



# Mather matters

A newsletter for the staff, volunteers and benefactors of John T. Mather Memorial Hospital  
FALL 2016

## Mather Surgeon Performs World's First Total Knee Using Navio™

Mather orthopedic surgeon Brian McGinley, MD, performed the world's first total knee replacement using the Navio surgical system. Navio has been used at Mather for more than a year for partial knee replacements, but McGinley's procedure on Laurie Mullens of Farmingdale was the first time the system was used for a total knee.



Laurie Mullens

Mullens, 63, had enduring "excruciating pain" for 10 years in both her knees due to arthritis. She had her left knee replaced in March 2016 by Dr. McGinley using Mather's computer-navigated knee replacement system. When it was time to replace her right knee in July 2016, Dr. McGinley proposed

using the Navio surgical system.

"Navio allows us to very accurately place our cutting block so we can cut the surface of bone to restore the patient's normal leg alignment," explained Dr. McGinley. "If you precisely align the leg you will decrease the wear of the knees just like a car tire if accurately aligned using a computer will wear more evenly."



Brian McGinley, MD

"Mather has always been at the forefront of navigation, computer-assisted, and robotic surgery," said Michael Fracchia, MD, Director of the Department of Orthopedics at Mather. "This has come about because of the support of the administration, staff, and physicians who have dedicated and volunteered their time to enhance and improve this technology."

## Mather Named Hospital of the Year by LIBN

Mather Hospital has been named Hospital of the Year for the 2016 Achievements in Health Care awards, presented by Long Island Business News.

In addition, Gregory Brevetti, MD, has been recognized in the physician category and Judith Moran-Peters, DNSc, RN, NE-BC, RN-BC, has been honored in the nursing category.

Mather received the award based on the success of its Voyage to Excellence cultural transformation program and Magnet recognition.

Earlier this year, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded Mather four stars – the highest of any Long Island hospital – for patient experience, safety, and timely and effective care measures based on publicly reported data from the HCAHPS Survey.



New York Life awarded Mather a \$25,000 Community Impact Grant for the Adolescent Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program. The funds will train an interdisciplinary team to promote long-term recovery for adolescents with psychiatric illness through a Collaborative & Proactive Solutions model that engages adolescents in understanding their behavior and developing solutions to problems in collaboration with staff and family. Donald Lippencott (third from left), Vice Chairman of the JTM Foundation Board, a principal of Lippencott Financial Group and an agent with New York Life's Long Island General Office, helped secure the grant. With him are Sue Morin, NPP (third from right), Director of the Partial Hospitalization Program, and program staff (l-r) Rosemarie Hofmann, Liz Regina, Tara Sottile, Susanne Meyers and Vanessa Sejour.



# President's Column

John T. Mather Memorial Hospital has been named Hospital of the Year in the *Long Island Business News* Achievements in Health Care Awards Program – formerly called Health Care Heroes. We are the only hospital to achieve this recognition, and it is a recognition earned through the dedication of every staff member, physician, volunteer and board member. In addition, **Dr. Gregory Brevetti** and **Dr. Judith Moran-Peters, RN** will be honored as Physician Hero and Nurse Hero, respectively. The awards event is Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 6-8 pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. Congratulations to everyone!

Mather's reputation for quality care and patient safety continues to be recognized by rating agencies. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded Mather Hospital four stars – the highest of any Long Island hospital – for patient experience, safety, and timely and effective care measures based on publicly reported data from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Survey. Only five hospitals in the New York metro area received four stars or more in the latest ratings, and only 13 in New York State.

*US News & World Report* rated Mather Hospital among the best hospitals in New York State in its annual Best Hospitals rankings. U.S. News compared nearly 5,000 medical centers nationwide in 25 specialties, procedures and conditions. Mather was ranked 19th out of almost 250 hospitals in New York State. Seven hospitals tied for the 19th spot on the list. Mather also was rated as "high performing" for four procedures/conditions – abdominal aortic aneurism repair, COPD, colon cancer surgery and heart failure.

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Congratulations to the entire Mather Family for these achievements.

## People

**Mike Burghardt**, Assistant Vice President of Administration, was given additional departmental responsibilities including Food and Nutritional Services, Environmental Services, and the activities of the Provider Relations Executive.

**Victoria Cook, NP** was named Director of the Chemical Dependency Clinic.

**Christine Santini** was named Director of Marketing Communications.

**Emily Emma, RN** and **Anne Lasota, RN** were accepted for a podium presentation at this year's Press Ganey National Client Conference in November. Their presentation is entitled "Stay Ahead. Know Your Meds." - An innovative approach to patient education.

**Danielle Allgaier, LCSW** was appointed Assistant Director of Behavioral Health.

Radiology Nurse **Cameron Gittens, RN, CRN, CEN** has received the Presidential Citation Award from The Nurses Association of the Counties Of Long Island, Inc. for "his outstanding dedication to education, leadership, sense of compassion, empowerment, and exemplary professional demeanor"

## Service

Congratulations to our first three Voyage Champions: **Carol Cruz**, V2E Coordinator, for Bright Ideas; **Olga Larios**, Director of Pharmacy, for Leadership; and **Lisa Moore**, Environmental Services Secretary, for Communication. Thanks for your service and dedication to the Voyage!

Congratulations to this year's One Enchanted Evening honorees **Donald Lippencott**, Community Honoree; **Drs. Derick George** and **William Konczynin** (posthumously), Theodore Roosevelt Award honorees. Thank you for your service to our hospital and community.

## Quality & Safety

Congratulations to the Harbor View Primary Care practices in Port Jefferson and in Rocky Point on achieving NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition. This is a major achievement for the practices and reflects a dedication to coordinated and patient-centered care.

Congratulations also to Nursing on their Frontline initiative that developed new ways to solve problems to improve patient care and safety. Thanks to all of the nurses, Nursing Administration and team leaders from various departments.

## Innovation & Growth

Interventional Radiology has opened a new procedure room that will allow them to continue to be on the cutting edge of imaging-guided procedures ranging from repairing spinal fractures to the Y-90 procedure for liver cancer. Congratulations to **Drs. Bilal** and **Lien** and the entire IR team.

We also anticipate starting construction on a new free-standing Port Jefferson Ambulatory Surgery Center to be located on Route 112 in Port Jefferson. The new center will have six operating rooms and will be operated by Mather and 19 physicians. The center will allow us to relocate some routine same day surgeries and to make room for more complicated procedures in the hospital such as thoracic, brain and spine surgery.



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## U.S. News Ranks Mather among Best Hospitals in New York State

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"The *U.S. News* rankings demonstrate our continuing commitment to become the best community hospital in New York

State," said Mather Hospital President Kenneth Roberts. "Patient experience, quality of care and patient safety are embedded in our culture."

The rankings take into consideration objective measures such as patient survival, number of patients, infection and adequacy of nurse staffing. *U.S. News* updated its methodology for 2016-17 to include evaluating hospitals in four new areas: abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve surgery, colon cancer surgery and lung cancer surgery. The latest survey also accounts for the socioeconomic mix of patients treated at hospitals and credited hospitals that voluntarily make key data public in cardiology and heart surgery.

## Ted Lucki Joins Foundation Board



Ted Lucki has been named to the JTM Foundation Board, which seeks and secures philanthropic support for John T. Mather Memorial Hospital, announced James Danowski, Foundation Board Chairman.

Along with brother-in-law Leo Sternlicht, Lucki owns and operates Riverhead Toyota, Ford, Lincoln, Mercury. He served 12 years as mayor of Belle Terre, stepping down at the end of June. Prior to that, he was a village trustee for two years and a member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals for four years. Lucki also is a former member of the Board of Education for the Port Jefferson School District. He is a graduate of Cornell University with a degree in Industrial Labor Relations. Lucki also has an MBA from Fordham University.

He and his wife, Lori Sternlicht-Lucki, have lived in Belle Terre for 20 years and have three adult children.



## Mather is the Only 4-Star Hospital on LI

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CMS developed the star ratings to help patients and their families learn about hospital quality, compare local facilities and ask questions about care quality when visiting a hospital or other health care provider.

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### Spring Mather Matters Omission

*Betsy Noyes Britton, a Vice Chairman of Mather's Board of Directors, was inadvertently omitted from an article in the spring Mather Matters on long-serving board members. Britton was elected to the Board in May of 1979 and has served the Hospital for more than 37 years.*

## HIM Moves to New Location

The Medical Records Department (HIM) has moved offsite to 251 Oakland Avenue, Suite 2B. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 am-8 pm and Saturday, 7 am-3 pm. The Department will be closed on Sunday. Phone numbers will remain the same. The main number is 631-476-2727.



# VOYAGE/COMMUNITY matters

## Dragon Boat Races



*Congratulations to the six Mather teams that competed in the Dragon Boat Festival Races.*



*(Left) Mather President Kenneth Roberts accepted a check for \$35,000 for the Palliative Medicine Program from the Port Jefferson Yacht Club's Gary Passavia. (Above) The Mather team gathered for a team photo with the cup, which went to Port Jefferson this year.*

Port Jefferson Yacht Club's  
**village cup regatta**



# NURSING matters



## Serenity Room

Mather nurses dedicated a Serenity Room on the 2 South oncology unit. The room was designed as a place of respite for nurses and other staff who care for cancer and other acutely ill patients. Cutting the ribbon were Maryanne Wisniewski, RN and Eva Seidler, RN.

## Frontline Presentations



Mather nurses presented their Frontline project results at a conference on September 14, 2016. Frontline identified problems throughout the Hospital and developed evidence-based solutions. Among those 37 nurses presenting were Shirlee McKenna RN, BSN, CAPA - ASU; Cameron Gittens RN, CRN, CEN - Radiology; Junielon Adame RN, BSN, WCC - Assistant Nurse Manager TCU; Natalie Mathias RN, BSN - 2 South.



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Tashia Allen	Ditas Burgos	Heather Cromer	Kathleen Egner	Maria Gruner
Danielle Allgaier	Brandon Burke	Megan Croniser	Gina Eletto	Anna Gundel-Pena
Carly Antone	Maureen Burke	Caryn Cruz	Maria Enriquez	Jessica Guzman
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# LENCE AWARDS

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



June 2016



July 2016

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 Janet Miller  
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 Dr. Michelle Price  
 Jill Pryor  
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 Geri Quinn  
 Donna Randone  
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 Anne Renta  
 Craig Reuter  
 Laura Ricciardi  
 Chelcea Rich  
 Mirna Richard  
 Heather Richards  
 Nancy Robb

Donny Rodriguez  
 Michele Rodriguez  
 Linda Romano  
 Barbara Ross  
 Tracy Royer  
 Kathryn Rush  
 Frank Russ  
 Adina Santana  
 Katherine Saporito  
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 Jean Stiles  
 Pamela Strahmann  
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 Cathy Wright  
 Debra Youngs  
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 Yuan Zhu

# MEDICAL STAFF **matters** welcome new doctors



## **George Angelos, MD**

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Medical School: State University of New York at Buffalo  
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center, Stony Brook  
Practice: Stony Brook Surgical Associates

## **Morad Awadallah, MD**

Specialty: Vascular Surgery  
Medical School: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center, Stony Brook  
Practice: St. Catherine's of Siena Division of Vascular Surgery

## **Karim Badawy, DPM**

Specialty: Podiatry  
Medical School: New York College of Podiatric Medicine  
Residency: Mount Sinai Hospital, NY  
Practice: Longwood Footcare

## **Mala Balakumar, MD**

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Medical School: University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis  
Residency: New York Hospital Medical Center, Queens  
Practice: Colon & Rectal Surgical Specialists of NY, Garden City

## **Frank Caliendo, MD**

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Medical School: Finch University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School, IL  
Residency: Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park  
Practice: Colon & Rectal Surgical Specialists of NY, Garden City

## **Brian Cho, MD**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Medical School: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Residency: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Rocky Point

## **Michael Christy, MD**

Specialty: Plastic Surgery  
Medical School: Boston University School of Medicine, MA  
Residency: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
Practice: Long Island Plastic Surgical Group

## **Rachel Cooper, MD**

Specialty: Emergency Medicine  
Medical School: Mercer University School of Medicine, GA  
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center, Stony Brook  
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

## **Paula Denoya, MD**

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Medical School: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
Residency: Mount Sinai Medical Center  
Practice: Stony Brook Surgical Associates

## **Daniel Feldman, MD**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Medical School: New York University School of Medicine  
Residency: New York and Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia Campus  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Rocky Point

## **Jules Garbus, MD**

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Medical School: Chicago Medical School  
Residency: North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset  
Practice: Colon & Rectal Surgical Specialists of NY, Garden City

## **Kristin Gordon, DO**

Specialty: Family Medicine  
Residency: Southampton Hospital  
Medical School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Practice: Three Village Family Medicine

## **Randall Grant, DO**

Specialty: Emergency Medicine  
Medical School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Residency: St Barnabas Hospital, Bronx  
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

## **Mohammed R. Hamdani, MD**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine  
Residency: SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Rocky Point

## **Laura Helfner, MD**

Specialty: Allergy/Immunology  
Medical School: University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha  
Residency: North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset  
Practice: ENT and Allergy Associates, Bay Shore

## **Jason Kreiner, MD**

Specialty: Pain Management  
Medical School: Sackler School of Medicine (Israel)  
Residency: SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Rocky Point

## **Peter Lascarides, DO**

Specialty: Pain Management  
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury  
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center-Stony Brook  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Rocky Point

## **Kevin Lee, MD**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Medical School: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center-Stony Brook  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Rocky Point



**Tara Martinez, DO**

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury  
Residency: Peninsula Hospital Center  
Practice: Surgical Specialist of Long Island, Smithtown

**Lucas McCaffrey, DO**

Specialty: Rheumatology  
Medical School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Residency: Winthrop-University Hospital, Mineola  
Practice: Rheumatology Associates of Long Island, Smithtown

**Catherine Miranda, MD**

Specialty: Nephrology  
Medical School: St. George's University (West Indies)  
Residency: SUNY State University of New York at Stony Brook  
Practice: Long Island Nephrology Consultants, PC

**Hammad Mohsin, MD**

Specialty: Psychiatry  
Medical School: Nishtar Medical College  
Residency: Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center  
Practice: Mather Behavioral Health

**Jonathan Moresco, DO**

Specialty: Anesthesiology  
Medical School: New York College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Residency: Nassau County Medical Center  
Practice: Long Island Anesthesia Physicians, LLP, Bay Shore

**Alicia Morgan, MD**

Specialty: Hospital Medicine  
Medical School: Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico  
Residency: Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island  
Practice: Mather Hospitalists

**Dean Pappas, MD**

Specialty: Colon & Rectal Surgery  
Medical School: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Residency: SUNY Health Science Center, Stony Brook  
Practice: Colon & Rectal Surgical Specialists of NY, Garden City

**Thomas Pettei, MD**

Specialty: Cardiology  
Medical School: University of Miami School of Medicine, Florida  
Residency: SUNY Downstate Medical Center  
Practice: North Suffolk Cardiology, A Practice of SBCM, East Setauket

**Susan Philipose, MD**

Specialty: Emergency Medicine  
Medical School: Tufts University School of Medicine, MA  
Residency: Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park  
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

**Alexandr Rafailov, MD**

Specialty: Emergency Medicine  
Medical School: University of Virginia School of Medicine (Charlottesville)  
Residency: SUNY Health Sciences Center, Brooklyn  
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

**Lina Restrepo, MD**

Specialty: Cardiology  
Medical School: Meharry Medical College School of Medicine (Tennessee)  
Residency: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, The Bronx  
Practice: North Suffolk Cardiology, A Practice of SBCM, East Setauket

**Amaan Siddiqi, MD**

Specialty: Emergency Medicine  
Medical School: Georgetown University School of Medicine (District of Columbia)  
Residency: Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn  
Practice: Mather Emergency Department

**Lauren Sokolik, DO**

Specialty: Mather Emergency Department  
Medical School: Michigan State University (East Lansing)  
Residency: Beaumont Health System, Farmington Hills, MI  
Practice: Emergency Medicine

**Jenna Taglienti, MD**

Specialty: Psychiatry  
Medical School: SUNY - Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Residency: Stony Brook School of Medicine  
Practice: Mather Behavioral Health

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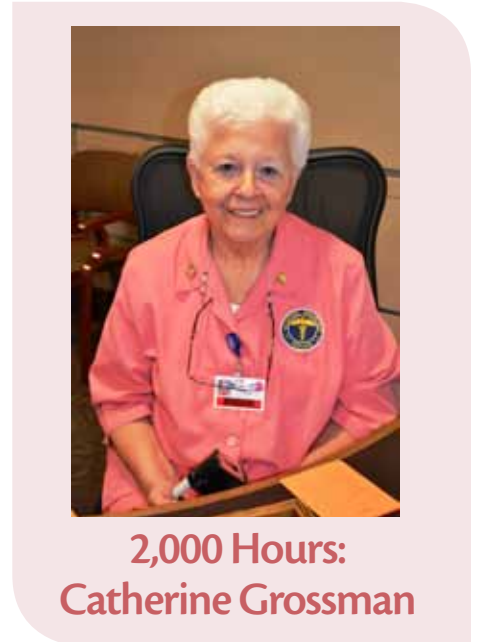
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## Family Matters *(continued from page 12)*

Cristina Movsesyan is engaged to Joshua Drumm. Lee Viggiano is engaged to William Wicks.

### **Behavioral Health-Partial Hospital Program:**

A heartfelt congratulations to Sue Morin, NP and Director of Mather Partial Hospitalization Programs on her engagement to Craig Consiglio! No date has been set yet but we are all very happy for Sue as she navigates this new and exciting chapter! Kathy Jochen, RN from the Eating Disorder Program, celebrated the marriage of her daughter Annelise to Andrew Thompson on September 4. Congratulations to the Jochen Family

from your Mather Family!

**Finance:** Welcome to our world Nolan, Xavier Orme, born July 8, 2016. Tristan Alexander is his big brother, and the proud grandparents are Mike and Teri Healy (Finance).

**Information Services:** Cat Cummings and Marc Rosenboom, both from Information Services, were married on August 28.

**Infusion Center:** Welcome Heather Dempsey, Nursing Assistant, to Infusion Center and congratulations on her recent engagement. An October 2017 wedding is planned. Nancy Robb's, RN

daughter Rebecca was accepted to and is now attending Cornell University, studying industrial labor relations. Minna Waldeck, RN celebrated her 30th wedding anniversary. Nancy Clavin, RN celebrated her 31st wedding anniversary. Marion Fracassa, RN and husband Ralph Fracassa, RN, celebrated her 31st wedding anniversary.

**Revenue Cycle:** Congratulations to Samantha Schindler, daughter of Patricia Schindler (Insurance Credentialing), on her graduation from Ward Melville High School. She is attending Fredonia University and pursuing a degree in English.

## Yellow Blankets

Mather Volunteers and nurses from 3 South hold some of the yellow blankets made by the Volunteers and community groups. The blankets are given to patients as a reminder to practice safety while recovering from procedures such as joint replacement surgery.



## Board Keepers Contest Winners

Winners of the communication board decorating contest were recognized at the annual board keepers luncheon. Pictured (l-r): Meryl Todaro, Revenue Cycle, and Mary Greco, PST, tied for second place; first-place winner Joan Auguste, Insurance Verification; and Maureen Dimaiuta, Professional and Regulatory, third place. Not pictured: David Ferer, Revenue Cycle, tied for second place; and Lisa Moore, Environmental Services, tied for third place.



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## Educational and/or Professional:

**2 South:** Maria Dutra, RN received her Oncology Certification (OCN).

Natalie Mathias, RN received the Outstanding University of Pittsburg Nursing Alumni Award.

Anthony Kaligeris, RN passed his nursing boards.

**Infusion Center:** Nancy Clavin, RN obtained her BSN from St. Joseph's College. Erin Vaccariello, RN obtained her BSN from Empire State College.

**Pharmacy:** Cora Franzese (new employee to Pharmacy) graduated from SUNY Cortland University. Cora will be getting her Master's Degree while working in Pharmacy Department.

**Revenue Cycle:** Congratulations to Patrick Bonacum (Professional Component Billing) who graduated from New York Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. He is looking forward to pursuing his Master's Degree

and eventually a Doctorate Degree. Congratulations to Jordan Normile (Insurance Credentialing) on his graduation from the University of Scranton with a BS in Economics and a BA in Mathematics. He will begin his graduate studies this fall at Drexel University.

## Promotions:

**3 North:** Donna Hardwicke, RN and Loretta Hill-Civil, RN have been promoted to Assistant Nurse Managers of 3 East Telemetry. Michael Paluch, RN and Valarie LaSala, RN will be training in the ICU.

**Behavioral Health- Partial Hospital Program:** The Adolescent Partial Hospital Program welcomed Rosemary Hofmann, LMSW to our treatment team in May.

**Materials Management:** Congratulations to Nicole Jones, who is now the Assistant Director of Materials Management. Congratulations to Sabrina Davis,

who is now the Buyer Expeditor-System Liaison. We wish the both of you all the best!

## Milestone Life Events:

**2 South:** Michelle Thorman celebrated her marriage to Christopher Tomaszewski. Kaitlyn Friel celebrated her engagement to Joe Rohan. Danielle Locurto celebrated her engagement to Louie Giordano.

**3 North:** Nicole Rice and husband Ryan are celebrating 10 years of marital bliss. Donna Hardwicke, RN became a first-time grandma to beautiful Isabella. Jean Englezos, RN became a first-time grandma to handsome Santino. Agnes Sobolewska, RN became a first-time grandma to beautiful Bella. Bernadette DeTrinnis became a grandma to beautiful Samara. Lauren St. Armand is engaged to John Wesley Haizlip on July 22.

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