



April 2, 2021

New Direction

Dietary director named as Wow Moment of the Month for March

Vanessa Hooper, director of dietary services, was the March recipient for WOW Moment of the Month, for her dedication in going above and beyond for her staff and the patients.

According to her nominating co-worker Tammy Laningham, Vanessa is best described as a hero, because she is kind, considerate, generous and dedicated.

"She is not just dedicated to her family and friends, but her staff, the staff of this hospital, and to the patients," said Tammy. "She is dedicated to making sure the staff and patients of this hospital have hot and nutritious meals every day regardless of what situations might be happening."

Tammy said that dedication was proven many times during the ice and snow storm that covered this city in February. "Vanessa drove to work on the ice-covered roads then left and picked up several of her staff so they wouldn't have to drive on the dangerous roads themselves. She did this several days during the snowstorm so that she would be able to feed all of the staff and patients three meals a day. Vanessa worked 12-18 hours a day dealing with busted water pipes, food shortage, no water, and very few staff. She worked alongside her staff to make sure everyone was taken care of. Vanessa shows this dedication every day not just when disasters happen."



Thank you Vanessa for always going the extra mile for not only the patients here at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, but for the staff as well! This is definitely WOW material!

Free SFA baseball tickets still available to staff

Don't forget that Memorial sponsors athletics at SFA and we have free baseball tickets available for home games through April, May and June. Please call the community relations department at ext. 4123 if you want the tickets to a game. To check out upcoming home baseball games, please visit www.sfajacks.com/sports/baseball/schedule/2021 and call us to reserve available tickets.

Texas Board of Nursing changes to online system for nursing license renewal

In June of 2020, the Texas Board of Nursing moved to an online system for applying for new and renewal licenses. Nurses will no longer receive expiration reminders by mail. In order to receive email reminders nurses will need to use the new Texas Nurse Portal to create an account and sign up for email notices. All nurses are responsible for keeping their licenses current and will not be able to work if their license becomes delinquent. NMH wants to make sure our nursing staff is aware of this new process and encourage all to be proactive in creating their accounts for board updates and license reminders.

Reach the new nurse portal at www.bon.texas.gov/texasnurseportal/

Interested in a career at NMH?

Apply @ <https://www.nacmem.org/careers/all/>
Stop by Human Resources or call 936.568.8543

Occupational therapist retires after 20 years with Memorial

Diane McFarland, occupational therapist, has retired from Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital after 20 years of service. Diane worked in Nacogdoches County for 27 years, and has been in healthcare for 40 years. She is pictured (center, in pink sweater) with her coworkers, the staff from the physical therapy department. Diane is looking forward to traveling with her husband David, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Thanks for your years of service!



Memorial physicians, providers featured at Leadership Nacogdoches Medical Day presentations

Last week, some of our providers and members of our trauma team presented during Medical Day for the Nacogdoches Chamber Leadership Nacogdoches class. Gary Stokes, CEO, started the day with the history of the hospital. The trauma team, Kaye Partin, Kelle Harrison, Dr. Eduardo Wilkinson, and Dr. Jason Suits, led a discussion about the Level III Trauma Center.

Several providers served on a speaker panel and were asked questions moderated by pharmacy director, David Schaefer, concerning their practice, how it has been affected during the pandemic, and where they see health care in the next few years. Those providers included Dr. Ryan Head, Dr. Jeremy Smith, Dr. Ahammed Hashim, Dr. Binusha Moitheennazima, Kristin Robinson, FNP- BC, and James Stockman, CNRA.



Food Truck Friday
April 9

Shali's Indian Kitchen
Uncle Pete's

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Blount Park



We have a winner!

Carimika Hinton, clerk in the Auxiliary Gift shop, was the lucky winner of the Raising Cane's basket which included gift cards, a cooler and other goodies.

Transform your personal well-being with the \$10,000 HealthyWage Team Challenge!

Join the \$10,000 HealthyWage Team Challenge and stay motivated to get healthy! Thank you for your selfless efforts caring for others throughout 2020. This year, it's more important than ever for hardworking healthcare workers to prioritize personal wellbeing. This Memorial-approved 12-week weight loss challenge is the perfect opportunity to lose some weight, win some money, and have fun! Register online for \$25/month for three months (\$75).

What to Know:

- SIGN UP online or on HealthyWage's mobile app.
- Create a team of five. Don't have a team? No problem – HealthyWage will match you up with one!
- Get active on HealthyWage's interactive free mobile app. Connect with your teammates, gain healthy tips, and check your personal and team stats and standings!
- Not looking to lose weight but want to participate? Register as a team cheerleader for free and support your five teammates (limit one cheerleader per team). If you're on a winning team, you'll win an equal share of the cash prize!

You can win:

- \$10,000 for 1st place \$5,000 for 2nd place \$3,000 for 3rd place
- Plus, MORE cash prizes for collecting achievement ribbons!

Bonus: Earn back your registration fee by achieving an individual weight loss of 10% or more in nine months!

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