoms and infections for individuals. If your allergies are causing you problems, consider downloading the app for McLeod TeleHealth. See a doctor online 24/7 for $49. Sign up is free and most visits are complete in less than 15 minutes.
McLeod Welcomes New Physician

Please click on the image to learn more about Dr. Rebecca Haskill-Strowd, McLeod Primary Care Associates.

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McLeod Spa

20% off all services on Tuesday and Thursday (Concourse Location)
and
20% off spray tans (MHFC Location)

Please call 777-3203 (Concourse) or 777-3200 (Health & Fitness Center) to schedule an appointment.

Don’t forget Tuesdays are Employee Days
Present your employee ID badge for 15% off any service or product.
(Not valid on gift certificate purchases.)
Visit www.McLeodHealthFitness.org for a menu of services.

McLeod Health & Fitness Center

$25 Joining Fee in April.
Based on a 24-month contract.

Hours of Operation:
Monday – Thursday: 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m
Friday: 5:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m
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Upcoming Events

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McLeod Resource Center

10% off all Tender Care Hydrogel Pads

For a complete list of upcoming events, please click here to view the McLeod Health calendar.