



Mather matters

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



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, (continued on page 14)

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, FAOCPRM, Chronic Pain Collaborative Physician for NP Service, and David BenElياهو, 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

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Find out more!

My Aching Back!

**Employee & Volunteer
Brown Bag Lunch & Learn
Thursday, July 30, 2015
Conference Room 1**

11:15 am, 12:15 pm and 1:15 pm
Call Public Affairs to register at

476-2723 or email
nfischetti@matherhospital.org
Space is limited. Refreshments served.



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 Mazlin 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
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Kenneth Roberts Receives Top CEO, Vincent Bove Award



Mather President Kenneth Roberts (third from left) was honored as a 2015 Outstanding CEO by Long Island Business News at an awards dinner on May 15 at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. Joining him at the event were (from left) Dave Williams, Vice President of Revenue Cycle Carolyn Williams, Cathy Roberts, Vice President of Administration Wayne Shattes, Vice President of Nursing Marie Mulligan and Brian McAuliff, principal of Bri-Tech. In June, Roberts received the Vincent Bove Award from the Port Jefferson Lions Club at Theatre Three in Port Jefferson for his service to the community and to the Lions.



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

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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."

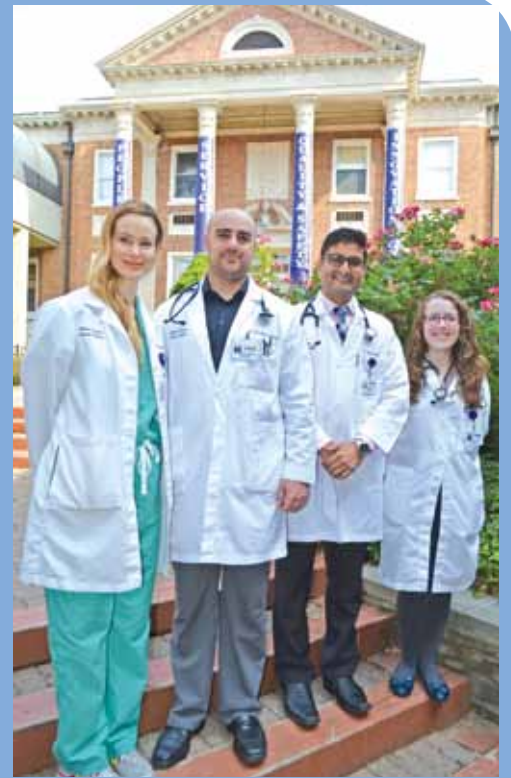
The Hospital Safety Score rates how well hospitals protect patients from errors, injuries and infections. It is compiled under the guidance of the nation's leading experts on patient safety and is administered by The Leapfrog Group, a national, nonprofit hospital safety watchdog. The purpose of the score 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.



Congratulations Graduates!

Mather Hospital bid farewell to the first Internal Medicine Preliminary Year graduates. The one-year program provides a solid foundation for further training in internal medicine or non-internal medicine specialties. Completing their studies in Mather's inaugural program were (shown above, from left) Francesca Ortenzio, MD, who heads to the University of California, Irvine for Dermatology; Christopher Adam, MD, SUNY Downstate Medical Center for Ophthalmology; Saurabh Patel, MD, Nassau University Medical Center for Radiology; and Madison Ballard, MD, University of Massachusetts for Radiology.

Christine Mac Entee Named First DAISY Award Winner



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).

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 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.

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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 Feliiu, RN, Magnet Program Director.

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Service Excellence Awards are given monthly to employees whose professionalism



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welcome new doctors

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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)

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Medical School: Health Science Center at Brooklyn, NY
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Specialty: Radiology
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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
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Specialty: Pain Management
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY
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Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Medical School: Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO
Residency: Emergency Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

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Michael Reiter, DO

Specialty: Radiology
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Residency: Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology

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Specialty: Pediatrics
Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine
Residency: Pediatrics, St. Vincent's Hospital, New York Presbyterian Hospital, NY
Practice: Branch Pediatrics, 300 East Main Street, Smithtown (631-979-6475)

Puneet Singh, DO

Specialty: Intra-Operative Monitoring, Neurology, Psychiatry
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine
Residency: Neurology, St. Vincent's Hospital, NY
Fellowship: Clinical Neurophysiology/Epilepsy/Intraoperative Monitoring, New York Presbyterian Hospital, NY
Practice: Neurological Surgery, PC, 100 Merrick Road, Suite 128, Rockville Centre (516-255-9031)

Saeed Syed, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: Liaquat Medical College, Pakistan
Residency: SUNY at Buffalo
Practice: Heritage PC New York, 501 Franklin Avenue, Garden City (516-214-8957)

Milagros Teves-Mani, MD

Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: Cebu Institute of Medicine, Philippines
Residency: Internal Medicine, New York Medical College
Practice: Mather Primary Care Rocky Point, 745 Route 25A, Rocky Point (631-821-0200)

Kavitha Yaddanapudi, MBBS

Specialty: Radiology
Medical School: Andhra Medical College, India
Residency: Radiology, Medwin Hospital, GB Pant Hospital
Fellowships: Nuclear Medicine & PET CT, Cardiac Imaging, Thoracic Imaging, Musculoskeletal Imaging, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH
Practice: Stony Brook Radiology Department

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.



Alice Kolasa, DO, director of the Palliative Medicine Program, (center) was joined by Phyllis Macchio, NP, and Mather President Kenneth Roberts.

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.



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.



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.



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.



Jamie Gonzalez, MD
 Hometown: Mahwah, NJ
 Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Graduate School: Business, St. George's University, Grenada
 Undergraduate: Chemistry, Villanova University, PA
 Hobbies: Running, cycling, scuba diving, photography, target shooting and wood refinishing.



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,

long distance running, gardening, handyman work, traveling, meeting people from different cultures, global health, volunteering, developmental disabilities, nutrition, health, and exercise.



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.



Hamead 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.

TRANSITIONAL YEAR



De'Shauris Bradford, MD
 Hometown: Houston, TX
 Medical School: Touro New York Medical College, NY
 Undergraduate: St. Louis University, MO

Hobbies: Outdoor sports, football



Shreena Brahmabhatt, 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



Michael James Cunningham, MD
 Hometown: Watertown, MA
 Medical School: University of Vermont College of Medicine, VT

Undergraduate: University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
 Hobbies: Ice skating, scuba diving, hiking, fishing



Oren Factor, MD
 Hometown: Plainview, NY
 Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY
 Undergraduate: Cornell University, NY

Hobbies: Play and watch most sports, enjoy the beach

STAFF matters

**Elisa Park, DO**

Hometown: Chicago, IL
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: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Undergraduate: Political Sciences, Stony Brook University, NY
Hobbies: Spending quality time with family, playing basketball, driving.

**Jackie Rodriguez, MD**

Hometown: East Setauket, NY
Medical School: Stony Brook University School of Medicine, NY
Graduate: Public Health, Drexel

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, NC
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.

**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).

**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.

**Scott Harlan Greenberg, MD**

Hometown: Albany, NY
Medical School: SUNY Upstate Medical University, NY
Undergraduate: SUNY Bingham-

ton, NY
Hobbies: Watching and playing basketball and tennis, traveling

**Gregory M. Herman, MD**

Hometown: Kansas
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 Univer-

sity, IL
Hobbies: Running, biking

**Kamran Munawar, MD**

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
Medical School: SUNY Upstate Medical University, NY
Undergraduate: SUNY Bingham-

ton, NY
Hobbies: Going to the gym, playing basketball

**Mesaki Kenneth 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

**Jesus Manuel Reyes, MD**

Hometown: Ponce, Puerto Rico
Medical School: Ponce School of Medicine, Puerto Rico
Undergraduate: University of

Michigan, MI
Hobbies: Sailing, investing, travel and spending time with family.

**Diana Victoria Rodriguez Rivera, MD**

Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico
Medical School: University of

Puerto Rico School of Medicine
Undergraduate: University of Puerto Rico
Hobbies: Traveling and finding hidden food gems.

**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



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.



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.



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.

New Appointments (continued from page 5)

Susan Morin, RN, MS, PMHCNS-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.



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.

Monday, July 20
2:30 - 3:30 pm

Thursday, July 23
2:30 - 3:30 pm
9-10 pm

Tuesday, July 21
9-10 pm

Friday, July 24
9-10 am



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VOLUNTEER matters



(L-R) Mather President Kenneth Roberts; Ann Bayard, Recording Secretary; Louise Grinere, Second VP; Dorothy Duggan, Treasurer; Barbara Zinna, President; Ida Forstel, First Vice President; Dorothy Milau, Thrift Shop Treasurer; Kenneth Jacoppi, Mather Chairman; Nancy Hutchinson, Corresponding Secretary; Keri Dunne, Director of Volunteer Services.

Auxiliary Donates \$220,000 to Hospital Pavilion

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).



(L-R) Mather President Kenneth Roberts, Auxiliary President Barbara Zinna, volunteer award winners Kevin Preller of Comsewogue High School, Silvan Altinok and Samantha Brindley of Miller Place High School and Mather Board Chairman Kenneth Jacoppi.

Thank you for your service!

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
Roberta Treiber
Elizabeth Weiss



5,000 Hours

Donald Cook
Mary Martin



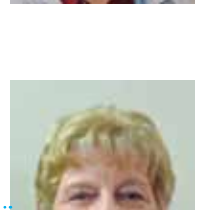
6,000 Hours

Steve Elmaleh



7,000 Hours

Eleanor Tisall



11,000 Hours

Lorraine Altman

14,000 Hours

Ida Forstel



38,000 Hours

Dot Milau

Mather Family Exclusive Savings!

20% discount off entire purchase (over \$10) every day in July except Wednesday At Mather Hospital Thrift Shop

Must present this original coupon at checkout. Coupon Expires 7-31-2015.



Future Nurses Visit Mather Hospital



Students from Longwood High School's School-to-Career program got an inside look at nursing careers from Mather's Magnet recognized nursing staff. Breaking into smaller groups, the students were mentored by experienced staff on the different opportunities at the Hospital and were given hands-on demonstrations.



Wanted: Mather Crew Members for September 12 Village Cup Regatta!

You, your friends and family are invited to be crew members on the Mather team boats for the annual Village Cup Regatta on Sept. 12. No prior sailing experience is required.

The Regatta is a friendly competition between Mather and the Village of Port Jefferson. Crew members should expect to be on the water from 10 am to 3:30 pm. Crew members also are invited to Captain's Party at the Port Jefferson Village Center after the race.

This year, actor Ralph Macchio and CBS news anchor Maurice DuBois will be celebrity ambassadors at the event.

Although not required, crew members are encouraged to help raise funds for the event. Proceeds benefit Mather's Palliative Medicine Program and the Lustgarten Foundation, which funds pancreatic cancer research.

For more information contact Terri Quinn at tquinn@matherhospital.org or call 476-2723.



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Maurice DuBois

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Annual Magnet Conference *(continued from page 1)*

ANP-C, CCRN, Pain Management.

• **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.

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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



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.



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).



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.



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



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



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FAMILY matters

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 NP's 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. Melisa 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 Goldkranz. **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 Gisella in April and was accepted into Stony Brook University's nurse practitioner program. Karen Winokur is expecting her second granddaughter on Aug. 4, her own birthday. **Wound Treatment Center:**

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