



Mather matters

A newsletter for the staff, volunteers and benefactors of John T. Mather Memorial Hospital
FALL/WINTER 2017

Mather Receives “A” Rating from The Leapfrog Group



Mather Hospital received the top “A” rating for patient safety from the Leapfrog Group in the latest ratings period. Mather was the only Long Island or metropolitan area hospital to achieve that distinction. Less

than 5 percent of all New York State hospitals received an A grade, and Mather was one of only 832 hospitals nationwide that achieved the top score. Previously, Mather had received the “A” rating in nine out of the last 11 rating periods.

“I congratulate our nurses, physicians, board members and every employee and volunteer who helped us achieve this score,” said Mather President Kenneth Roberts. “Patient safety, nursing excellence and quality care are top priorities at Mather Hospital.”

Developed under the guidance of a Blue Ribbon National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see Mather Hospital’s full grade, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter and Facebook.

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American healthcare. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

HANYS Auxiliary of the Year

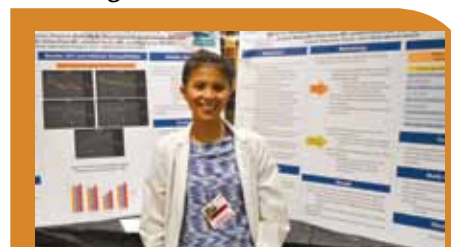


Mather Auxiliary President Barbara Zinna holds the Auxiliary of the Year Award – Large Hospital Category presented by the Hospital Association of New York.

Mather Hospital’s Auxiliary was recognized for “outstanding achievement and service within its healthcare facility and community” with the Auxiliary of the Year Award, Large Hospital Category, from the Hospital Association of New York (HANYS). The award was presented on Oct. 26 in Albany at HANYS’ 51st Annual 2017 Institute for Healthcare Auxiliaries and Volunteer Leaders. HANYS established the Auxiliary of the Year Award to recognize numerous ways that auxiliaries help strengthen New York State’s healthcare system.

Since its founding in 1949, the Auxiliary has raised more than \$6 million through its fundraising activities - the Thrift Shop, Gift Shop, lobby vendor sales, raffles and events such as the Thrift Shop Fashion Show. The award noted that in 2016 the Auxiliary contributed \$210,000 to support the needs of the hospital’s Environmental, Engineering, and Nutritional Services departments, and its members gave 30,000 hours of their time running the Thrift and Gift Shops and assisting throughout the hospital.

The Auxiliary was also cited for its participation in the Paint Port Pink breast cancer awareness commu-
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Quality Showcase

Maricelle Monteagudo-Chu, Clinical Pharmacist, with her projects on Antibiotic Stewardship at the Quality Showcase Oct. 31. (See more on page 12.)

Village Cup Regatta

Congratulations to the Mather Team for winning the 2017 Village Cup Regatta! And thanks to the Port Jefferson Yacht Club, the Village of Port Jefferson, the Regatta sponsors, the sailboat captains and crews from Mather and the Village. The event raised \$32,500 each for Mather's Palliative Medicine Program and the Lustgarten Foundation, which funds pancreatic cancer research.



Paint Port Pink

Mather's annual breast cancer awareness community outreach involves community partners in Port Jefferson and Port Jefferson Station, who hung pink lights and flags. Some held fundraisers for the Fortunato Breast Health Center's Fund for Uninsured.



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President's Column

Northwell Health's core values state: Every role, every person, every moment matters. We put our patients and customers at the center of everything we do, while acting on our core values: Caring, Excellence, Innovation and Integrity.

These are similar to Mather Hospital's Voyage to Excellence and our four pillars of People, Service, Innovation & Growth, and Quality & Safety.

Keeping in mind our similarities and common goals will help our integration into the larger Northwell Health system. We are both committed to clinical excellence, patient safety and satisfaction. We are both teaching and learning organizations.

At the time of this writing, we have not yet finalized the agreement to become a member hospital of Northwell Health. I have every confidence that our progress to become the Best Community Hospital in New York State will not only be sustained, but will be advanced with our anticipated future partner, Northwell Health.

Please join me in applauding our accomplishments as we continue to reach for even higher achievements in the future.

People

My thanks to **Lisa Dumas, RN, and Auxiliary President Barbara Zinna, and Director of Volunteer Services Keri Dunne**, and everyone else involved in making our Veterans Day Field of Honor ceremony a success. This moving event provided us with the opportunity to thank our hospital and community veterans for their service, and to honor them with flags in our courtyard.

Congratulations to Mather's Voyage to Excellence Champions! Each was recognized by their co-workers as individuals whose behavior and work ethic strongly model and characterize the Hospital's Standards of Performance: **Joan Auguste (Communication), Cathy Mendelsohn and Kim Wilson (both for Employee Engagement), Arif Ahmad, MD (Physician Engagement), Nirupa Ramjisingh (Leadership), Luis Ehrman (Standards of Performance), Lindsay Perugini (Bright Ideas), and Marissa Dearborn (Patient Experience).**

We welcome **Catherine Chillemi, RN, BSN, JD**, who was named Director of Professional and Regulatory.

Congrats to **Cameron Gittens, RN** who won the Presidential Citation Award from the Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island.

Cheers to **Christine Livreri** who was promoted to Senior AVP for Finance.

People

Congratulations to the **Mather Auxiliary**, which was named Auxiliary of the Year- Large Hospital Category, by the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS). The award makes note of the Auxiliary taking an active role in our annual Paint Port Pink community breast cancer awareness campaign; staffing an advocacy table encouraging employees, volunteers and visitors to write to their legislators about the harm that proposals to replace the Affordable Care Act would cause for their community; and contributing \$210,000 from their fundraising efforts toward the Environmental, Engineering and Nutritional Services Departments.

Our **Harbor View Primary Care** practices in Port Jefferson and in Rocky Point achieved The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition. This reflects a dedication to coordinated and patient-centered care.

Quality and Safety

Mather has been recognized as a Magnet hospital for the past three years, and it is time for us to renew our certification. Our application was accepted with no revisions needed (Congrats Nursing Administration) and we have been scheduled for a site visit January 15-17, 2018 by the American Nurses Creden-

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Brain & Spine Tumor Program Offers Advanced Treatment

Mather Hospital's Brain & Spine Tumor Program offers advanced diagnosis and treatment of tumors by a team of specialists that meet with the patient together in one location to determine a care plan.

"With all these modalities to provide patients with high-level neurology and neurological surgery care in their community, they don't have to travel far," said Dr. Sumeer Sathi, a neurosurgeon and Co Director of Mather's Brain & Spine Tumor Program. "They can have these things taken care of - including complicated spinal or brain surgery and tumor surgery - without having to go from doctor's office to doctor's office. The care is organized in one location.

"This is a unique center on Long Is-

land. There is no other community hospital that offers all these services under one roof."

From 2014-2016, Mather experienced an 85 percent increase in neurosurgical brain and spine procedures done at the hospital.

"The biggest advantage to the Brain & Spine Tumor Program is that the patient meets with all their specialists together in the same place at the same time. This allows for a quicker assessment and planning," said Medical Oncologist David Chu, a medical oncologist and Co Director of



Phil Messina, AVP of Nursing Emergency Services/Neurosciences, and Sumeer Sathi, MD, Co-Director of the Brain & Spine Tumor Program, at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons annual meeting in Boston.

the Brain & Spine Tumor Program. "The patient meets with a medical oncologist, a radiation oncologist, and the neurosurgeon at one visit and not through multiple visits spread over two or three weeks."

The Brain & Spine Tumor Program

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Sleep Center Ribbon-cutting

On Sept. 13 Mather Hospital officially opened its newly expanded Sleep Disorders Center in the Medical Arts Building. Mohamed Sameen, MD, Medical Director of the Sleep Disorders Center, and Bernadette White, MS, RRT, RPSGT, Director of the Center, cut the ribbon on the new facility as Mather President Kenneth Roberts (third from left), board members, hospital administration, Sleep Center staff, donors and guests looked on.



TCU Excellence Award

Mather's Transitional Care Unit (TCU) was awarded HealthStream's Excellence Through Insight Award for Overall Patient Experience in the Inpatient-Rehab category. Senior VP for Administration Kevin Murray (second from left) presented the award to Lisa Malcomson, PT, DPT, MS, Director of Rehabilitation Services; and Carolyn Germain, RN, Director of Nursing for the Transitional Care Unit. Joining them were TCU Medical Director Michael Fishkin, DO (left); Jason Swartz, PT (third from right); Christine Piazza-Darrohn, OT; and TCU Administrator David Fridkin, FACHE.



Oneonta Alumni Award

Senior VP for Administration Kevin Murray (right) received the 2017 Alumni of Distinction Award from the SUNY Oneonta Alumni Association. Presenting the award was Jill Mirabito, Oneonta Senior Advancement Officer. Joining them was President Kenneth Roberts, who received the award in 2016.



Golf Classic

Congratulations to Mather's Senior Administrators (l to r) President Kenneth Roberts, Vice President for Administration Wayne Shattes, and Senior Vice President for Administration Kevin Murray, who were honored at Mather's 2017 Golf Classic for their combined 103 years of service to the Hospital. The event raised more than \$213,000 for nursing education.

STAFF NOTICE MAGNET RECOGNITION PROGRAM® SITE VISIT

Your organization has applied to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program® for redesignation of the prestigious Magnet designation. This designation recognizes excellence in nursing services.

You have an opportunity to participate in the evaluation process and are encouraged to do so. We will be coming to your hospital, **January 15-17, 2018** for a site visit.

Comments may be e-mailed or mailed to the Magnet Program Office Prior to the site visit. **All phone comments to the Magnet Program Office must be followed up in writing.** YOUR COMMENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND NEVER SHARED WITH ANYONE IN YOUR ORGANIZATION. IF YOU CHOOSE, YOUR COMMENTS MAY BE **ANONYMOUS**, BUT MUST BE IN WRITING.

There will also be time set aside to speak with the appraisers during the site visit. Time, date and location of meeting room will be provided by your organization.

YOUR COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 5, 2018.

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Your organization has submitted written documentation for the appraisal team to review. That information is available to you for review on the Mather Hospital intranet or by contacting Maureen Altieri, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Director of Service Excellence and Magnet at extension 2217 or at maltieri@matherhospital.org.

SERVICE EXCEL

Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professionalism



April 2017



May 2017



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 Heather Cromer
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 Daria Dodds
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 Anella Droskoski
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2017



July 2017



August 2017

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Nancy Kollmeier
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Helaine Krasner
Susan Kreitzman
Caryn Kruger
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Melanie Kuffner
Gail Kushner
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Dr. Anna Leskiv
Celine L'Hommedieu
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Whitney Lisica
Anthony Ljucovic
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Patricia Nugent
Jean O'Donnell
Gospel Ofuyah
Loni Ofuyah

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Deanna Postupak
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Jill Pryor
Bambang Purnomo
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Gabrielle Quinones
Nirupa Ramjisingh
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Joan Samborski
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Gina Santora
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Jessica Schiavone
Heather Schneider
Lee Schwartz
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Lynn Segerivas
Vanessa Sejour
Daniel Shapiro
Catrina Shaw
Dr. Rhea Sherwin
Chanel Shinn
Jacquelyn Signorelli
Dr. Christopher Sinclair
Alissa Smith
Jill Snelders
Dr. Jacob Sokol
Jenna Sonnenberg
Tara Sottile
Pasqua Spinelli
Dina Sposito
Richard Squillace
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Sara Steele
Darlene Steigman
Marion Sturgis
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Darlene Sutherland
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Kristen Thristino
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welcome new doctors

Seema Agarwal, MD

Specialty: IM/Pulmonary Medicine
Medical School: Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital-India
Residency: St John's Episcopal Hospital-Far Rockaway
Practice: Suffolk Pulmonary Associates, LLP

Stephen Braun, DO

Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Wilson Memorial Regional Medical Center, NY
Practice: Three Village Family Medicine - Setauket

Aaron Charniak, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine
Residency: SUNY State University of New York-Stony Brook School of Medicine
Practice: Mather Hospital, Department of Hospital Medicine

Zeeshan Chauhan, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: King Edward Medical College (Pakistan)
Residency: Memorial Hospital-Pawtucket, RI
Practice: Mather Hospital, Department of Hospital Medicine

Anna Dewan, MD

Specialty: Hospital Medicine
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine
Residency: Stony Brook Medicine
Practice: Mather Hospital, Department of Hospital Medicine

Alexander Finger, MD

Specialty: Orthopaedics
Medical School: Eastern Virginia Medical School
Residency: New York University Medical Center
Practice: Advanced Orthopedics

Adriana Guigova, DO

Specialty: IM/Hematology/Oncology
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: North Shore University Hospital-Manhasset
Practice: New York Cancer & Blood Specialists

Michael Hansen, MD

Specialty: IM/Critical Care/Pulmonary Med
Medical School: St Georges School of Medicine, Grenada
Residency: Lehigh Valley Hospital, PA
Practice: Harbor View Medical Services, PC-Pulmonary Care Associates

Brian Kincaid, MD

Specialty: Orthopaedics
Medical School: Tufts University School of Medicine, MA
Residency: North Shore University Hospital-Manhasset
Practice: Advanced Orthopedics

Claire Kolensky, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: University of Florida College of Medicine
Residency: Orlando Regional Medical Center; Stanford University
Practice: Harbor View Medical Services, PC - Port Jefferson

Robert Kulina, MD

Specialty: IM/Cardiology
Medical School: Jefferson Medical College, PA
Residency: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Practice: Harbor View Medical Services, PC - Port Jefferson

Amit Kumar, MD

Specialty: Pathology
Medical School: Jawaharal Nehru Medical College
Residency: Winthrop University Hospital
Practice: Pathology & Laboratory Consultants of Long Island, PLLC

John Layliev, MD

Specialty: Plastic Surgery
Medical School: New York University School of Medicine
Residency: Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Surgery; Vanderbilt University Medical Center TN, Plastic Surgery
Practice: Pathology & Laboratory Consultants of Long Island, PLLC

Eric M. Manoff, MD

Specialty: Orthopaedics
Medical School: SUNY Health Sciences Center-Brooklyn
Residency: Albert Einstein College of Medicine - Montefiore
Practice: Advanced Orthopedics

Brian Melville, MD

Specialty: Anesthesiology
Medical School: Thomas Jefferson Medical School
Residency: Tufts University/New England Medical Center, MA Int Med; University of Connecticut-School of Medicine, Anesthesia
Practice: Long Island Physician Associates - Rocky Point

Priscilla Persaud, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: Ross University, Dominica
Residency: Maimonides Medical Center
Practice: Harbor View Medical Services, PC-Primary Care Associates

Joseph Pinkhas, DO

Specialty: General Surgery
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Geisinger Medical Center
Practice: Long Island Physician Associates - Port Jefferson

John Savino III, MD

Specialty: IM/Cardiology
Medical School: Georgetown University Hospital, DC
Residency: Mount Sinai Hospital
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 Residency: Stony Brook Medicine
 Practice: Mather Hospital Emergency Department

Samer Sbayi, MD

Specialty: General Surgery
 Medical School: Universidad Technologica De Santiago
 Residency: Seton Hall University, St. Francis Medical - Surgery
 Practice: Stony Brook Medicine - Department of Surgery

Itchak Schwarzbard, MD

Specialty: Orthopaedics
 Medical School: Finch University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School, IL
 Residency: SUNY Downstate Medical Center
 Practice: Stony Brook Medicine - Department of Surgery

Kevin Small, MD

Specialty: Plastic Surgery
 Medical School: New York University
 Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital
 Practice: New York Bariatric Group, PC

Harry Staszewski, MD

Specialty: IM/Hematology/Oncology
 Medical School: Yale University School of Medicine, CT
 Residency: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
 Practice: New York Cancer & Blood Specialists - E. Setauket

Laura Wolfe, DO

Specialty: IM/Cardiology
 Medical School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Residency: Winthrop-University Hospital
 Practice: North Suffolk Cardiology, A Practice of SBCM - East Setauket

Hui Yu, MD

Specialty: Pathology
 Medical School: Shanghai Medical University
 Residency: Temple University Hospital, PA
 Practice: Pathology & Laboratory Consultants of Long Island, PLLC

Employee Communication Forums

**Dec. 11, 9-10 am; 2:30-3:30 pm;
 9-10 pm**

Dec. 14, 9-10 am

Dec. 15, 2:30-3:30 pm

All forums in CR 3, 4 & 5

Intensivist Maritza Groth, MD, Honored as Distinguished CHEST Educator

Maritza L. Groth, MD, FCCP, an Intensivist at Mather Hospital, has been named a Distinguished CHEST Educator by the American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST). Intensivists are the primary caregivers for the critically ill patients in the Hospital.



The new designation is intended to provide national-level recognition of excellence in continuing medical education and places Dr. Groth within the top 5 percent of the organization's international faculty. It recognizes the achievements of members who have made significant and long-term contributions to the design and delivery of CHEST education by serving as CHEST committee chairs, vice-chairs, faculty, members, and peer reviewers for programs and activities, such as CHEST Annual Meeting, CHEST Board Review Courses, CHEST-SEEK, Live Learning PREP, e-Learning, and more.

Dr. Groth was honored at the CHEST 2017 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada in October.

Annual Doctor's Dinner



Honored at this year's dinner for the Mather-St. Charles medical staff were Paul Lusman, MD; Martin Kaplan, MD; Alvin Heller, MD; Haim Misholy, MD; Damian Forletti, MD. With them are Stephen Coccaro, MD (left, standing in for St. Charles Medical Board President Steven Michael Puopolo, MD) and David Shenouda, DO, President of the Mather Medical Board (right). Emeritus staff not pictured: Dan Kass, MD; Hariton Kousourou, MD; Philip Makowski, MD; and Michael Sauter, MD.



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Annual Mather Employee and Volunteer Giving Campaign to Help 2 South Renovation – Drawing Date Extended to December 20

Mather employees and volunteers who donate to the 2017 Giving Campaign may designate their gift go toward the renovation of the 2 South oncology and medical/surgical unit. This project will provide oncology patients with single bedded room with showers and separate provider hand washing sinks at the entrance to the rooms that further reduce the risk of infection. The goal of this project is for each room to have a state-of-the-art sleeper chair that converts to a bed so loved ones can spend the night in the patient room. The project also will include a family lounge that will provide a comfortable respite for family members of cancer patients and a new nursing station.

The Employee Giving Campaign started on Nov. 2 and has been extended to Dec. 20 for the raffle drawing. Those donating will have a chance to win incentive prizes including a 48-inch smart TV and the new iPad Gold. All gifts to the campaign of any amount are appreciated and are 100 percent tax deductible. Donation/pledge forms can be found on the intranet.

For more information contact Laura Juliano in Public Affairs at (631) 476-2723 or at ljuliano@matherhospital.org.

We give because we care about our community Now – December 20, 2017

Donate/Pledge:

Receive a Chance to Win:

Donate \$1,000 or more to 2 South

You get your name on the 2 South donor wall
Just \$38.46 per paycheck for a year



An Apple iPad Gold
Receive 2 chances if you donate by November 10!

Donate \$250 or more to Mather

Just \$9.61 per paycheck for a year



48 inch Smart TV
Receive 2 chances if you donate by November 10!

Donate \$130 or more

Just \$5 per paycheck for a year



The new iPad Mini
Receive 2 chances if you donate by November 10!

Increase your last donation to Mather by \$50 OR first-time donor of \$50 or more



40 inch flat screen tv
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For every \$20 donated



Second Chance Raffle Ticket for every \$20 donated up to \$1,000

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**New
raffle date
Dec. 20**

If you have any questions, please contact the Campaign Leader, Laura Juliano, in Public Affairs at 476-2723 or email at ljuliano@matherhospital.org.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your participation.



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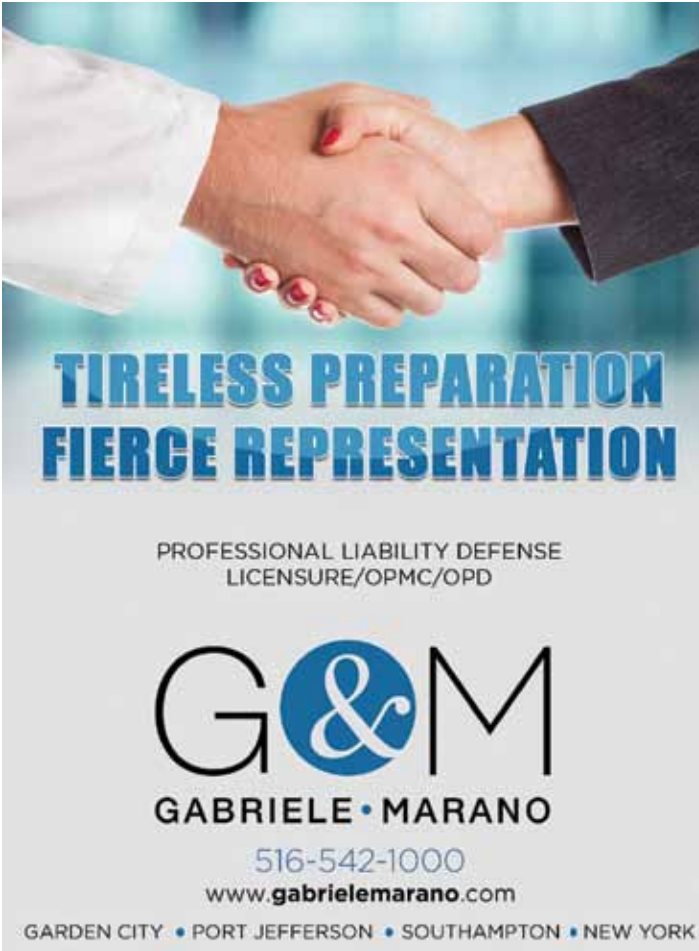
Nursing Research Day

Marie Mulligan PhD, RN, CNOR, NEA-BC, CNO Vice President for Nursing, talks about her project on Transformational Leadership at the Nursing Research Day Oct. 20.



Student Nurses Complete Semester

Student nurses from Adelphi University working on the 2 South (top) oncology Unit and 3 South (bottom) wrapped up their first semester at Mather. Posing with the students on 2 South) Mary Ferrara, RN, Nurse Manager (left) and Brandy Feliu, MSN, RN, Assistant Vice President Nursing Professional Development (second from right) and Marsha Deckman, MSN, RN, NE-BC, ONC, Clinical Instructor (right) XXX. With the 3 South students are Deckman (left), Emily Emma, RN, Nurse manager (second from right) and Feliu.



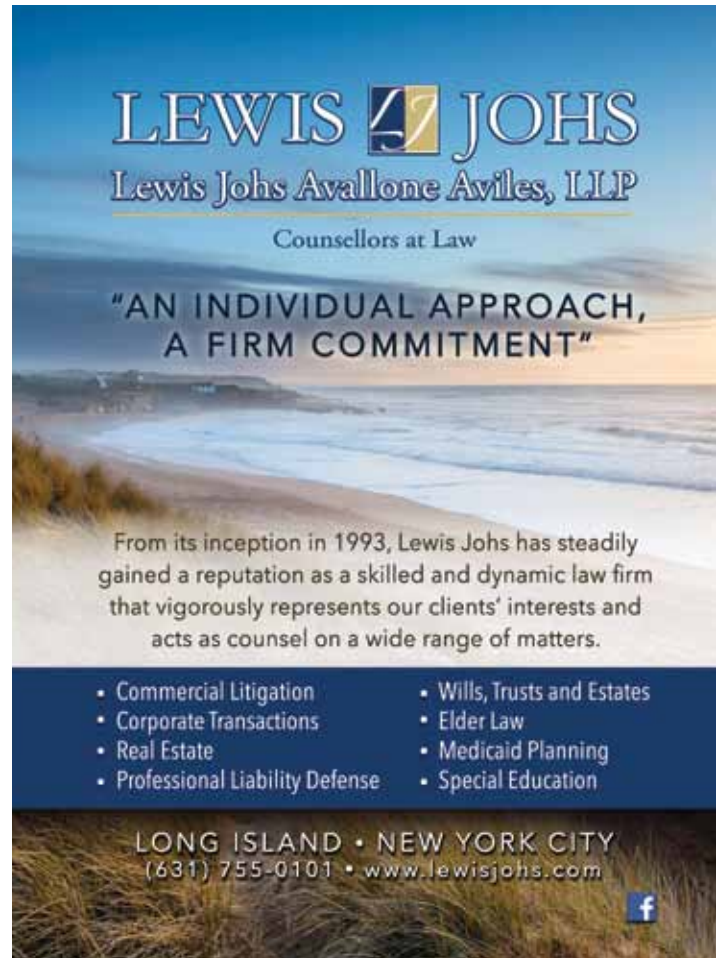
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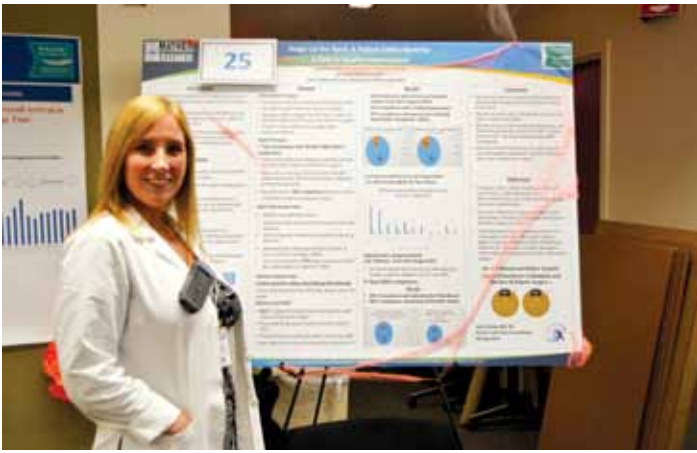
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Quality Showcase

(Left) Jill Pryor, RN, from the Bariatric Center of Excellence, with her research project at the Quality Showcase Oct. 31.

President's Message *(continued from page 3)*

tialing Center. Mather is one of only 469 hospitals worldwide to receive Magnet status. Let's say that again: Mather is one of only 469 hospitals worldwide to receive Magnet status!!!

Congratulations to the Nursing and Emergency Departments for the improvements in throughput times in the Emergency Room – the time it takes to get patients to their inpatient bed from the time their inpatient bed is assigned. The steady decrease in that time is due to a multidisciplinary effort to identify barriers and solutions and improve communication.

Innovation and Growth

Look for the implementation of state-of-the-art mammography with tomosynthesis, "3-D mammography," at the Fortunato Breast Health Center in 2018.

As the year come to a close I want to wish every member of **The Mather Family** a happy, peaceful holiday season.

Oh, and this: John T Mather Memorial Hospital – Leapfrog Rating 2017 "A."



Brain & Spine Tumor Program Offers Advanced Treatment *(continued from page 4)*

is part of Mather's Neurosciences Center which also consists of Mather's Department of Neurosurgery, Precision CyberKnife of New York, the Back & Neck Pain Center, Stroke Center, advanced Imaging Services, and Outpatient Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Services.

Contact the Brain & Spine Tumor Program at 631-675-5371.



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Joan Quenzer
May



Nancy Petrocca
June



Lucille Jankowski
July



Jared Zunino
August



George Lunz
September

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Auxiliary of the Year

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nity outreach. The Auxiliary distributed literature about breast health and pink lights to local businesses in Port Jefferson to display in October. This year, the Auxiliary also staffed an advocacy table encouraging employees, volunteers, and visitors to email their legislators about the harm that proposals to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act would cause for their community.

The Auxiliary's fundraising has supported many projects and equipment purchases at Mather over the years. Earlier this year, the Auxiliary donated \$210,000 to the renovation of the 2 South oncology unit. In recent years the Auxiliary contributed toward the construction of the Arthur & Linda Calace Foundation Pavilion and the purchase of a 320-slice CT scanner.

The Auxiliary is a self-governing membership organization that is directly accountable to the hospital administration. Auxiliary members may or may not be service volunteers at Mather.

The primary purpose of the Auxiliary is fundraising.

(Pictured above, left), In Albany for the award presentation were (l to r) VP for Public Affairs Nancy Uzo; Auxilian Dale Kulak; Auxilians Ann Bayard, Nancy Hutchinson, Barbara Zinna, and Janice Krass; Director of Volunteer Services Keri Dunne; and Auxilian Louise Grinere.

Volunteer Milestones

Ida Forstel	16,000
Jeanne Cook	9,000
Helen Samuels	8,000
Eleanor Tisall	8,000
Robert Lundquist	6,000
Dorothy Duggan	5,000
Roberta Treiber.....	5,000
Mafalba Smith	4,000
Jill O'Leary	3,000
Christa Sosnowy	3,000
Ruth Cimino	2,000
Maryann Donnelly	2,000
John Berruti	1,000
Frances Donadio	1,000
Nancy Petrocca	1,000
Joseph Preller	1,000
George Wadman	1,000

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Honoring Veterans

November 8, 2017

(Right) Mary Jane Fisher, RN, receives her veterans pin from Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Valerie Cartright at the Veterans Field of Honor ceremony at Mather.

(Far right) Michael Fishkin, MD, addresses the Veterans Field of Honor ceremony at Mather.



Family Matters *(continued from page 16)*

whose daughter Brittany married Brian Staker at Giorgio's on August 31. Alice Aug, 2 East unit secretary, became a grandmother for the first time on May 2 to Nicholas Aug. Catrina Shaw, Assistant Nurse Manager of 2 East, married Johnny Grefe on September 15.

3 North: Katherine Lewin, RN, clinical instructor, and her husband, Brian, welcomed a baby girl, Elizabeth, to their family in March. Jessica Schiavone, CNA, was engaged to Chris Laterza, Physical Therapy, in July. Courtney Vosilla, unit secretary, and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Billie Rae, to their family in June. Bernadette DeTrinnis welcomed her ninth grandchild in August.

Critical Care: Dan Shapiro, RN, was married this spring. Deseree Travis, RN CCRN, was also married. Debra Giuletti, RN, got engaged.

Imaging Nursing: Imaging Services Nursing welcomes Brittany Rischowsky, RN, and

Cynthia Hiddink, RN.

Information Services: Nick Perugini and Lindsay Seppala (Medical Affairs) were married on June 3. Scott Damm and his partner, Joseph, were married on July 1; Samantha Catania and Joe Sexton were married on August 18. David Salemi and his wife, Kim (Insurance Verification), welcome their second child, Logan, on August 30. Christa Dwyer's son, Kevin, married Nancy Barriga on September 8.

Infusion Center Nursing: RN Renee Castelli's son, Paul Castelli III, married Lauren Bellissimo on September 1 at the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Patient Access: On August 8, Danielle Gary gave birth to a baby boy Lucas Dale Garry, 8 lbs, 13 ozs. On August 21, Filippa Russo gave birth to a baby girl Everett Luca Russo, 8 lbs. On August 30, Kim and Dave Salemi welcomed their baby boy Logan Michael Salemi, 5 lbs, 5 ozs. Karleen Collaro became a grandma - her daughter Krista and son-in-law had twins. Congratulations,

Karleen!

Pharmacy: Congratulations to Anastasia Larios, JD, daughter of Olga Larios, MS RPH Director of Pharmacy, and John Ballato, Patient Access Supervisor, on their May 18 engagement in romantic Paris! A spring 2019 wedding is planned.

Rehabilitation Services: Congratulations to Matt Rivera on his marriage in June to Laura. Congratulation to John Kennedy, PT, and his wife, Jenna, on the birth of their new baby boy, John Richard, born on July 27, at 7 lbs, 2 oz.

Revenue Cycle: Carol Cruz welcomed her fourth grandchild to the world on May 17. Her daughter Lisa and her husband Doug, now have "my three sons." Welcome Luke Jay! His two brothers Mark (4) and Jace (2) are already showing just how much they adore their baby brother with constant hugs and kisses. His cousin, CJ (2) is excited to have another first cousin.

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FAMILY matters

Educational and/or Professional

2 East: Congratulations to all our fellow employees on 2 East for these accomplishments. Maggie Liquori, RN, graduated from Empire State College with her BSN. Gertha Benoit-Hollis, RN, graduated from Stony Brook University with her Master's Degree as an Adult Nurse Practitioner.

Desiree Atkinson, unit secretary, graduated from Chamberlain College with her BSN and was accepted into Mather's new graduate program as an RN and will be working in TCU. After 16 years as a CNA at Mather, Michele Rodriguez, CAN, will be leaving us to pursue her career in management. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Administrative Health Management

Critical Care: Tracey Magro completed her BSN; Deseree Travis, RN, Michael Paluch, RN, Teresa McArdle, RN, Jen Cella, RN, and Steven Schwab, RN, all received their CCRN. Sue Contri, RN, received her MSN in education.

Emergency Department: Stacey Hartcorn, RN, has graduated and received her BSN.

Imaging Nursing: Congratulations to Cameron Gittens on achieving his BSN.

Information Services: Wayne Seppala received his Bachelor of Science degree, Summa Cum Laude, on August 1.

Infusion Center Nursing: Congratulations to RN Maryanne Wisniewski, who received her BSN. We are so proud of her accomplishment.

Rehabilitation Services: Congratulations to Kerri Hamilton, Assistant Director Inpatient Physical Therapy, for passing the Physical Therapy Neurology Specialty Examination! Way to go Kerri!

Revenue Cycle/Compliance: Debbie Przybylinski's son, Timothy, has graduated with his BA from Berklee College of Music in Boston. He studied Film and Video Game Scoring, aspiring to write music for film and/or video games. Debbie Przybylinski is celebrating 20 years at Mather Hospital.

Promotions

Critical Care: Nancy Rochler RN, MSN, has accepted a job in Nursing Professional

Development on nights full time. Laura O'Brien RN, BSN, is the new Nurse Manager in Critical Care. MaryEllen Glennon RN, BSN, has accepted a full-time position in Wound Therapy as a coordinator.

Imaging Nursing: Congratulations to Laura O'Brien, RN, who accepted the position of Critical Care Nurse Manager. Her Imaging Services Nursing staff is very happy that she will still have oversight of them.

Infusion Center Nursing: Welcome Dr. Mark Bernstein as our new medical director.

Retirements

2 East: 2 East had a wonderful farewell party for Mary Lindner, RN, who has been at Mather Hospital for 30 years. We wish her and husband Dave much happiness in their new home in Florida.

Milestone Life Events

2 East: Congratulations to Denise Bonnaville, Assistant Nurse Manager of 2 East,

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