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**West Florida Healthcare Announces
Recipients of 2016 Clinical Excellence Awards**

May 13, 2016 (Pensacola, FL) - West Florida Healthcare recently awarded eight health care staff members with its top clinical awards at a special reception held in May during Nurse's Week—the 2016 Clinical Excellence Awards. The annual awards recognize exemplary nurses and support personnel that have made a difference in patient care through demonstration of clinical expertise. The theme for this year's awards was *"Culture of Safety: It Starts with YOU!"*

The winners were selected from 49 nominees in two main categories, **Compassionate Care** and **Professional Mentoring**. Awards were given within those two categories for Patient Care Nurse, Support Staff, Patient Care/Leadership/Educators, and HCA Physician Services. In addition, the **"Spirit Award"** is given annually to the West Florida Healthcare nurse who best exemplifies the caring, compassionate spirit of nursing.

The winners were:

COMPASSIONATE CARE:

Patient Care Nurse

Nikki Eller, RN, Behavioral Health (*resident of Cantonment*)

Support Staff

Gary Hines, Rehabilitation Institute (*resident of Pensacola*)

Max Masters, Cardiac Catheterization Lab (*resident of Pace*)

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HCA Physician Services

Donna Danz, West Florida OB/GYN (*resident of Bagdad*)

PROFESSIONAL MENTORING:

Support Staff

Lecia Williams, Emergency Department (*resident of Pensacola*)

Patient Care/Leadership/Educators

Elizabeth Fulghum-Riegle, RN, Medical/Surgical Unit (*resident of Pensacola*)

Rachel Robardey, RN, Surgical Unit (*resident of Milton*)

“Spirit of Nursing” Award

Brandy Edwards, RN, Family Birthplace (*resident of Milton*)

West Florida Healthcare would like to recognize all clinical personnel for the strength, commitment, and compassion they demonstrate every day to their patients and loved ones.

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About West Florida Healthcare

The first hospital in the area to offer all private rooms, West Florida Healthcare proudly provides market-leading quality outcomes performance. Named for the second year in a row as one of the “100 Top Hospitals” in the nation by Truven Health Analytics, the facility has also been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for five years in a row by The Joint Commission. The area’s first Accredited Chest Pain Center and Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, West Florida Hospital is also the first hospital in the state of Florida to have earned Atrial Fibrillation with Electrophysiology Services Accreditation. The hospital is also an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and offers specialized Emergency Department services tailored specifically to the needs of seniors as well as a Kids’ ER dedicated to serving the emergency medical needs of children. The West Florida Healthcare campus includes the all private room acute care hospital, the area’s only comprehensive, CARF-accredited physical rehabilitation hospital, and a mental health facility. Affiliated with HCA, the nation’s leading provider of healthcare, West Florida Healthcare meets the community’s healthcare needs in major services such as cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, oncology, orthopedics, robotic-assisted surgery, critical care, neurology/neurosurgery, emergency care, urology, behavioral health, gastroenterology, obstetrics, pulmonary, and rehabilitative medicine. For more information, visit www.westfloridahospital.com or call (850) 494-3212.