



*Nursing Excellence
Awards
2023*






ANCILLARY NURSING AWARDS

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ANCILLARY NURSING AWARDS CNA

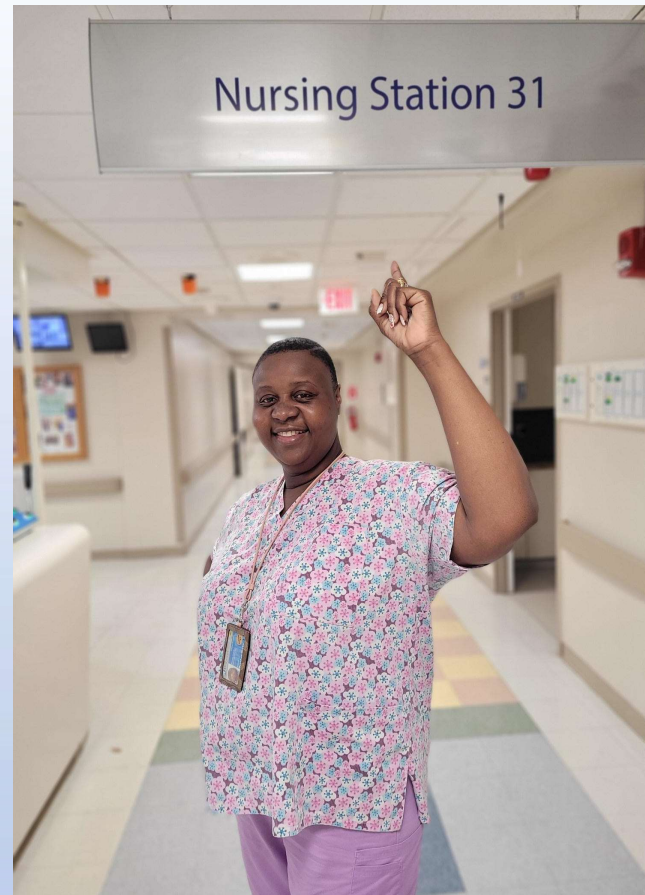
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ANCILLARY
NURSING
AWARDS

Certified
Nursing
Assistant



**Alexis-Bacchus-
Burke**

**NS 31/32
L&D/Postpartum**

"The nominee will float to another unit but return to her unit to assist on her break"

"She does it for the joy of helping her patients and co-workers, she is just phenomenal"

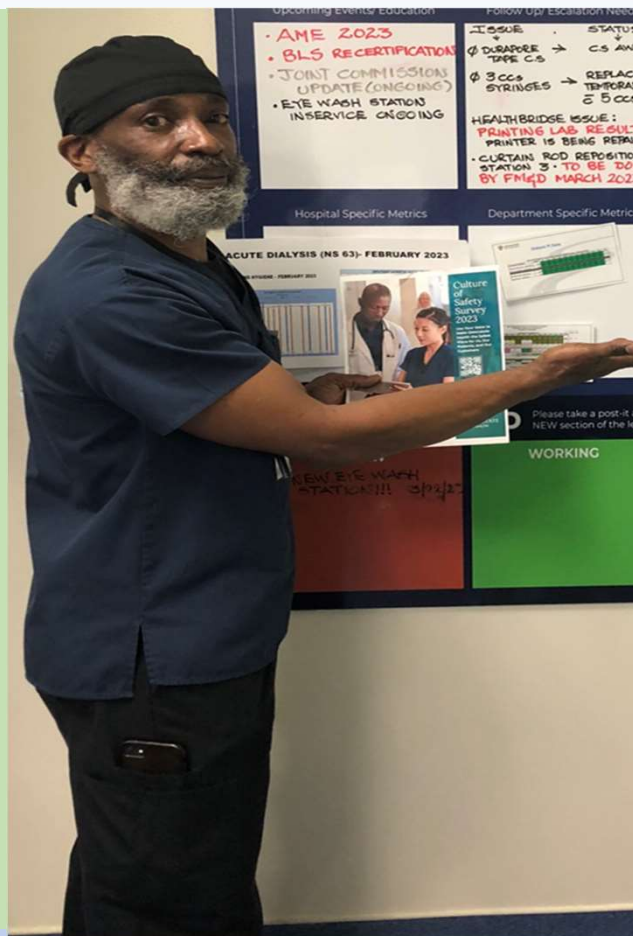
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ANCILLARY NURSING AWARDS

Certified
Nursing
Assistant



#2 of 2 Garfield Curchar NS 63

"This CNA entered a room to transport a patient to dialysis, he took the time to help the neighboring patient sit up properly to eat, placed a towel on his chest and positioned his tray!"

"He goes above and beyond for his patients"

"An amazing, caring worker."

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ANCILLARY NURSING AWARDS TECH

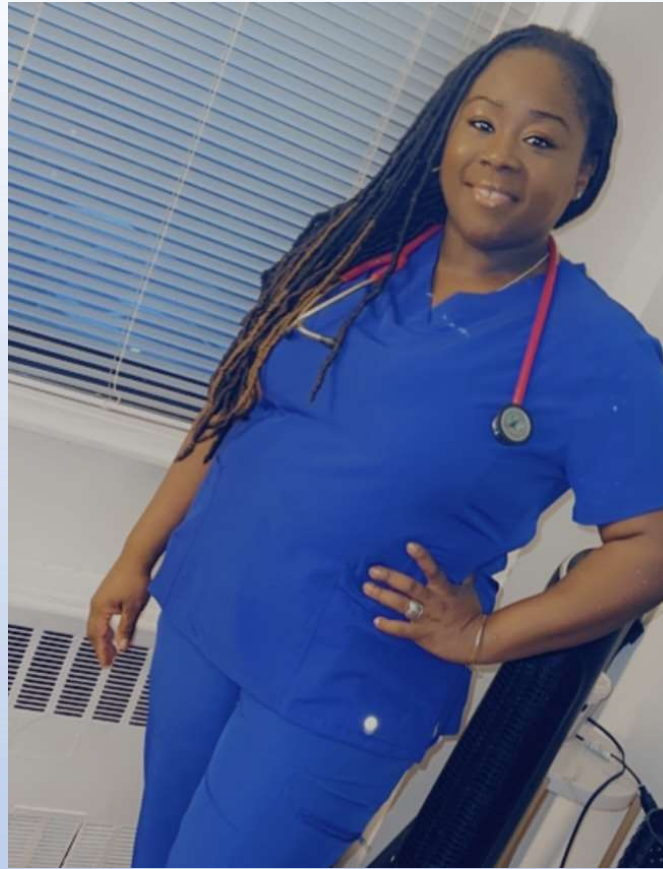
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ANCILLARY
NURSING
AWARDS

Technician
(Tech)



Phara Medy
NS 42
PEDIATRICS

"She has a beautiful relationship with her patients"

"She makes the unit a happy place and the patient's faces brighten up when they see her"

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**ANCILLARY NURSING
AWARDS**
NURSING STATION
CLERK

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ANCILLARY
NURSING
AWARDS

Nursing
Station Clerk



William Holton
NS 71/73


“Multiple patients and family members have commended him for his helpfulness”

“An understanding counselor to families in times of crisis; his presence, listening skills & non-judgmental approach make patients and families calm and less anxious”

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ANCILLARY NURSING AWARDS TEAMWORK

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ANCILLARY
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Teamwork



Elizabeth Abraham
ED

“Takes excellent care of her patients and is always ready and available to willingly help her coworkers”

“Always asks who needs helps and lends her assistance to other staff members”

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ANCILLARY NURSING AWARDS MENTORSHIP

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AWARDS

Mentorship



Marie Jean-Louis
OR/PACU

“Willingly trains and precepts new staff to the operating room”

“Provides guidance, feedback, support and mentorship to staff. Is a role model, teacher and advocate for all”

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ANCILLARY NURSING AWARDS

QUALITY / PERFORMANCE
IMPROVEMENT, PATIENT
SAFETY

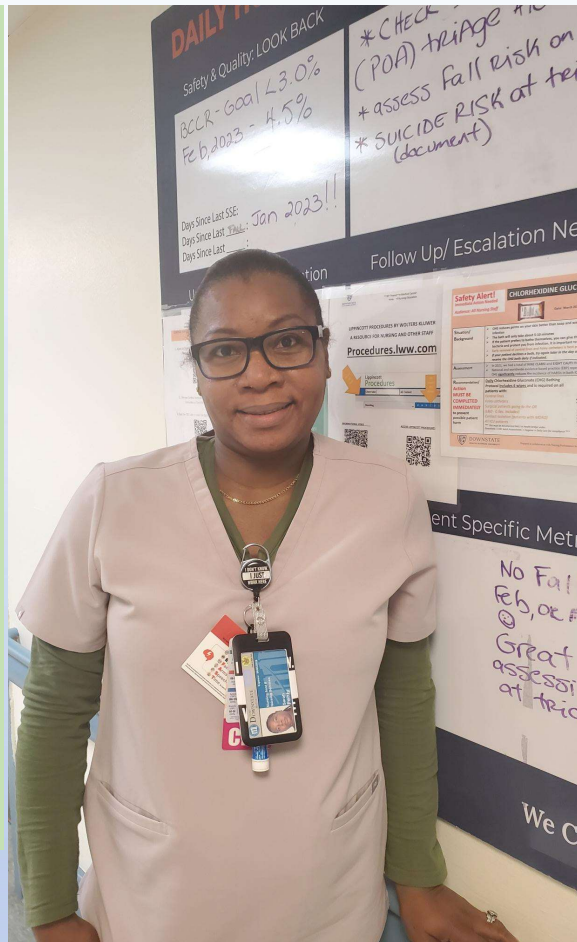
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ANCILLARY
NURSING
AWARDS

Quality /
Performance
Improvement,
Patient Safety



Sarah Fenty
ED

"Works tirelessly to ensure that safety protocols are observed on the unit"

"Took the initiative to implement the fall prevention bundle in the ED and ensures it is in place from the time of patient triage."

"Works with Emergency Management to train staff on safety protocols"

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**NURSING
CLINICAL PRACTICE
AWARDS**

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CLINICAL PRACTICE
ADVANCED
PRACTICE NURSING

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Advanced
Nursing
Practice



#1 OF 2

Sherene Wise
STROKE
COORDINATOR

"Supported the organization through the successful journey to achieve primary stroke designation"

"Collaborated to develop and deliver stroke education house-wide and tirelessly tracked data for use in driving performance improvement"

"She is an exemplification of our WE CARE values."

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Advanced
Nursing
Practice



#2 OF 2

Curleen DeVignes
NURSING
INFORMATICS

"Is dedicated to her role and passionate about the use of technology to simplify nurse tasks and improve patient safety"

"Single-handedly trained all nurses in a specific division & adjusted her schedule to be present for night shift nurses"

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CLINICAL PRACTICE AMBULATORY

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Ambulatory
Nursing



**Allison Kenny
Bayridge**

"Nominee does an outstanding job of preparing patients and collaborates with multiple disciplines to assure patient is optimized for their procedure."

"She goes above and beyond to assist patients and keep them safe"

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CLINICAL PRACTICE CRITICAL CARE

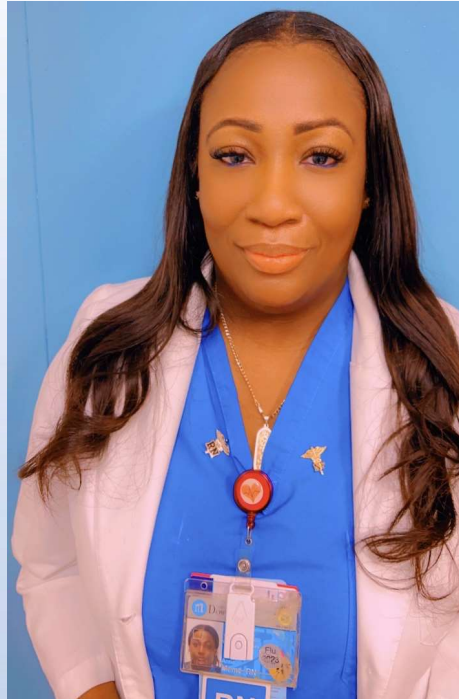
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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Critical Care
Nursing



Anne Meme
MICU

"She is one of the most attentive and caring nurses I have ever worked with"

"The patient sin the ICU have a great caretaker and advocate"

"She provides excellent acre and thinks about how the system could improve to better serve the patients in the ICU"

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CLINICAL PRACTICE EDUCATION

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Critical Care
Nursing



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Dr. Sarah Marshall
ICL - Patient &
Community Education

"She is passionate about nursing and applies that passion to all she does here at UHD"

"Is involved in multiple community education initiatives and professional nursing organizations"

"Coordinates the clinical experience for nursing students at all levels, contributing to the growth and sustenance of the profession".

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Critical Care
Nursing



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Dr. Marla Reid
EMU

"She keeps her knowledge up-to-date and passes information to nurses throughout UHD who care for epilepsy patients"

"Is always available as a resource for the EMU nurses, physicians and patients"

"Organizes formal epilepsy teaching with nursing staff in the ED, Suite C, MICU and EMU".

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**CLINICAL PRACTICE
EMERGENCY
NURSING**

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Emergency
Nursing



**Princess Raghunath
ED**

"This is an awesome nurse who is diligent, analytical and seeks new learning at every opportunity"

"She is an ardent worker, team player and professional, a pleasure to work with"

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**CLINICAL PRACTICE
LABOR & DELIVERY,
POSTPARTUM**

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

L&D, OB,
Postpartum



Linda Gallego
Maternal Child
Health

"The nominee delivers excellent patient care"

"She is dedicated to her patients"

"Patients continue to mention her in the following shift"

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CLINICAL PRACTICE MEDICAL

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Medical
Nursing



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Bernice Salas-Perez
NS 61

"Always reports to work with a smile and is the quintessential team player"

"Communicates well with the interdisciplinary team and consistently interacts with patients and family, building trust and good rapport"

"Is an attentive and caring nurse"

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Medical
Nursing



#2 of 2

Dr. Dornalee Walker
NS 81

"A great nurse, always willing to help and share her knowledge."

"She takes the time to speak to her patients, listen to them and address their needs in a timely manner"

"Raises concerns with the interdisciplinary team to ensure patients are receiving quality care"

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CLINICAL PRACTICE ONCOLOGY/REHAB

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Oncology /
Rehab



Marie Alexis
NS 72/74

“Always going above
and beyond for every
patient”

Always shows up when
needed most, always
advocating for her
patients”

“A fair team player,
helpful, knowledgeable,
supportive”

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CLINICAL PRACTICE
PEDIATRICS/PICU
NICU

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Pediatrics,
PICU, NICU
Nursing



Nhung Khuu
PICU

"An exemplar Pediatric ICU Nurse"

"Has great attention to detail, assessment and chart review skills"

"Provides patient centered care and ensures both patients and parents are involved."

"Is skilled at maintaining empathy but injecting her sense of humor, works hard but has fun doing it"

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CLINICAL PRACTICE PERIOPERATIVE

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Perioperative
Nursing



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Gabrielle Jeanty

“Allows all patients of all gender identities to be comfortable”

“Works well with patients with social or psychological issues and ensures that they receive equitable service”

“A nurse who demonstrates the value “welcoming to all”

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Perioperative
Nursing



#2 OF 2

Edilberto Reyes

“Practices empathy,
employs great
communication skills and
pays attention to details.”

“Maintains safety to
prevent patient falls and
goes above and beyond to
be regular and punctual”

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CLINICAL PRACTICE PROGRESSIVE CARE

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Progressive
Care Nursing



Maxine Trowers

NS 71/73

"During our TJC survey, she wowed the surveyors with her vast knowledge about clinical practice, he nicknamed her Maxine to the max!"

"The stroke surveyor was impressed with her project for improving provider's cultural competency"

"Is always eager to learn new things and skills, loves to challenge herself and rises to the occasion when challenged."

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CLINICAL PRACTICE

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT NURSING

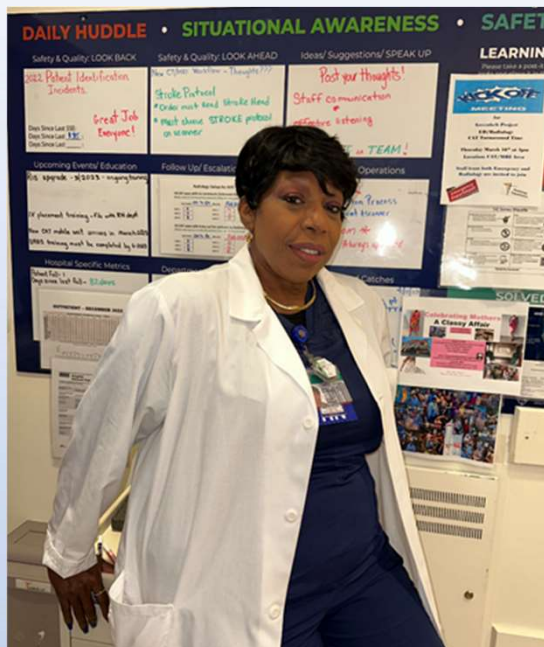
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CLINICAL PRACTICE AWARD

QI/PI Nursing



Sandra Prescott MRI

“Seeks ways of improving patient safety and turnaround time”

“Volunteered to assist with in-servicing IR techs in IV placement to decrease IV infiltrations and extravasations”

“Takes pride in ensuring that the unit is ready and equipped to serve our patients”

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CLINICAL PRACTICE

SURGICAL NURSING

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CLINICAL
PRACTICE
AWARD

Surgical
Nursing



Maribeth Paras
NS 82

"The nominee is very attentive to every patient's needs.

"She frequently assesses her patients and complete tasks to prevent delay in care"

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The graphic features a dark blue background with several gold stars of varying sizes scattered across it. A large, horizontal gold scroll is positioned in the center-right, containing the text "Nursing Distinction Awards" in a black, elegant cursive font. The scroll has a slight 3D effect with shadows on its top and bottom edges.

*Nursing Distinction
Awards*



*Dedicated
Service*



NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*Dedicated
Service*



**Bernadette Vieja-
Rigor**

NS 42/43

“Always goes above and beyond to help both units and is dedicated to making staff feel secure and supported in their roles”

“Excellent patient care”

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Excellence
Education

NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*Excellence in
Education*



Sheila Hyppolite-Francis
NS 31/32

"The nominee helped initiate/implement and teach best practices to staff on NS 31 and NS 32".

"Is an excellent resource for all our new hires, a team player who motivates staff and gets the job done"

"Her positivity is contagious!!"

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*Mentorship
Award*



NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*Mentorship
Award*

Melgyn Viernes
NS 35 NICU

"An excellent NICU nurse, highly skilled, knowledgeable, a critical thinker, team player"


"Has precepted and mentored many of our new nurses and continues to buddy and support them post-orientation"

"Presents best practice cases and learning sessions to improve standard of practice of her colleagues on the unit"

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*New Knowledge,
Innovation &
Improvement*

NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*New Knowledge,
Innovation &
Improvement*



**Dr. Shannon 'Shay'
Walter**

"A great nursing leader who exemplifies commitment to patient outcomes through many initiatives designed to improve the care we deliver"

"Has embraced the journey to zero harm and spearheaded the huddle board project"

"Is passionate about ancillary staff engagement and provides them with opportunities to drive PI projects"

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*Peer
Leader*

NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

Peer Leader



#1 of 2

Gelihsa Arjoon

PROCEDURE AREAS

"A very motivated and engaged individual."

"A good communicator with staff and patients, very calm, level-headed and a good mediator"

"Does whatever is required to get her colleagues out on time, setting up procedure tables and helping with cleaning before and after cases"

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NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

Peer Leader



#2 of 2

**Sheila Hyppolite-
Francis**

NS 31/32

"Has worked diligently to educate all nursing staff in providing excellent care in the prenatal setting"

"Is able to step into a leadership role, take charge of the unit and with a positive manner"

"Is famous for saying I GOT THIS, regardless of how busy the unit is"

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*Rising
Star*

NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

Rising Star



**Barakat
Balogun
NS 31/32**

"A new nurse who is a phenomenal person, respectful, helpful and a great team player."

"Displays characteristics of excellence by allowing staff and patients to feel welcome and comfortable"

"A compassionate and caring nurse"

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*Excellent
Teamwork*

NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*Excellent
Teamwork*



Charmaine Peltier
NS 71/73

"Maintains a positive and supportive attitude and provides the highest level of patient care."

"Goes above and beyond in collaboration with her teammates"

"Helps to mentor and support nurses on her unit, welcomes everyone with a bright smile, always willing to lend a helping hand"

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*We-Care
Engagement*

NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*We-Care
Engagement*



**Norris Boucher -
ADN**

NS 82

"He reinforces our We-Care journey daily."

"Supports his staff in delivering the best care"

"Is very involved in all aspects of nursing, rounds on his patients each morning, conducts frequent huddles reinforcing protocols and educating his staff"

"A very caring professional"

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RYN3

Leadership

NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

RN3

Excellence



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Yasmine Caesar-Lyons

NS 61/62

"An excellent charge nurse who is caring towards patients and supportive to staff."

"Assists with bedside tasks when needed and engages patients in conversation and provides a listening ear"

"Is highly skilled, knowledgeable, dependable, detail-oriented, consistent and organized"

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NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*RN3
Excellence*



#2 of 2

Joylyn Wilson-David

NS 81

"Her ability to interact with all team members at UHD is a testament to her character as a nurse."

"Worked with an agitated patient to address his concerns, provide care and calm him down."

"Is organized and collaborative, communicates well and does all to ensure the unit runs smoothly"

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*Team
Award*



NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*Team
Excellence*

**ICL – INSTITUTE OF CONTINUOUS
LEARNING**

“The ICL team works collaboratively with nursing leadership and staff to identify learning needs, develop education content and implement educational activities to achieve learning outcomes and improve patient care and outcomes”

“This team turns up tirelessly to support the learning needs of nursing staff at all levels, improving their knowledge and competency”

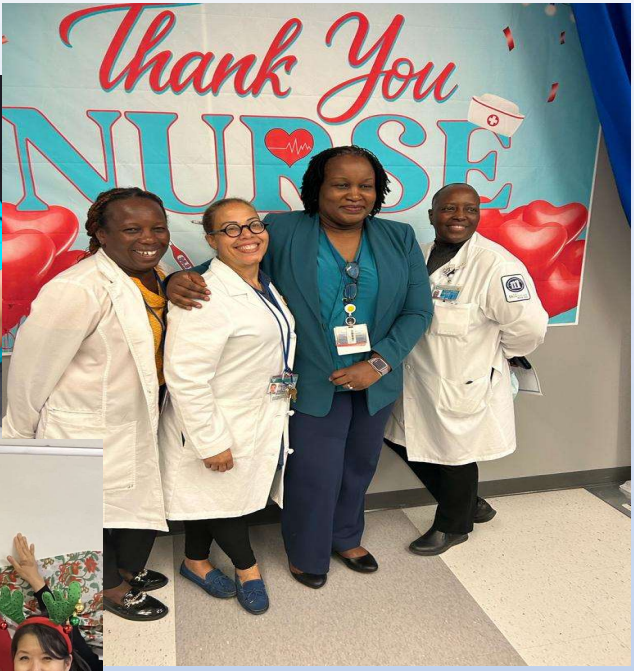
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ICL – INSTITUTE OF CONTINUOUS LEARNING



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*Senior Nursing
Leadership
Award*



NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*Senior Nursing
Leadership*

"The nominee utilizes numerous years of experience to guide nursing leaders and staff"

"Is a good communicator and leader who involves her direct reports to participate in decision-making"

"An ardent defender of the nursing profession and protector of the nurse's right to have a seat at the table where decisions are made"

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NURSING
DISTINCTION
AWARD

*Senior Nursing
Leadership*



**Cheryl Rolston,
DNP(c), MSN, RN, NE-BC
Chief Nursing Officer**

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*Thanks for coming.
Congratulations to all
nominees and winners!!*



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