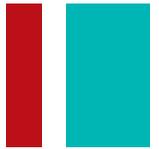


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57 Centuries of Commitment to Downstate Employees Recognized for Service Milestones

On December 9, employees celebrating **10, 20, 30, and 40** years of service to Downstate were recognized with a special ceremony in Alumni Auditorium.

This year 360 employees, from every aspect of the campus, marked a special year. When multiplied out, their collective years of service added up to an astounding 5,720 years – or over 57 centuries of commitment to Downstate.

President John F. Williams said, “Whether at the bedside, in the lecture halls or the laboratories, at the computer, maintaining our facilities, or in your offices – you make us who we are.”

See the online version of *Downstate Times* to see who celebrated a milestone, and additional photos.



President John F. Williams with 10-year honorees Olivia Odle from Patient Transport Services (left), and Chief Nursing Officer Margaret Jackson.



UHB Employee Holiday Party: Mix, Mingle, and Be Merry

As is tradition, Downstate administrators came out to serve their fellow employees at the 2013 Hospital Holiday Party – for both day and night tours. “It’s the least we can do to show appreciation for everyone’s hard work and dedication,” said Bill Gerdes, UHB senior associate administrator.

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See Downstate Times Online for more photos. www.downstate.edu/downstatetimes

Students Give the Gift of Giving

At Downstate's Gift of Giving event, students decorated, wrapped, and filled shoeboxes with hand-written cards, toys, books, and gifts for children in need.

Sponsored by the Residence Hall Council and Student Life Clubs (including Peds 'R Us, AMSA, CAMS, and the Cardiology and Family Medicine clubs), Gift of Giving will bring holiday cheer to the Center for Human Development and Family Services, an organization that provides help to special needs children.



Thanks NYPD!

For the past several years, Downstate's Child Life Center has received generous toy donations from the Brooklyn's NYPD 63rd Precinct. Their gifts are given to terminally and chronically ill children being treated for cancer, sickle cell and other debilitating illnesses. A portion of the donations are also given to community-based organizations, to help families in need.

Nicholas Miller, vice president of the 63rd's Community Council, said "this event is always near and dear to my heart each year because of all the kids lives we touch, and Downstate has always been a special place to me because of my Uncle Jim Parise." (Mr. Parise, who headed FM&D for many years before his untimely passing, is still fondly remembered by long-timers at Downstate.)