Selected to present at the annual Magnet conference are (from left) Judith Moran, DNSc, RN, NE-BC, BC; Marie O’Brien, MSN, RN-BC, ANP-C, CCRN; Marie Mulligan, PhDc, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, Vice President for Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer; and Brandy Feliu, RN, BSN.

Nursing to Present Three Podium Presentations at Magnet Conference

Mather Hospital will be well represented at the National Magnet Conference® of the American Nurses’ Credentialing Center (ANCC), as three abstracts (a summary of outcomes associated with nursing research studies or evidence-based practice nursing initiatives) prepared by Mather nurses have been accepted for podium presentations.

More than 7,000 nurses and nursing executives from top hospitals throughout the United States are expected to attend the conference in Atlanta this October. The conference serves as both a celebration of accomplishment for newly designated Magnet® organizations and a showcase of best nursing practices for the Magnet community.

The conference received more than 1,800 abstract submissions. A blind, peer-review selection process conducted by 98 highly respected nurse experts accepted only 135 abstracts, including three from Mather Hospital.

The Mather podium presentations are:

- Validation of the Critical Care Pain Observation Tool (CPOT) In A Small Community Hospital. IRB (Institutional Review Board) Approved Nursing Research Study. Principal Investigator: Marie O’Brien, MSN, RN-BC,

Mather Hospital Introduces Back & Neck Pain Center

Studies have shown that chronic pain impacts approximately 100 million Americans each year, with back pain cited as most common and neck pain following closely. Almost two-thirds of those suffering back and neck pain report that it impacts negatively on their quality of life. To help those in our community find relief for their pain, Mather Hospital has introduced the Back & Neck Pain Center (BNPC).

The Center is a collaborative program that combines the expertise of board certified physicians, surgeons, nurses, physical therapists, and chiropractors. They will assess the cause of the pain, determine a treatment plan, and work together toward the best outcome. Thomas Jan, DO, FAOCPMR, Chronic Pain Collaborative Physician for NP Service, and David BenEliyahu, DC, DAAPM, DABCSP, FABS, Director of the Mather Chiropractic Collaboration, are Administrative Directors of the BNPC. Kelly Connors, NP, is the Nurse Practitioner Navigator. The Center will be promoted to employees first and the community in September.

Every patient’s care will be individualized depending on the source of pain and treatment, but everyone will be evaluated (continued on page 14)
President’s Column

Expect to see new faces in the hallways and cafeteria at Mather this summer as we welcome our second class of 15 Internal Medicine and four Preliminary Year residents and 13 residents in our new Transitional Year program. Later this summer, new offices and teaching facilities for our growing Graduate Medical Education Program are expected to open as part of the Arthur & Linda Calace Foundation Pavilion, which will also house 3 North, a new 35 single-bedded patient care unit, and a conference center. Together, the building expansion project and the residency programs will allow us to better address the changing healthcare needs of our community as we move forward.

People

Christine Mac Entee, RN, of 2 South was named our first DAISY Award winner. This national award recognizes nurses who make an enormous difference through the work they do. Recipients are nominated by patients.

Michael Burghardt was named an Assistant Vice President overseeing Imaging Services, Precision CyberKnife of New York, the Fortunato Breast Health Center, EKG/EEG, the Prostate Health Center, Materials Management, Bio-Medical Engineering and the Mailroom.

Marisa Bisiani, DNP, RN, ANP-BC joined Mather as Director of Infection Prevention and Employee Health Services.

Denise Driscoll, RNC, CARN, PMHNC-BC, NPP was appointed Director for Inpatient Psychiatry.

Sue Morin, NPP, Director, Partial Hospitalization Program, is now responsible for both the Adult and Adolescent programs as well as the Eating Disorder Program.

Teresa Pickel, RN, BSN, CCRN was named Nurse Manager for 3 North.

Alice Kolasa, DO, Director of the Palliative Medicine Program, was honored by the Town of Brookhaven at its annual Women’s Recognition Awards.

Joanne Lauten, RN, our Stroke Coordinator, was named Mather’s 2015 Nurse of Excellence.

Marie Mulligan, PhDc, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, CNO Vice President for Nursing, was nominated for the regional Nursing.com GEM Award for leadership.

Adam Wos, MD, Interim Director of our Emergency Department, received the Physician Hero of the Year Award, selected by our employees.

We also welcome Juliette McKenna, Director of Charitable Giving, a new position in the Public Affairs Department that is responsible for major and planned giving.

Service

Congratulations to all the Mather employees honored at our annual Employee Service Awards. Special recognition to Dolores Cataldo, Edward Germano, Anita Heege, RN, Cindi Mazzlin and Patricia Slokovitz for 40 years of service to Mather. This year the Capstone Award was presented to Behavioral Health Services for their extraordinary patient dedication, growth and service for more than 35 years.

Our Auxiliary presented the Hospital with a $220,000 check at the Volunteer Appreciation Party in April. This completes their $1 million pledge for the building expansion. Many thanks to the Auxiliary for their exceptional support and to our Volunteers for their dedication and service to patients, staff and visitors.

Quality & Safety

Mather was recognized by The Leapfrog Group with its top “A” Hospital Safety Score for the seventh consecutive ratings period, a feat matched by just 182 hospitals nationwide out of more than 2,500 ranked by Leapfrog.

Mather also continued to rank among Long Island’s top hospitals in the most recent Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) patient satisfaction rankings.

U.S. News & World Report ranked our Transitional Care Unit (TCU) among the nation’s best with a five-star rating. Jefferson’s Ferry, the life care community in South Setauket that is part of the Mather Family, also made the 5-star list.

Innovation and Growth

Our Emergency Department’s new electronic health record system – SAM ED – went live on March 10. SAM ED is part of the Sunrise at Mather (SAM) Electronic Medical Record and is designed (continued on page 14)
Michael Burghardt Named AVP

Michael Burghardt has been appointed Assistant Vice President (AVP), Administration.

Burghardt joined Mather Hospital in 2009 as the Administrative Director of Imaging Services, reporting to Kevin Murray, Sr. VP, Administration. As AVP, his responsibilities include Imaging Services, Precision CyberKnife of New York, the Fortunato Breast Health Center, EKG/EEG, the Prostate Health Center, Materials Management, Bio-Medical Engineering and the Mailroom.

Prior to Mather, Burghardt was associate administrative director of imaging at Brookhaven Hospital and spent more than seven years at South Nassau Communities Hospital where he was manager of radiology. Burghardt earned his bachelor’s in health administration at St. Joseph’s College and his master’s in business administration from St. John’s University.

Mather Creates Patient and Family Advisory Council

Mather Hospital has created the Patient and Family Advisory Council to provide a voice that represents patients and families who have recently used services at the Oncology Patient Care Unit, Infusion Center or the Fortunato Breast Health Center. The Council partners with hospital physicians, nurses and administrators to help improve the quality of care at Mather Hospital.

The Council is dedicated to ensuring the delivery of the highest standards of comprehensive and compassionate healthcare by Mather Hospital by partnering with healthcare providers to:

- Strengthen communication and collaboration among patients, families, caregivers and staff
- Promote patient and family advocacy and involvement
- Propose and participate in Oncology programs, services and policies

Patients and family advisors who volunteer to be part of the Council share their thoughts about their experiences, both positive and negative, and help the hospital identify opportunities for improving care. They will also be called upon to review or help create educational or informational materials such as brochures, forms and discharge instructions.

Contact Joanne Lauten, RN, PFAC Coordinator, at 631-686-7660 for further information.

Eric D. Cherches, Esq. Named to JTM Foundation Board

Eric D. Cherches, Esq. has been appointed to the board of directors of the JTM Foundation. He is a Port Jefferson attorney who specializes in estate planning, trust and estate administration, Surrogate’s Court litigation, and civil and commercial litigation. Cherches had previously practiced law in New York City for 16 years, returning to his hometown of Port Jefferson in 2005.

He is active in many local charities and civic organizations such as North Shore Jewish Center and Theatre Three. He also serves as the Village Justice for Belle Terre. He is a frequent lecturer at the Comsewogue Community Adult Education Program and has presented seminars at continuing legal education courses through the National Business Institute.

Cherches received his law degree in 1989 from Fordham University School of Law.
Mather Readies for ICD-10

As of October 1, 2015, Mather Hospital, along with all other healthcare providers in the United States, will adopt ICD-10, the international medical coding system. ICD-10 replaces ICD-9, which dates back to 1979. ICD-10 was implemented by World Health Organization (WHO) members, some of which implemented the coding system as early as 1994.

There are major differences between the two coding systems, and perhaps the most significant is the sheer volume of codes. In ICD-9, there were 14,500 diagnostic codes. In ICD-10, there are 70,000. The increased number allows for far greater specificity as well as the addition of updated disease classification and medical terminology. It also eliminates outdated information.

The benefits of implementing ICD-10 include improved ability to measure quality; enhanced ability to monitor public health; improved reimbursements; prevention of fraud.

If interested in learning more, go to Mather’s e-Learning portal.

Mather Continues to Earn Straight A’s in Patient Quality and Safety

Mather Hospital was again recognized for its patient safety record with The Leapfrog Group’s top “A” Hospital Safety Score for the seventh consecutive ratings period. That’s a feat matched by only one other Long Island hospital and by only 182 hospitals out of more than 2,500 ranked nationwide.

“I want to thank every member of the Mather Family for this continued recognition of our excellent record of quality healthcare and patient safety,” said President Kenneth Roberts. “Together with recent accolades from other independent healthcare rating organizations and publications, it is evident that we are progressing toward our goal to be the best community hospital in New York State.”

The Hospital Safety Score rates how well hospitals protect 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. The purpose of the score is to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay.

Mather Introduces Back & Neck Pain Center (continued from page 1)

by Connors. After reviewing history and assessing the patient’s pain, she will consult with the BNPC team to develop a care plan. Commonly, patients will take part in the Back to Basics program in the Outpatient Physical Therapy suite. Designed to help patients get and stay strong, the therapists will demonstrate proper lifting guidelines; how to sit and sleep; exercises that strengthen the back; and stress and relaxation techniques. Referrals will be made as needed.

For more information, contact Kelly Connors, NP at 631-686-2565.
Christine Mac Entee Named First DAISY Award Winner

Christine Mac Entee, RN, Mather’s first DAISY Award winner, had no idea that she had even been nominated for the national award by a patient until the announcement was made on her unit in early May. Now, with her accomplishment on the Hospital’s Facebook page and on an internal computer screensaver, she has been getting congratulations from people throughout the Hospital. “It’s a little embarrassing,” she said. “I’m not a person who loves to be in the spotlight. People from all departments are congratulating me. Doctors are congratulating me. It’s really touching that all these other people have noticed as well.”

Based on patient nominations, the DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Award recognized nurses who make an enormous difference by the superhuman work they do. It is is given by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 of complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura.

Mac Entee was nominated by a 2 South patient, who noted, “Her gentle demeanor and welcoming words made me feel confident that I was in good hands. It was evident she was knowledgeable, kind and dedicated to her work.”

Mac Entee said she didn’t treat the patient who nominated her any differently than she did any of her other patients. “She was a very appreciative lady, very positive, upbeat,” she said of the patient. “But if it were any of my patients, I would have done the same things I did for her. I think she just appreciated it more.”

The patient also noted that “Various issues came up and Christine handled them with complete confidence...There were so many fine qualities displayed (by) this lovely lady as the days went by. I was truly blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing Christine and being in her care during my stay.”

Mac Entee, who began her career as a lab technician, has been a nurse for eight years, all of them working on 2 South. She recently graduated Stony Brook University’s nursing program and received her Bachelor of Science degree.

New Nursing Appointments

Marisa A. Bisiani, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, has been named Director of Infection Prevention and Employee Health Services. Prior to joining Mather, Bisiani was Director of the Department of Care Management and Allied Health Professionals at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center in Patchogue. Earlier, she was Director of Employee Health and Wellness Department at Brookhaven. She was an Adult Nurse Practitioner at Internal Medicine Associates in Smithtown, a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center and a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Phoenix.

Denise Driscoll, RNC, CARN, PMHNC-BC, NPP, formerly Director of Adult Partial Hospitalizations, was appointed Director for Inpatient Psychiatry. She joined Mather in 1987 and joined the Partial Hospitalization program when it opened in June 1995. She was Mather’s first Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner to practice independently.

On hand to congratulate DAISY Award winner Christine Mac Entee (fifth from left) were Marie Mulligan, Vice President for Nursing/Chief Nursing Officer (second from left) and Mather President Kenneth Roberts (third from left).

Nurses’ Week 2015

Senior Vice President Kevin Murray (left) and Board Member John Sini (right) celebrated Nurses’ Week at Mather Hospital with VP for Nursing/CNO Marie Mulligan, nominee for the Nurse.com GEM Award for leadership; Joanne Lauten, RN, Director of Nursing Quality/Stroke Coordinator and Mather’s 2015 Nurse of Excellence Award winner; Judith Ann Moran, RN, Nursing Research Coordinator; and Brandy Feliu, RN, Magnet Program Director.
Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professionalism and consideration have been singled out by patients and/or their families.

January 2015

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Victorino Aurigue Jr
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Michael Barletta
Radmila Batinovic
John Becherer
Elizabeth Becker
Janell Bellamy
Megan Bennett
Gertha Benoit-Holli
Catherine Bertuch
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Vanessa Bishop
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Cynthia Carrucci
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Dina Chavarria
Erica Chiarelli
Ketlie Chrispin
Darlene Christophe-Pierre
Christine Cirioli
Craig Clavin
Janet Coacci
Robert Collins
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Brian Connelly
Sandie Connelly
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Stephanie Cordes
Heather Cordle
Patricia Cordle
Stephanie Crispino
Christina Cubano
John Cullen
Sandra Cullen
Sheila Curry
Caitlin Cusack
Danielle Daly
Ruggerio D’Amario
Dawn D’Amico
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Suellen Dandaria
Christine Davanzo
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Bernadette DeTrinis
James Deutsch
Elizabeth Devine
Lilly Diaz
Yesenia Diaz
Christopher DiGrazia
Patricia Dodd
Janet Domke
Frank Donlon
Dr. Donna Donoghue
Nicole Drepaniotis
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Joseph Ferreri
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Larissa Friedmann
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Lori Fusco
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Gail Garcia
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Dr. Kenneth Hirsch
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Kevin Hood
Joanne Hughes
Donna Jablonski
Jillian Jablonski
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February 2015

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Jessica Guzman
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Shannon Hansen
Sherry Hansen
Samantha Happ
Donna Hardwicke
Jessica Harris
Christine Haubold
Patsy Hayward
Anita Heege
Kathleen Herrera
Megan Hickey
Loretta Hill-Civil
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Christine Koester
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March 2015

- Valerie Konon
- Logan Krauss
- Susan Kreitzman
- Deborah Kreuscher
- Melanie Kuffner
- Jessica LaGala
- Joan Landers
- Debra Lang
- Valarie LaSala
- Anne Lasota
- Evelyn Lauture
- Elayne Lawrence
- Crystal Lebron
- Debra Lembo
- Rosanna Leone
- Bryan Lettieri
- Sally Lien
- Mary Lindner
- Danielle Lipari
- Robin Lisanti
- Anthony Ljucovic
- Christopher Ljucovic
- Lisa Lobasso
- Jocelin Loganzo
- Karen Lospinuso
- Michael Lospinuso
- Janetta Lowry
- Jimmy Luna
- Jennifer Luppens
- Christine Mac Entee
- Kelsey Macaluso
- Luisa Machado
- Andrew Magnano
- Kathryn Malanik
- Karen Malusa
- Lydia Malvagno
- Kandace Maniaci
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- Jennifer Marshall
- Ashley Martine
- Gabriela Martinez
- Robin Martinez
- Joshua Martin
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- Anita Mayer
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- Melissa McCabe
- Laura McCoy
- Darlene McDay
- Barbara McDonald
- Megan McHenry
- C. Elizabeth McLary
- Pauline Meek
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- Christopher Menekou
- Lisa Messineo
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- Sharina Mikulas
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- Lynn Miller
- Bridget Moley
- Catherine Mooney
- Marissa Morgan
- Carolyn Mosley
- Kelly Mullane
- Marie Mulligan
- Anne Munkwitz
- Felicia Murphy
- Dr. Myat Myo
- Dr. Javeria Nasim
- Emily Nelson
- John O’Donovan
- Gospel Ofüyah
- Joseph O’Hara
- Catharine Oliveni-Guiliano
- Lori Olsewski
- Ashley O’qara
- Dr. Peter Ottavio
- Dr. Nick Patel
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- Michael Petersen
- Karen Petrosino
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- Christine Piazza-Darroh
- Elizabeth D Picozzi
- Miguelina Platt
- Christine Ploetz
- Rachel Pontieri
- Mary Pope
- Dr. Michelle Price
- Dena Promutico
- Jill Pryor
- Lisamarie Puglisi
- Kristen Purdy
- Bambang Purnomo
- Dr. Urooj Quazi
- Jennifer Quigley
- Geri Quinn
- Ismail Radi
- Kara Ragone
- Ruben Ras
- Dr. Usha Rengarajan
- Anne Rent
- Sharon Rhodes
- Stacy Ricca
- Nicole Rice
- Mirna Richard
- Heather Richards
- Karen Rivera
- Timothy Roberts
- Petra Robinson
- Ann Robitsek
- Michele Rodriguez
- Mirian Rodriguez
- Vilma Rosario
- Leanne Rubin
- Britany Rubino
- Kathryn Rush
- Frank Russ
- Michelle Russell
- Ann-Marie Sainsbury
- Karen Sanner
- Adina Santana
- Genevieve Santo
- Sharon Scanlon
- Veronica Scauri
- Margaret Scharback
- Jessica Schiavone
- Heidi Schrader
- Karen Schwartz
- Denise Sears
- Shannon Shah
- Daniel Shapiro
- Wayne Shattes
- Chanel Shinn
- Jacquelyn Signorelli
- Jill Snelders
- Kimberly Soltysik
- Tabitha Spinelli
- Richard Squillace
- Karen Starin
- Darlene Steigman
- Jean Stiles
- John Strahmann
- Alexandra Stroh
- Marion Sturgis
- Jason Swartz
- Ged Rhayan Tamaray
- Melissa Tassone
- Julie Tegay
- Aracelys Tejeda
- Margaret Tepedino
- Paul Theiss
- Josette Thomsen
- Robi Thornton
- Dr. Nataliya Titarenko
- Leanne Tobin
- Dr. Michael Tofano
- Nicole Trani
- Tamika Vaz
- Jonathan Vitti
- Cynthia Wāage
- Minna Waldeck
- Geraldine Walter
- Amanda Wayne
- Edward Weckerle
- Jaime Werthner
- Norwood White Jr
- Alexandra Willsey
- Karen Winokur
- Maryanne Wisniewski
- Loren Wolf
- Terilyn Woolney
- Dr. Adam Wos
- Debra Youngs
- Leesa Yu
- Eileen Zaoutis
- Sarah Zay
- Farid Zeidan
welcome new doctors

Sumair Akhtar, MD
Specialty: Hospital Medicine, Internal Medicine
Medical School: St. Matthews University School of Medicine, Grand Cayman, BWI
Residency: Nassau University Medical Center, NY
Practice: Mather Hospital Hospitalist Department

R. David Areman, DO
Specialty: Radiology, Diagnostic Imaging
Medical School: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Diagnostic Imaging, New York Medical College/Westchester Medical Center
Fellowship: Abdominal Imaging, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Beth Israel Medical Center
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Department

David Chesler, MD, PhD
Specialty: Neurological Surgery
Medical School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Residency: Neurosurgery, University of Maryland Medical Center
Fellowship: Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital, MD
Practice: New York Spine and Brain Surgery, PC, HSC T12 Room 080, Stony Brook (631-444-8070)

Brian Cook, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Medical School: Health Science Center at Brooklyn, NY
Residency: Anesthesia and Critical Care, Johns Hopkins Hospital, MD
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians LLP, 333 Route 25A, Suite 225, Rocky Point (631-744-6187)

Donna Donoghue, MD
Specialty: Psychiatry
Medical School: University of Maryland, MD
Residency: Psychiatry, Hillside Hospital/Long Island Jewish Medical Center, NY
Practice: Donna Donoghue MD, 125 Oakland Avenue, Port Jefferson (631-928-3192)

Jennifer Englebright, DDS
Specialty: Dentistry
Medical School: University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
Residency: St. Charles Hospital, NY
Practice: Gentle Dental, 656 Main Street, Port Jefferson (631-928-3701)

Amit Gupta, MBBS
Specialty: Radiology
Medical School: KEM Hospital and Seth GS Medical College, India
Residency: Radiology, LTM General Hospital & Medical College, India
Fellowship: Nuclear Radiology, Thoracic Imaging, Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Cleveland Clinic, OH
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology

Peter Hoffmann, MD
Specialty: Pathology
Medical School: New York Medical College
Residency: Pathology, Presbyterian Hospital, NY
Fellowship: Surgical Pathology, Presbyterian Hospital, NY
Practice: 100 Port Washington Blvd, Roslyn (516-562-6000)

Thomas Jan, DO
Specialty: Pain Management
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY
Residency: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY
Practice: Massapequa Pain Management and Rehabilitation, 4200 Sunrise Highway, Massapequa (516-541-1064)

Lisa Leung, MD
Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Medical School: Washington University School of Medicine, MO
Residency: Emergency Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

Thushanthi Perera, MD
Specialty: Pediatrics
Medical School: Chicago Medical School, IL
Residency: Pediatrics, Stony Brook Children’s and Stony Brook University Hospital
Practice: St. Charles Hospital Department of Pediatrics

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Brookhaven Town Honors Alice Kolasa, DO

Alice Kolasa, DO, Director of Mather’s Palliative Medicine Program, was honored by the Town of Brookhaven at its annual Women’s Recognition Awards on March 19 at Town Hall.

Kolasa joined the Mather staff in 2012 as the founding director of the Palliative Medicine Program. From the start, Kolasa demonstrated her compassion when dealing with patients and families to coordinate care with physicians, palliative care nurses, social workers, pastoral care, pharmacists, nutritionists and others. As those who work with her on the Palliative Care Consult Team have observed, Kolasa’s integrity, kindness and compassion are evident as she strives to provide palliative care service to our patients and families. So, too, is her willingness to be a continuing resource for patients as families as they struggle to deal with serious, chronic illnesses.

Cardinal Honored by NY Chapter of the American College of Physicians

Lucien Cardinal, MD, Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, was selected as the first place winner in an essay contest sponsored by the New York American College of Physicians (ACP).

To commemorate the 100 year anniversary, the organization invited members to submit original essays reflecting on “The Past 100 Years.” Cardinal’s essay was titled: “The Role of Medical Education in the Development of the Scientific Practice of Medicine.” He was joined at the ACP’s annual gala by his wife, Patricia (photo above).
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Shruthi Bhatt, MD
Hometown: Fremont, CA
Medical School: Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY
Graduate: Epidemiology, University of Iowa, IA
Undergraduate: Biomedical Engineering, University of Iowa, IA
Hobbies: Art and art history, traveling and learning about other cultures, running, hiking, cooking, reading, and spending time with my family and friends.

Aneesa Gaffar, MD
Hometown: Ozone Park, NY
Medical School: New York Medical College
Undergraduate: Stony Brook University
Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family, caring for a pet rabbit, traveling to different islands, experiencing other cultures, trying new foods, swimming and snorkeling, interior design, decorating and remodeling.

Sean Caine, DO
Hometown: Houston, TX
Medical School: Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY
Undergraduate: St. Edwards University, TX
Hobbies: Spending quality time with family and close friends, playing basketball, religious discussions, weight lifting, political discussions, watching old movies, skiing, mountain biking, going to musicals, and playing tennis.

Yashodhan Chivate, MD
Hometown: Vestal, NY
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, West Indies
Undergraduate: Biochemistry, SUNY Binghamton
Hobbies: Triathlon training, cycling, guitar, acoustic and electric with a particular love for blues music, and diving.

Ying Luu, MD
Hometown: San Diego, CA
Medical School: St. George’s University School of Medicine, Grenada
Graduate: Cornell University, NY
Undergraduate: Biochemistry, University of California-Los Angeles, CA
Hobbies: Outdoor activities, hiking, camping.

Halyna Chykyda, MBBS
Hometown: Vernon Hills, IL
Medical School: I. Ya. Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical University, Ukraine
Postgraduate Education: London Deanery KSS, London
Hobbies: Fishing, meeting friends and having social evenings over a meal and a bottle of wine, cooking and Ukrainian cuisine.

Alexandra Filippi, MD
Hometown: Rye, NY
Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine
Undergraduate: Biology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
Hobbies: Traveling, Tae Kwon Do black belt, skiing, kayaking, running, outdoor rock climbing, hiking, photography, juggling, lock-pick.

De’Sauris Bradford, MD
Hometown: Houston, TX
Medical School: Touro New York Medical College, NY
Undergraduate: St. Louis University, MO
Hobbies: Outdoor sports, football

Shreena Brahmabhath, MD
Hometown: Valley Stream, NY
Medical School: Tufts University, MA
Undergraduate: Tufts University, MA
Hobbies: Piano, tennis, Indian folk dance

Michael David Brown, DO
Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Medical School: NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY
Undergraduate: University of Rochester, NY
Hobbies: Rock climbing, cross fit workouts, movies and cooking

Stephen Martin, MD
Medical School: St. George’s University School of Medicine, Grenada
Undergraduate: Biomedical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY
Hometown: St. James, NY
Hobbies: Guitar, building computers, travel, cooking and trying new foods, practicing Judo and Jujitsu, biking, hiking, rock climbing, SCUBA diving and swimming, watching movies, reading especially science fiction novels and keeping up with the latest trends in technology.

Hameed Moshrefi, DO
Hometown: Troy, MI
Medical School: Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, TN
Undergraduate: Biological Sciences, Wayne State University, MI
Hobbies: Traveling, exercising, playing sports, reading.

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Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY
Undergraduate: Cornell University, NY
Hobbies: Play and watch most sports, enjoy the beach

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Elisa Park, DO  
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Medical School: Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University, IL  
Undergraduate: Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI  
Hobbies: Reading and watching movies.

Umesh Patel, MD  
Hometown: Old Westbury, NY  
Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY  
Undergraduate: Political Sciences, Stony Brook University, NY  
Hobbies: Spending quality time with family, playing basketball, driving.

Jackie Rodriguez, MD  
Hometown: Kansan University, PA  
Undergraduate: Biological Sciences, Florida International University, FL  
Hobbies - Avid listener of NPR and Spanish-language radio shows, exploring book fairs, food fairs and flea markets, writing, collecting vinyl records, knitting, road trips, live concerts, running, documentaries, Doctor Who.

Ankit Shah, DO  
Hometown: Milford, MA  
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, VA  
Graduate: Chemistry, University of Massachusetts, MA  
Undergraduate: Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts, MA  
Hobbies: Acting/performing, directing films, playing piano, pencil drawings, playing cricket, tennis, racquetball and badminton, fitness.

Chaitanya Shilagani, MD  
Hometown – Hicksville, NY  
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, West Indies  
Graduate: Medical Biology, Long Island University - C.W. Post, NY  
Undergraduate: Biology, Stony Brook University, NY  
Hobbies: Kickboxing and cooking new recipes on weekends, fishing, kayaking, golfing, traveling (visited eight different European countries in the past year), spending time with my nephews.

Joel Thomas, MD  
Hometown: Floral Park, NY  
Medical School: St. George’s University School of Medicine, Grenada  
Undergraduate: Life Sciences, New York Institute of Technology, NY  
Hobbies: Team sports (especially basketball and football), innovative technology, exercise in the gym, barbecuing.

Gregory M. Herman, MD  
Hometown: Kansan  
Medical School: University of Kansas, KS  
Undergraduate: Rockhurst University, MO  
Hobbies: Basketball, softball and ping pong, journalism, photography and travel.

Adrienne Nicole Malik, MD  
Hometown: Chicago, IL  
Medical School: Saba University School of Medicine, Saba  
Undergraduate: Loyola University, IL  
Hobbies: Running, biking

Skylar Travis, MD  
Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah  
Medical School: Weill Cornell Medical College, NY  
Undergraduate: Biology, Cornell University, NY  
Hobbies: Hiking, mountain biking, camping, snowshoeing

Liora Yehushua, MD  
Hometown: La Jolla, CA  
Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY  
Graduate: Psychology, New York University, NY  
Undergraduate: Community Studies, University of California, CA  
Hobbies: Travel, dance (member of hip hop dance squad STEPEDIUS at Stony Brook Medicine).

Chaitanya Ndugga-Kabuye, MD  
Hometown: Uganda, East Africa  
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, West Indies  
Undergraduate: University of California, Los Angeles, CA  
Hobbies: Fan of San Diego Chargers and Wikipedia addict for all things history and trivia

Ghada Zaytoun, MD  
Hometown: Selden, NY  
Medical School: Ain Shams University Faculty of Medicine, Egypt  
Undergraduate: Ain Shams University School of Medicine, Egypt  
Hobbies: Reading Arabic literature and poetry, arts and crafts, photography, traveling, gardening and watching comedy movies.

Sunna Zia, MD  
Hometown: Amherst, NY  
Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, TX  
Undergraduate: Biology, University of Texas at Dallas, TX  
Hobbies: Avid painter and henna artist, reading all sorts of books, writing, swimming, cooking, traveling and spending time with my husband and our families.

Kamran Munawar, MD  
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY  
Medical School: SUNY Upstate Medical University, NY  
Undergraduate: SUNY Binghamton, NY  
Hobbies: Going to the gym, playing basketball.
Foundation Board Chairman Honored with Founder’s Award at Golf Classic

Despite rain that delayed play until July, the Mather Hospital annual Golf Classic, which benefits nursing education, was a success, raising more than $207,000. Among the dinner highlights was the presentation of the John T. Mather Founder’s Award to Jim Danowski (center) of Cullen and Danowski and Chairman of the JTM Foundation. The award honors his exemplary record of leadership, dedication and excellence to the provision of healthcare in the community. Presenting the award was Mather President Kenneth Roberts. Jim’s wife, Jeanne, shared in the moment at Port Jefferson Country Club at Harbor Hills.

Sun Shines on the Families Walk & Run for Hope

The annual Families Walk & Run for Hope, which benefits the Fortunato Breast Health Center, was a great success, thanks to the support of walkers, walk teams, runners, sponsors, donors and volunteers. Highlights of this year’s event included the inaugural 5 mile run, performances by bands from School of Rock and a family fun zone. Among those on hand to cut the pink ribbon at the start of the Walk were Kenneth LaValle, Mather Board Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi, Board Member, Judith Fortunato, State Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Edward Romaine, Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn and Mather Hospital President Kenneth Roberts.

Mark Your Calendar:
Employee Communication Forums

All forums will be held in Conference Rooms 3, 4 & 5. Please make every effort to attend. All employees and volunteers invited.

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New Appointments (continued from page 5)

Susan Morin, RN, MS, PMHCSN-BC, NPP, had her title expanded to Director for Adult, Adolescent and Eating Disorder Partial Hospitalization. Prior to her current role, she was a Nurse Practitioner in Mather’s Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program and, earlier, a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Mather Adolescent Psychiatry.

Teresa Pickel, RN, BSN, CCRN, returned to Mather Hospital as Nurse Manager for the new 3 North unit. Her previous position at Mather was Nurse Manager for Critical Care.

Physician Champion

Adam Wos, MD, Emergency Department Interim Director, was selected as the 2015 Physician Champion. He was nominated for the honor by Mather staff and selected for demonstrating respect, communication, patient care, compassion, leadership and collaboration. Presenting the award were Physician Engagement Team co-leaders Maria Basile, MD and Kerry Baker.

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Mather Hospital's Auxiliary recently presented a $220,000 donation to the Hospital, representing the proceeds of its 2014 fundraising activities.

The donation will be used toward the construction of the new Arthur & Linda Calace Foundation Pavilion which is expected to open this summer.

The Auxiliary has raised almost $6 million for Mather Hospital since its founding in 1949. The funds come from its Thrift Shop, Gift Shop, lobby sales, Fashion Show, raffles and other activities.

The Auxiliary also presented college awards to Junior Volunteers who completed a minimum of 300 hours of service and demonstrated excellence in volunteering as well as in academic and extracurricular achievement. Receiving the awards were Samantha Brindley, Miller Place High School (374 hours); Silvan Altinok, Miller Place High School (316 hours); Kevin Preller, Comsewogue High School (387 hours); and Megan Netuschil, Sachem North High School (414 hours).

The following volunteers were honored at the Volunteer Appreciation Party:

1,000 Hours
Dorothy Kuehn
Carmine Pellechia
Margaret Ortiz

2,000 Hours
Marie Brancaccio
Anita Buxton
Bobbi Lefkowitz
Rosanne Rangel

4,000 Hours
Richard Buchanan
Robert Treiber
Elizabeth Weiss

5,000 Hours
Donald Cook
Mary Martin

6,000 Hours
Steve Elmaleh

7,000 Hours
Eleanor Tisall

11,000 Hours
Lorraine Altman

14,000 Hours
Ida Forstel

38,000 Hours
Dot Milau
Annual Magnet Conference (continued from page 1)

• Creating a Nursing Institute for Knowledge Translation and Innovation. Evidence-Based Practice Nursing Initiative. Marie Mulligan, PhDc, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, Chief Nursing Officer, Brandy Feliu, RN, BSN, Magnet Program Director, Judith Moran, DNSc, RN, NE-BC, BC, Coordinator-Nursing Research and Professional Development.

• Structural Empowerment In Action: Increasing Attendance By Direct Care Nurses at Magnet Council Meetings. Evidence-Based Practice Nursing Initiative. Judith Moran, DNSc, RN, NE-BC, BC, Coordinator-Nursing Research and Professional Development.

President’s Message (continued from page 2)

to give access to patient records in the Emergency Department and to the Medical/Surgical, Transitional Care and Critical Care units.

A new Patient and Family Advisory Council for Oncology Services is being formed by a multidisciplinary team comprised of members of Nursing, Medical Staff, Social Work, Food and Nutrition Services, Rehabilitation Services and Public Affairs. The Council, which includes several former patients and family members, is focused on improving the patient experience at Mather Hospital.

A new Back & Neck Pain Center will be introduced to employees this summer and to the community this fall. The Center’s mission is to provide patient-centered, evidenced and value-based back and neck care through a comprehensive and holistic model of care that is collaborative and team oriented.

As always there is much going on at Mather Hospital. I wish you and your families a very healthy and happy summer!

Family Matters (continued from page 16)

Kim and Dennis Jarett celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Tahiti and Bora Bora.

Congratulations Retirees!
The Mather Family wishes our recent retirees the best in their retirement: Carol E. Carter, Patient Accounts; Loretta Healy, ICU; Raymond Luttinger, Infection Control; Jill A. Marinaro, 2 West: Claudelle McGinley, Laboratory.
Employees Honored at Annual Dinner

Mather Board Trustee Harold Tranchon (left) and President Kenneth Roberts (right) congratulate (from left) Anita Heege, RN, Cindi Mazlin and Patricia Slokovitz for 40 years of service to Mather Hospital. (Not pictured: Dolores Cataldo and Edward Germano).

The Capstone Award was presented to Behavioral Health Services for being the leader in adolescent and adult behavioral services in the region. Their outstanding continuum of care has helped thousands of patients and families.

35-year Employees: (from left) emeritus Board Member James Maiella, Karen Lospino, Donna Hughes, Mary Ballato, Tom Heiman and Martin Callahan.

35-year Employees: (from left) Board Member Harold Tranchon, Jr, Stephanie Maer, Carolyn Troxell, Eva Seidler, Diane Towers and Tony Wiley.

35-year Honorees: (from left) Board Member Judith Fortunato, Richard Scott, Deborah Lamendola and Dottie O’Mara.

35-year Honorees: Board Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi, Tom Daily, Judith Betts, Ron Bredow and Peter Bambola.

30-year Employees: (from left) Board Member John Sini, Debbie Lang, Marie DeFontes and Jim Sunyar.
Educational and/or Professional Achievements: Critical Care: Earning Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees are Joann Brazil, Toni Johnston, Armando Lastra, Michelle Maurina, Jaime Retus and Gina Trapani. Food and Nutrition: Olga Manolis RD, CNSC, has completed the requirements to maintain her Certified Nutrition Support Clinician certification. She completed a comprehensive written exam given by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, an organization dedicated to improving nutrition support practice in clinical excellence. Telemetry: Scot Colton was accepted into Stony Brook University’s nurse practitioner (NP) program. Karen Middel-Jones and Jamila Thompson graduates as NPs this May. Joanne Hughes obtained her BSN in May. Sandi Brown and Julie Tegay returned to school to earn their Master’s degrees as Clinical Nurse Specialists. (MSN-CNS). Melissa McCabe graduates in June with her Master’s in Health Care Systems Management. Melissa Nebrija graduated in May with an MSN-CNS.

Transitional Care Unit: Jessica Ocasio has been accepted into Stony Brook University’s Bachelor of Science nursing program! Wound Treatment Center: Lydia Malvagno, RN and Donna Randone, RN, BSN both achieved Wound Care Certification.

Promotions: Behavioral Health: Denise Driscoll, NPP, was promoted to Director of Inpatient Psychiatry. Sue Morin, NPP, was promoted to Director of the Adult Eating Disorder and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program. Meredith Rickenbacker, LSCW-B, was promoted to Assistant Director of the Adolescent and Eating Disorder Partial Hospitalization Programs. Maureen Cataldo, NPP, was named Assistant Director of the Adult Partial Hospitalization Program. Elizabeth Regina, LCSW, was hired as a Psychiatric Social Worker for the Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program. Critical Care: Joann Brazil was promoted to Assistant Nurse Manager. Transitional Care Unit: Junielon Adame is a new Assistant Nurse Manager.

Milestone Life Events: Critical Care: Maggie and Frank Pendl welcomed baby Frank Deegan. Amy and Marco Guecha welcomed Emma Lizbeth. Lisa and Mark Lobasso welcomed Victoria Nicole. Nicole Leung wed Joe Goldkrantz. Finance: Craig Sini, son of Frank and Chris Sini, received a Leadership Fellowship at Uncommon Charter School in Brooklyn. Craig and his fiancée, Maura, are planning a summer 2015 wedding in the Berkshires. Their son-in-law, Christopher, received his Master’s in Special Education from Touro College and is a special education teacher. Telemetry: Nicole Bracco and husband Dominic welcomed baby Luca on April 1. Cassie Cucuzzo and her husband, Anthony, are expecting their little bundle this spring. Jonathan Vitti and Abby are expecting a baby in November. Dan Shapiro got engaged to Girsell in April and was accepted into Stony Brook University’s graduate practitioner program. Karen Winokur is expecting her second granddaughter on Aug. 4, her own birthday. Wound Treatment Center: (continued on page 14)