



Mather matters

A newsletter for the staff, volunteers and benefactors of John T. Mather Memorial Hospital
AUTUMN/WINTER 2015

Mather Dedicates Arthur & Linda Calace Pavilion



The ribbon cutting (right) for the Linda & Arthur Calace Foundation Pavilion on Sept. 24 included major donors, board members and Mather administration.

Mather dedicated its new Arthur & Linda Calace Foundation Pavilion on September 24, 2015 with a ribbon-cutting and reception, followed by tours of the new facility. The pavilion was completed in just under two years and represents a major commitment by the Hospital to address the current and future medical needs of the communities it serves.

The new pavilion includes 3 North, a 35 single-bedded Intermediate Care Unit caring for a range of patients including those having neurosurgery, thoracic (chest) surgery and vascular surgery as well as for patients requiring telemetry monitoring. All 3N Nurses are trained in critical care.

The second floor houses offices and

conference rooms for the growing Graduate Medical Education Program. Mather plans to add new residencies in radiology, psychiatry and other specialties in the coming years to address growing and changing community needs.

The Long Island Anesthesia Physicians Conference Center (or LIAP Conference Center) on the first floor facilitates educational opportunities for future doctors and other staff through technology that supports distance learning. It also hosts hospital and community health seminars.

More than \$5 million was raised for construction of the facility through a capital campaign.

Mather President Kenneth Roberts (left) with Long Island Anesthesia Physicians in front of the Hospital's new conference center, named in honor of the practice.



Honoring Top of the Wave Winners for Outstanding Commitment and Dedication to Our Organization



Top of the Wave Winner Dakota Pfeifer (center) with runners-up Pauline Meek (left) and Tanya Fanella. All are from the TCU.

The Employee Engagement Team selected a 2015 Top of the Wave winner and five runners-up for going above and beyond their jobs in assisting patients or helping fellow employees.

Dakota Pfeifer from Transitional Care Unit (TCU) was named 2015 Top of the Wave winner for his outstanding commitment and dedication to our organization. Dakota was recognized as an outstanding employee

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President's Column

As we head to the end of the year and the holiday period, I am pleased to report that 2015 was a good year for the hospital and our continued growth and innovation. After a year and a half of construction we opened our new building, welcomed two more classes of medical residents, transitioned to a new electronic medical records system in the Emergency Department – SAM ED – and successfully transitioned to the new coding standard, ICD-10, just to name a few of the changes this year.

By now I hope you have had a chance to tour our new Arthur & Linda Calace Foundation Pavilion, or at the very least to attend a seminar or class in our new “Long Island Anesthesia Physicians Conference Center” (please thank our Anesthesiologists when you see them). I want to personally thank every member of the Mather Family and community who together contributed more than \$5 million to support the building of this new facility.

After years of delays, ICD-10 finally became a reality in the United States. My thanks to Mather's ICD-10 Transition Committee who worked to make the transition from ICD-9 as smooth as possible.

People

I would like to welcome the following new members of our Mather Family:
New Hospital Board Members **Debra Engelhardt** and **William J. “Duffy” Mich, Jr.**
Frank Christiano, Director of the Department of Environmental Services coming to us from St. Francis Hospital.

Congratulations to **Brandy Feliu, MSN, RN** who was named AVP for Nursing Professional Development; **Denise Driscoll, NPP, RN**, who is now Director for Inpatient Psychiatry; **Kevin Koubek**, who is now Director of Engineering, Hospital Design and Construction and oversees both Engineering and Hospital Construction; and **Emily Emma MSN, RN** who was promoted to Nurse Manager for 3 South.

Kudos also to **Ted Nilsson, MS, RT, RRT**, Director of Respiratory Services, who was named Respiratory Care Faculty Clinician of the Year by the SUNY at Stony Brook's Health Sciences Center Alumni Committee.

Service

Mather is the only hospital in Suffolk County to earn four stars for patient experience from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (www.cms.gov, October 2015).

Congratulations to our Voyage to Excellence Champions, who were honored at a breakfast at Danfords Inn. They are **Phyllis Macchio, ANP**, Standards of Performance; **Alisha Richard**, Bright Ideas; **Alice Aug**, Patient Experience; **Yvette Munoz**, Employee Engagement; **Karen Tuzzolo, RN**, Leadership Development; **Joanne Moschello**, Communication; and **Adam Wos, MD**, Physician Engagement.

Quality & Safety

Mather Hospital is now the only hospital in New York State to be recognized with eight consecutive “A” ratings from The Leapfrog Group, a national, nonprofit hospital safety watchdog. Congratulations to everyone for this outstanding achievement.

The Joint Commission, an independent, not-for-profit organization that accredits and certifies nearly 21,000 healthcare organizations and programs in the United States, has recognized Mather as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for 2015. This achievement demonstrates Mather's commitment to assuring that evidence-based interventions are delivered in the right way and at the right time. Specifically, Mather was recognized in the areas of heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, stroke and immunization.

Innovation and Growth

Thanks to everyone for all that you accomplished in 2015. We will build on those accomplishments in 2016 and continue to be known for the excellent patient care and safety for which we have been recognized. We are planning to add additional residencies, beginning with diagnostic radiology and psychiatry, in the near future.

I would like congratulate the entire staff for exceeding our overall patient satisfaction percentile rankings goal for the third quarter of 2015. Keep up the great work you do for our patients and the communities we serve. Thank you.



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Mather is Only NYS Hospital to Earn 8 Leapfrog A's

Mather was recognized for its excellent quality and patient safety record with The Leapfrog Group's top "A" Hospital Safety Score for the eighth consecutive ratings period – the only New York State hospital to achieve that distinction. Mather is one of only 133 hospitals out of more than 2,500 ranked nationwide to have achieved an "A" grade in each of the twice-annual updates of the scores.

"Quality, safety and efficiency are primary to the culture here at Mather Hospital," said Mather President Kenneth Roberts.

The Hospital Safety Score rates how well hospitals protect

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Source: The Leapfrog Group, Washington, DC

patients from errors, injuries and infections. It is compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group, a national, nonprofit hospital safety watchdog.

Two Directors Named to Hospital Board

Mather Hospital recently appointed Debra. L. Engelhardt and William J. "Duffy" Mich to its Board of Directors, Board Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi announced.

Engelhardt, of Wading River, is director of the Comsewogue Public Library in Port Jefferson Station. She is a longtime librarian who has worked as library director at the Huntington, Rogers Memorial Library (Southampton) and Hampton Library (Bridgehampton) prior to her current position. Engelhardt also is past-president of the Rotary Clubs of Port Jefferson and Southampton, past president of the Public Library Directors Association of Suffolk County and of the Suffolk County Library Association, and a second vice president on the board of Decision – Brookhaven Women in Commerce and Professions.

Mich, of Head of the Harbor, is founder and CEO of Aperio



CI, a data management and application delivery company, and Left Right Research, a boutique market research firm, both in Ronkonkoma. He is presi-

dent of the board of Suffolk AHRC and has served on the board since 2000. He a member of the Ward Melville Heritage Development Committee and has served on the Stony Brook University Medical Center Development Council, Stony Brook Children's Hospital Task Force and Stony Brook University College Business Advisory Council. Mich was fundraising co-chair for Resurrection Church in Farmingville and fundraising chair for the Sachem School District Special Ed PTA.

Diabetes Education Program Receives National Recognition from ADA



Ella Rosenbloom, MD and Margaret J. Hofacker BSN, RN, CDE with ADA

Harbor View Medical Services, PC Diabetes Education Program, developed by Margaret J. Hofacker BSN, RN, CDE, Program Coordinator, and overseen by Ella Rosenbloom, MD, has received the prestigious American Diabetes Association (ADA) Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education program. The Association's Education Recognition Certificate assures that educational programs meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) Programs. Education Recognition status is awarded for four years.

Self-management education is an essential component of diabetes treatment. Harbor View's DSME program will add group classes in 2016. "Group classes enable participants to see and feel that they are not alone with their questions, fears, struggles, and triumph," Hofacker said. "It is our hope that by expanding to group classes we will be able to reach even

more people in our community who have diabetes and still haven't had self-management training."

Anyone interested in attending Harbor View's DSME program can call 631-686-2551.

Mather Community Interactive Health Fair

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It was One Enchanted Evening

Mather Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary One Enchanted Evening gala in October at the Hyatt Regency Long Island in Hauppauge. Honored at the golden anniversary celebration were our 2015 Theodore Roosevelt Award winners and Community Honoree. Pictured are (left to right) TR Award winner Dinesh Shukla, MD; Mather Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi; TR Award winner Richard Savino, MD; Co-Chair and Board Member Judith Fortunato; Co-Chair Barney Fortunato, Jr.; TR Award winner Joanne Lauten, RN; and Community Honoree Jeffrey P. Rust, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C.





Magnet™ Conference 2015



Marie O'Brien, MSN, RN-BC, ANP-C, CCRN, delivers a podium presentation at the 2015 Magnet Conference in Atlanta. Mather nurses had three podium presentations at the conference.



Judith Moran, DNSc, RN, NE-BC, BC, speaks with audience members after delivering her podium presentation at the 2015 Magnet Conference in Atlanta.

NURSING matters

Nursing Quality Showcase



Karen Tuzzolo, BSN, RN, CNOR, NE-BC, Director of Surgical Services, speaks with nursing students at the Nursing Quality Showcase in October.



Holly Hannon, RN, Patty Mupo, RN, BSN, Infection Prevention Coordinator, and Marisa Bisiani DNP, ANP-BC, Director of Infection Prevention and Employee Health Services, with their display at the Nursing Quality Showcase.



Sandra Brown, RN, (left), Joann Hughes, RN and Phyllis Macchio, ANP, GNP in front of their display.

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Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professionalism



June 2015



July 2015



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and consideration have been singled out by patients and/or their families.



August 2015



September 2015



October 2015

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 Dr. Anthony Llorens
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 Karen Lospinuso
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 Gerard Lunetta
 Dawn Lupo
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 Maryanne Wisniewski
 Dr. Adam Wos
 Mary Yakutsk
 Debra M. Youngs
 Nancy Zavesky

welcome new doctors

Dina Abi Fadel, MD

Specialty: Critical Care
 Medical School: Lebanese University, Beirut
 Residency: Balamand University, Beirut
 Practice: Mather Hospital Intensivist Program

Roberto Bergamaschi, MD, PhD

Specialty: Colon and Rectal Surgery
 Medical School: School of Medicine, University of Milan
 Residency: Angers University Hospital, Angers, France
 Practice: Stony Brook Surgical Associates, 37 Research Way, East Setauket

Michael Bernstein, MD

Specialty: Radiation Oncology
 Medical School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx
 Residency: Montifiore Medical Center, Bronx
 Practice: North Shore Hematology Oncology Associates, PC, 235 N. Belle Mead Road, E. Setauket

Samuel Brown, DO

Specialty: Anesthesiology/ Pain Management
 Medical School: The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – School of Osteopathic Medicine
 Residency: Stony Brook University Medical Center
 Practice: Long Island Physician Associates, 70 North Country Road, Port Jefferson

Roy Chen, MD

Specialty: Hematology/ Oncology
 Medical School: SUNY Upstate Medical University
 Residency: Stony Brook University Hospital
 Practice: North Shore Hematology Oncology Associates, 235 N. Belle Mead Road, East Setauket

Brian Durkin, DO

Specialty: Anesthesiology/ Pain Management
 Medical School: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Residency: Stony Brook University Medical Center
 Practice: Long Island Physician Associates, 70 North Country Road, Port Jefferson

Susan Emanuele, MD

Specialty: Hospitalist
 Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
 Residency: Maimonides Medical Center
 Practice: Mather Hospital Hospitalist Department

Noam Fast, MD

Specialty: Psychiatry
 Medical School: Brown University School of Medicine, Providence, RI
 Residency: Bronx Psychiatric Center
 Practice: Mather Hospital Behavioral Health

Paul Ryan Fisher, MD

Specialty: Radiology
 Medical School: Georgetown University School of Medicine
 Residency: Auburn Hospital, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
 Practice: Stony Brook Radiology at Mather Hospital

Gurpreet Gill, MD

Specialty: General Surgery/ Vascular Surgery
 Medical School: Medical University, Odessa, Ukraine
 Residency: Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
 Practice: Suffolk Vascular Associates, 1110 Hallock Avenue, Port Jefferson Station

Sanjay Godhwani, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine/ Rheumatology
 Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada
 Residency: Stony Brook University Medical Center
 Practice: Mather Rheumatology, 625 Belle Terre Road, Suite 113, Port Jefferson

Vanya Grover, DO

Specialty: Nephrology
 Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Residency: Lennox Hill Hospital, North Shore LIJ Health System
 Practice: Long Island Nephrology Consultants, PC, 701 Route 25A, Mount Sinai

Erika Kalabacas, DO

Specialty: Family Medicine
 Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Residency: North Shore-LIJ Health System/ Plainview Hospital
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Steven Klein, MD

Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School: University of Vermont College of Medicine
Residency: Southside Hospital; School of Medicine, SUNY Stony Brook
Practice: Mather Primary Care, 2500 Nesconset Highway, Bldg. 16, Unit 62, Stony Brook

Mila Kote, DO

Specialty: Plastic Surgery
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Nassau University Medical Center
Practice: Mile Kote, DO, 267 East Main Street, Building B-3, Smithtown

George Lehner, MD

Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School: Universidad Automoma de Guadalajara, Mexico
Residency: JFK Family Medicine Residency Program, Edison, NJ
Practice: Complete Medical Family Care, 735 Middle Country Road, St. James

Eugene Licht, MD

Specialty: Gastroenterology
Medical School: Weill Cornell Medical College
Residency: New York-Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell Medical Center
Practice: Long Island Digestive Disease Consultants, PC, 3400 Nesconset Highway, Suite 101, East Setauket

Justin Mirza, DO

Specialty: Orthopedics
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Peninsula Hospital Consortium, Far Rockaway; North Shore LIJ/ Plainview Hospital
Practice: 290 East Main Street, Suite 200, Smithtown

Warren Spinner, DO

Specialty: Neurology
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Stony Brook University Medical Center
Practice: North Suffolk Neurology, PC, 1500 William Floyd Parkway #301, Shirley

Mauricio Szuchmacher, MD

Specialty: Vascular Surgery
Medical School: Universidade Gama Filho Medical School, Brazil
Residency: Hospital Estadual Getulio Vargas, Brazil
Practice: Suffolk Vascular Associates, 1110 Hallock Avenue, Port Jefferson Station

Anthony Taglienti, MD

Specialty: Plastic Surgery
Medical School: Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
Residency: Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Practice: Marotta Plastic Surgery, 895 West Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown

Medical Weight Loss Program Offers Nutritional Guidance for Healthy Lifestyles



The Comprehensive Medical Weight Management Program with Dr. Arif Ahmad of Long Island Laparoscopic Surgery and Mather Hospital offers simple, sound principles to help individuals achieve optimal health and maintain their best personal body weight.

A medically supervised plan is created for each patient by registered dietitians. Health and lifestyle behavior education classes help patients understand how to incorporate long-term healthy behavior changes into their lives. Meal plans are customized to each patient and exercise is encouraged to help patients maintain weight loss and healthy behaviors.

For more information on the program call 631-686-7998.

Harbor View Pulmonary now has two locations:

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4,000 Hours: Dot Duggan

2,000 Hours: Carol Belli, Nancy Cherniak, & Arnold Cherniak

1,000 Hours: Joan Cluney, Corinne Wochinger, and Joan Quenzer



Volunteer of the Month

Nancy Hutchinson was named Volunteer of the Month. She was nominated by the Wound Treatment Center in Port Jefferson, which said of her, "Nancy has been a volunteer at Mather Hospital for 15 years. She is a valuable asset to our department. She helps out on all levels from patient chart packet assembly, greeting patients and assisting with front office needs. Nancy approaches every task with a friendly smile and is more than willing to offer more of herself."



2015 Auxiliary Fashion Show

Congratulations to the Mather Auxiliary on their annual Fashion Show fundraiser at the Hilton Garden Inn, Stony Brook. The event benefits the Hospital. The models were (from left), CIO Tom Heiman, CNO Marie Mulligan, Mary Steinmuller of Public Affairs, Nancy Hutchinson, Ann Bayard, Kathy Hug, Barbara Junior, Mary Ann Donnelly, Louise Grinere, Dot Duggan, Peg Sheprow, Barbara Zinna and VP for Administration Wayne Shattes.

Family Matters

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Lewis Thornton, traveled to San Diego in October to celebrate her son's 40th birthday.

Human Resources: Audra Carella celebrated her engagement to Roy Pflieger and they are happily planning an August 2016 wedding.

Physical Therapy: Kristi Madden married Tony Parella on Jan. 24; Laura Block married Robert Well on July 27; Jay Swartz married Katie Caldwell on July 25; Lisa Roscovius married Jonathan Foster on August 7.

Revenue Cycle: Carol Cruz welcomed two beautiful grandchildren to the world this quarter. Jace James Milano was born on March 6 to the delight of his parents Lisa and Doug Milano. Cynthia Jean Cruz was born on June 23 to the delight of Michael Cruz and Linda Prezinski. Carol's two-year-old grandson Mark James is very excited to have a brother and a cousin!

Respiratory Care Services: Ted Nilsson, Director of Respiratory Care Services, welcomed his first grandchild, Lina Mae, on October 15 in Alexandria, VA. Ted's son, Ted, and his wife, Katie, are the proud parents. Bill DeMicco, Assistant Director of Respiratory Care, welcomed a grandson, Jack Oliver, born on September 5 in Albany to Bill's daughter, Jill Brown.

Social Work: Megan Richardsen was married on December 4.

Wound Treatment Center/Melville: Karen Petrosino's son, Kevin, was married on July 25.

VOYAGE matters



2015 Voyage to Excellence Champions Honored

President Kenneth Roberts (third from right) honored Mather's 2015 Voyage to Excellence Champions at a breakfast at Danfords Inn. Employees were honored for their service on Voyage teams. Pictured (left to right) Phyllis Macchio, ANP; GNP; Standards of Performance; Alisha Richard, Bright Ideas; Alice Aug, Patient Experience; Yvette Munoz, Employee Engagement; Karen Tuzzolo, RN, Leadership Development. Not pictured: Adam Wos, MD, Physician Engagement, and Joanne Moschello, Communication.

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Top of the Wave runners-up Sara Rebecchi and James Menno from Food & Nutritional Services are congratulated by (left to right) Vice President Wayne Shattes, Food & Nutritional Services Director Petra Robinson, and Employee Engagement Team members Cathy Mendelsohn, Alisha Richard and Audra Capella. (Inset) TOW winner Kristy Quinn.



who goes out of his way to humor and calm patients and brighten their day by singing, dancing and even performing magic tricks. As the grand prize winner, Dakota received a certificate and an Apple iPad Air 2.

The Employee Engagement Team also recognized as runners up:

Pauline Meek, TCU, was recognized for performing a song and dance for a patient alongside a coworker to

brighter that patient's day. Pauline received a certificate and Fitbit Surge.

Jimmy Menno, Food & Nutritional Services, was so concerned about a coworker that he came in on his day off to deliver a back brace. Jimmy received a certificate and Fitbit Surge.

Kristy Quinn, Human Resources, helped to de-ice a coworker's car for an additional 30 minutes after her shift. Kristy received a

certificate and a \$100 gift card.

Tanya Fanella, TCU, loaned her sweater to a resident who was cold and made her happy. Tanya received a certificate and Roku 3.

Sara Rebecchi, Food & Nutritional Services, was recognized for driving a pregnant employee to and from work for two weeks during last winter's snowfall after that employee's car died. Sara received a certificate and Roku 3.



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FAMILY matters

Educational and/or Professional:

Ambulatory Surgery Unit: Jamie O'Hara, RN, received her BSN in October from Chamberlain College.

Critical Care: Katherine Lewin, RN, Felicia Kaiser, RN, Beth Giordano, RN, successfully passed their CCRN critical care certification. Armando Lastra, RN, Patricia Stillwaggon, RN, Maryellen Glennon, RN, and Julia Macauley, RN, earned their wound care certification. Margaret Micelli, RN, and Patty Stillwaggon, RN, have both achieved a BSN.

Graduate Medical Education: Lucien Cardinal, MD, Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, was one of six doctors appointed to a planning committee to organize a national symposium on physician directed health research. The symposium, the Third Consensus Conference on the Physician Investigator Workforce was held in Washington, DC in November and brought together approximately 100 leaders in medical education and research

from across the country. Cardinal also spoke at the gathering.

Imaging Services: Computed Tomography (CT) Technologists Joe Quick, Mike Liu and Sarah Choi all passed the ARRT advanced CT scan certification.

Information Services: Sean Diana and Vinnie McGee are now Certified Information Systems Security Professionals (CISSP). Scott Damm became President of the Long Island Health Information Management Association.

Respiratory Care: Ted Nilsson, Director of Respiratory Care Services, was named Respiratory Care Faculty Clinician of the Year by the SUNY at Stony Brook Health Sciences Center Alumni Committee.

Social Work: Congratulations to Megan Richardsen on obtaining her Master of Social Work degree in May.

Promotions:

Critical Care: Christi McManus, RN, Lisa Doumas, RN, and Mike Garrison, RN, have been promoted to Assistant

Nurse Managers on 3 North from Critical Care. Katherine Lewin, RN, is the nurse educator on 3 North.

Imaging Services: Tim Winz, staff MRI technologist, was promoted to lead MRI technologist. **IS:** Teresa Kramer was promoted to Radiology Information Systems Manager. David Salemi has been promoted to Development and Integration Manager. Joe Amsler is now an Interface Analyst.

Milestone Life Events:

Administration: Jessica Foreman recently wed Anthony Abbruzzese. The couple spent a week in Aruba.

Critical Care: Congratulations to our nurses on the births of their babies: Lisa Lobasso, RN, baby girl, Maggie Pendyl, RN, baby boy; Jaime Retus, RN, baby girl; Mary Allison, RN, baby girl; and Teresa Aiello, RN, baby boy.

Health Information Management: Jean Jaeger, Transcription Dept., and her partner,

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