McLeod Health Honors Three Outstanding Leaders

In celebration of their years of dedication and service to others, McLeod Health recently held a portrait unveiling to honor three outstanding individuals – Kaye Floyd-Parris, Dr. William M. Hazelwood and Dr. Michael D. Pavy.

McLeod has a long-standing tradition of acknowledging the life-time achievements of McLeod Physicians, Nursing Professionals and Organizational Leaders. One of the most significant opportunities for recognizing meritorious service and paying tribute to the fine character of these individuals is through the act of commissioning a portrait in their honor by the McLeod Health Board of Trustees. The artist’s rendering of these individuals are placed on permanent display in areas representative of both the location of their service as well as commemorating their expertise in the field.

Charles J. Bethea, former Chairman of the McLeod Health Board of Trustees, recognized Floyd-Parris’ service on the McLeod Health Board of Trustees for nearly three decades. In addition to her dedication to the board, Bethea detailed Floyd-Parris’ extensive community involvement from welcoming newcomers to Florence in her role as a realtor to her support of the McLeod Foundation and projects that benefit cancer programs and services.

Shirley Meiere, a Trustee and Past Chair of the McLeod Health Foundation Board, spoke on behalf of Dr. Hazelwood. She called his dedication and service to McLeod Regional Medical Center inspirational. She also related his unique way of comforting patients by singing hymns to them and how he personally relates to them as a lung cancer survivor.

Dr. Rajesh Bajaj, Co-Medical Director of the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research, reflected on Dr. Pavy’s career at McLeod as an oncologist and his role in the development of the McLeod Cancer Center. Dr. Bajaj shared many of Dr. Pavy’s accomplishments in regard to the Cancer Center over the past 38 years and how he mentors his fellow physicians as well as continues to stay up-to-date on the latest advances in oncology.
McLeod Health hosted a ribbon cutting celebration at the new McLeod Health Carolina Forest Emergency Department on Thursday, October 17th. An open house and tours were also available to the community that evening. The only freestanding emergency department in the Carolina Forest community, the McLeod Health Carolina Forest Emergency Department is located on the McLeod Health Carolina Forest campus near the intersection of International Drive and Highway 31.

Community members had an opportunity to tour the new 13,000 sq. ft. facility which includes 15 exam rooms, trauma room, triage, lab, imaging, and specialized treatment rooms. The evidence-based design offers efficiency and comfort for families and medical staff with state-of-the-art technology as well as a streamlined décor and open floorplan.

The McLeod Health Carolina Forest Emergency Department is a department of McLeod Loris Seacoast Hospital.

McLeod Welcomes New Physicians

Please click on the image to learn more about Dr. Dustin Eck, McLeod Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and other new physicians at McLeod Health.

For optimal viewing, please open the Flickr album in Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox.
The McLeod for Health Florence Open concluded on Sunday, October 20, with the finals in the Singles Championship. During the eight-day tournament, McLeod Health raised awareness of breast cancer and physical activity as a sponsor of the USTA women’s professional tennis tournament benefitting Susan G. Komen South Carolina.

Several McLeod Physicians supported the tournament including Dr. Amy Murrell, a McLeod General Surgeon, and McLeod Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Rodney Alan (Tournament Physician). Dr. Murrell also represented McLeod Health during closing ceremonies of the singles championship while Dr. Alan presented the trophies following the doubles championship.

American Claire Liu won the 2019 McLeod for Health Florence Open Singles Final. On Saturday, the number two seeded team of Emina Betkas and Tara Moore won the Doubles Championship.

In May of 2019, representatives with McLeod for Health Florence Open presented its 2018 profits – a total of $8,200 – to Susan G. Komen South Carolina to help fight breast cancer in the northeastern region of South Carolina. Over the last five years, the McLeod for Health Florence Open has raised more than $51,000 for Komen South Carolina.

### McLeod Regional Medical Center

**TAVR Team Celebrates Achievement with Patients**

On Monday, October 21, Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) patients were invited to McLeod Regional Medical Center to celebrate with the McLeod Valve Clinic Team the 125 TAVR procedures performed to date.

The McLeod Valve Clinic Team returns patients diagnosed with valve disease back to a quality of life they can enjoy with the minimally invasive option of TAVR.

“Without you, we wouldn’t be here today,” said McLeod Interventional Cardiologist Dr. Fred Krainin to the TAVR patients in attendance. “We appreciate you and your family entrusting us with your heart care.”
McLeod Nurse Receives October DAISY Award

Tiffani Beard, BSN, RN, a staff nurse in the Heart & Vascular Intensive Care Unit (HVICU), was recently named the October DAISY Award Recipient for McLeod Regional Medical Center. Beard, was nominated by a patient's wife for her extraordinary care and compassion.

On the nomination form, the patient's wife wrote, “My husband and I have been married for 46 years. He began bruising, so with a number of tests, doctors discovered that he had a severe heart blockage. He was transported to McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence where Dr. Huber performed bypass surgery. Tiffani stayed with my husband way past her regular shift to ensure he didn’t panic when he woke. She treated both of us with kindness and compassion.

“We were at his follow-up appointment recently, so we went by to thank Tiffani personally. She cried with me when she realized what her tender care meant to us. She is a great asset to your unit. If anyone deserves a big pat on the back, it would be Tiffani.”

Darlington Staff Participate in the Pee Dee Heart Walk

Staff members with McLeod Health Darlington were among the 1,200 walkers who participated in the 26th Annual Pee Dee Heart Walk on October 5.

McLeod Vascular Surgeon Dr. William Jackson welcomed everyone on behalf of McLeod Health to thank them for their support in the fight against heart disease and stroke. With stroke being the third leading cause of death in South Carolina, the McLeod Stroke Team also provided blood pressure checks and a stroke educational quiz to help raise awareness.

The Pee Dee Heart Walk is an American Heart Association signature event that blends the benefits of physical activity, community involvement and personal giving to fight the devastation of cardiovascular disease and stroke.
As a partner in nursing education for the region, McLeod Health has made a contribution to two area nursing schools. Support of valuable educational offerings is reflected in this year’s $25,000 gifts to Northeastern Technical College (NETC) and to Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC).

“The need for healthcare services is increasing as the number of aging baby boomers continues to grow,” stated Dan Allen, Chief Nursing Officer for McLeod Health Cheraw. “As a result, more nurses are needed to educate and care for patients than ever before. It is crucial for our healthcare organization to support the education program at Northeastern Technical College so that we can continue to educate nurses for years to come.”

“We value our partnership with CCTC as they prepare our future nurses to provide compassionate medical care to our patients and families,” stated Kim Jolly, Chief Nursing Officer for McLeod Health Clarendon. “We are honored to invest in our students, our employees, and our community as CCTC continues advancing educational opportunities.”
Clarendon Board Visits McLeod Regional Medical Center

On Thursday, October 10, McLeod Dillon hosted Palmetto Leadership Dillon County for their Healthcare Awareness day.

Throughout the day, the group heard presentations about various accomplishments of the hospital, including the Baby Friendly Designation, Stroke Ready certification and the addition of 3D Mammography.

Donna Isgett, McLeod Health Chief Operating Officer, welcomed those in attendance and gave an overview of McLeod Health’s vision and commitment to providing quality care to people living in the region.

Marie Saleeby, McLeod Regional Medical Center Administrator, provided a tour of the McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research, the McLeod Heart and Vascular Institute and McLeod Children’s Hospital.

During the tour, the attendees met Dr. Virginia Clyburn-Ipock, a McLeod Radiation Oncologist, who explained stereotactic radiosurgery as well as Dr. Alan Blaker, a McLeod Interventional Cardiologist, who provided details about the door-to-balloon time and the advanced technology offered in the McLeod Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory.

The group also learned more about the McLeod HeartReach ambulance and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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Tracy Pelt, Director of Security and Emergency Management, led the group on a tour and explained security measures taken daily to keep the hospital secure.
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