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Reception at 2:00 p.m.
Program at 3:00 p.m.

Welcome

Kim K. Mendez, EdD, ANP, RN

Sr. Vice President/ System Chief Nurse Executive,
Office of Patient Centered Care

Greetings

Stanley Brezenoff

Interim President and Chief Executive Officer

Remarks

Maureen McClusky

Senior Vice President, Post-Acute Care

William Foley

Senior Vice President of Hospitals

Awards Ceremony

Kim K. Mendez, EdD, ANP, RN

Closing Remarks

Machelle Allen, MD

Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer



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A Message from Interim President and CEO Stanley Brezenoff



Dear Colleagues,

Once a year, our annual Nursing Excellence Awards offer an opportunity to celebrate the unwavering dedication that NYC Health + Hospitals nurses demonstrate to our patients, thousands of times each day, in every corner of our essential health care system.

In the many hours that I've spent crisscrossing our facilities over the past year discussing the challenging political and fiscal environment that we confront, one constant I've experienced, over and over, is the deep commitment that our nurses have to the New Yorkers who seek our care.

Nursing at NYC Health + Hospitals has entered an exciting new era. Our nurses are at the frontlines of delivering the patient-centered, collaborative, community-based care that will define us in the future. They are represented by a new System Chief Nursing Officer who for the first time in our history has a "seat at the table" and reports directly to the CEO. And they have adopted a new Nursing Philosophy and Care Model that articulates tenets at the core of what it means to practice nursing in New York City's public health system today.

Over 8,000 nurses work at NYC Health + Hospitals, advancing values of accountability, collaboration, respect for the patient's unique voice and viewpoint, altruism, and compassion. No one champions or embodies these values more than the Nursing Excellence nominees and winners we celebrate today. Congratulations to each of you, and to your nursing colleagues for the skill, professionalism, caring, and compassion you provide for our patients every day.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanley Brezenoff". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Stanley Brezenoff

Interim President and Chief Executive Officer

Dear guests, colleagues, partners, friends, and families



It is with honor that I welcome you to the annual NYC Health + Hospitals Nursing Excellence Awards. Each year we are tasked with the pleasure of reviewing numerous moving and worthy nominations and each year it is a challenge for the selection committee to award just six remarkable individuals the Nurse of Excellence Award.

Our Nurses of Excellence embody NYC Health + Hospitals Guiding Principles by always keeping patients first and pursuing excellence in the clinical, educational and philanthropic spheres of the

profession. These nurse leaders put their talents to good use in various capacities, but they all share a commitment to providing the best possible care and experience for every patient, every time.

The following six extraordinary awardees come from various facilities across our healthcare system and represent their colleagues and the nursing profession with grace and pride. Dorothy McIntosh-Waddy, whose desire it is to have a positive impact and make a true difference in the lives of her patients. Esmie Morris-Taylor, a leader who is inspiring the next generation of leaders through being a role model, mentoring and coaching. Sabina Wood, an educator fostering critical thinking, responsibility, accountability, and appropriate clinical decision-making, while promoting awareness of social and cultural diversity among individuals. Arturo Ceniza, a powerful advocate for the Queens community of Sickle Cell patients. Rosa Borges, who implemented changes that served as a catalyst to increase patient compliance and decrease patient frustration. And, John Huaylinos, who embraces volunteerism as a natural extension of the nursing profession and compassionate care.

Each of the thousands of nurses on staff at NYC Health + Hospitals is devoted to providing outstanding care to our many patients. By celebrating our honorees today, we hope to illuminate the talent and passion we see in action every day at our system's many facilities. It is both my pleasure and honor to be a nurse among all the nurses of NYC Health + Hospitals.

Thank you for being here to celebrate our Nurses of Excellence and join me in thanking NYC Health + Hospitals/The Fund for supporting this event.

Best wishes,

Kim Mendez, EdD, RN, ANP

System Chief Nurse Executive, Senior Vice President, Patient Centered Care

NURSING LEADERSHIP

Kim Mendez, EdD, RN, ANP

System Chief Nurse Executive, Senior Vice President, Patient Centered Care

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Chief Nursing Officer, NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx

Joan Gabriele, RN, MA

Chief Nursing Officer, Deputy Executive Director, Patient Care Services, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens

Nancy Endozo, RN

Director, Nursing, NYC Health + Hospitals/Sea View

Angela Edwards, RN, MA

Deputy Executive Director, Chief Nurse Executive, NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull

2017 NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Excellence in Clinical Nursing, Inpatient

Dorothy McIntosh-Waddy, RN, CRRN

NYC Health + Hospitals/Sea View

Excellence in Management

Esmie Morris-Taylor, RN, MSN, GNP-BC

NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx

Excellence in Education and Mentorship

Sabina Wood, RN, MSN

NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull

Excellence in Advancing and Leading the Profession

Arturo E. Ceniza, RN, MSN-ANP

NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens

Excellence in Home, Community, or Ambulatory Care

Rosa Borges, BSN, RN

NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan

Excellence in Volunteerism and Service

John Huaylinos, RN-INC, CCM

NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island

NURSING EXCELLENCE NOMINEES

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Kings County

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Queens

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Coler

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NYC Health + Hospitals/
Correctional Health

Jesenia Caballero, RN

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Lincoln

Melvi Cabrera, RN

NYC Health + Hospitals/
Gotham Health, Belvis

Louis Carline, RN

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Metropolitan

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Jocelyn Choa, RN

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Bellevue

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Gouverneur

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Excellence in Clinical Nursing, Inpatient

Dorothy McIntosh-Waddy, RN, CRRN

Head Nurse

NYC Health + Hospitals/Sea View

16 years of service



“My constant desire to make a difference in the lives of my patients and others has been encoded in my DNA.”

Dorothy McIntosh-Waddy has been a catalyst for change by transforming not only quality improvement processes but interpersonal interactions as well, in her role managing the Sea View Brain Injury Unit. Her supervisors salute her for leading by example, with a focused and unwavering quest to produce positive resident outcomes.

Approachability and reliability are her hallmarks in the daily challenge of nursing for long-term care patients. Her leadership has earned for her an Excellence in Clinical Leadership award, and the Sea View Applause and Sea View Above & Beyond awards. She shares her encyclopedic experience by conducting Brain Injury seminars at nearby Wagner High School and the College of Staten Island.

McIntosh-Waddy's entire nursing career has been at Sea View: Her experience has made her an invaluable member of assessment teams, internally and externally. Her work with Brain Injury patients has been published in collaboration with the Association for Rehabilitation.

McIntosh-Waddy is a member of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. She earned her BSN from Long Island University-School of Nursing.

Excellence in Management

Esmie Morris-Taylor, RN, MSN, GNP-BC

Associate Director of Nursing, Behavioral Health
NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx
10 years of service



“The most rewarding part of being a leader is having patients and staff thank you for your caring approach and concern for their well-being. I savor finding solutions to improve patients’ satisfaction, and inspiring the next generation of leaders through development, training and acknowledging improvement from staff. I enjoy making a difference with

new processes that yield good patient-staff outcomes, plus getting support from your team to heighten those outcomes.”

Esmie Morris-Taylor is Associate Director of Nursing-Psychiatry at North Central Bronx. In her leadership role, she works with the Medical Director and Director of Nursing to develop policies and procedures for long-term care. Expert in geriatric nursing, Morris-Taylor is responsible for the administration and direction of all nursing services for Behavioral Healthcare Services. She establishes standards of nursing practice for the clinical division, constantly evaluating quality and effectiveness based on the latest standards. Prior to joining North Central Bronx, Morris-Taylor honed her management skills at NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln, where she had been Nursing Supervisor-Ambulatory Care Services, one of the busiest out-patient units within our health system. Morris-Taylor also is a member of the Nurse Practitioner Association.

Morris-Taylor earned her master’s degree as a geriatric nurse practitioner from Hunter College-CUNY, and her BSN from New York University.

Excellence in Education and Mentorship

Sabina Wood, RN, MSN

Assistant Director Nursing-Education and Research

NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull

5 years of service



“If we want to develop transformational leaders who can deliver innovative, high quality, humanistic care and make changes that health care desperately needs, we must actively plan for succession.”

Sabina Wood is Assistant Director of Nursing/ Education Coordinator for Nursing orientation at NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull. Clear communication, compassion, and attention to her new nurses and

assistants are her hallmarks.

Wood has evaluated, planned, organized, revamped, taught, and reevaluated the orientation program to meet the needs of newly hired, transferred, returning, and promoted Woodhull professional and unlicensed personnel as well as agency staff, and BMCC Externs. Her enthusiasm and devotion to nursing education is boundless.

Emphasizing a humanistic approach, Wood has developed curricula based on educational principles which incorporate NYC Health + Hospitals’ philosophy and mission, regulatory requirements, evidence-based nursing, and health trends. Wood’s supervisors praise her methodology that fosters critical thinking, accountability, and appropriate clinical decision-making, while promoting social and cultural diversity.

Wood is a featured lecturer in several of the Department of Nursing Education’s regular offerings which have been approved for contact hours by the NYC Health + Hospitals Continuing Nursing Education Review Committee. These include Woodhull’s Empathy & Caring Communication and Preceptor Courses. As an oncology, chemotherapy and biotherapy nurse, Sabina also serves as a consult to the team caring for patients with cancer and as an expert for oncological breakthrough projects and policies/procedures.

Wood earned her ADN from the Long Island Hospital School of Nursing, Brooklyn, and her MSN from Walden University, Baltimore, Md.

Excellence in Advancing and Leading the Profession

Arturo E. Ceniza, RN, MSN-ANP

Nurse Practitioner
NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens
3 years of service



“I want my patients to feel as a whole, like a human being -- not a number. With a better patient experience, they are likely to take care of themselves, educate themselves more about their condition and are less likely to abuse services.”

Arturo Ceniza began a sickle cell patient support group at Queens Hospital Center.

He was honored by the Queens Sickle Cell Advocacy Network with its Dedicated and Devoted Service Award – not only for his work at Queens Hospital Center but for the Queens community of sickle cell patients. Nursing and medical colleagues meet regularly with the support group to enhance their understanding of sickle cell. His emphasis on continuity of care for patients has slashed re-admission rates for sickle cell patients by 50 percent, which has meant a savings of nearly \$2 million. Under Ceniza’s guidance, more than 20 patients benefit from follow-up care via telephone calls. He and colleagues at Queens Hospital Center are able to assess patients’ progress, including their responses to medications. From adolescence to adulthood, Ceniza ensures his patients take their prescriptions, follow up on appointments, assess their need for outpatient IV hydration, and are constantly told about new treatments in the field of sickle cell.

One of Ceniza’s sickle cell patients had had 20 admissions prior to the launch of the sickle cell support group. Two years later, a staff nurse approached Ceniza, inquiring about the patient, who she had not seen in more than a year.

The patient, Ceniza told his colleague, was thriving as a result of the sickle cell support group.

Ceniza earned a MSN from Hunter College-CUNY and a BSN from Liceo de Cagayan University, Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines.

Excellence in Home, Community, or Ambulatory Care

Rosa Borges, BSN, RN

Staff Nurse
NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan
4 years of service



“The best thing about being a nurse in Ambulatory Care is being able to work with different attending doctors, residents and medical students in various specialties. I am extremely lucky to have a great supporting staff that motivates me, pushes me and assists me with any questions.

When you work in a positive setting along with a great staff, it helps you become a better nurse. I have learned to deal with different situations, which helped me grow as a RN in the ambulatory care setting.”

Rosa Borges sensitivity to her patients quickly evolved when she noticed the large Spanish-speaking population using Metropolitan. Patients had problems with instructions, pre-op and post-op.

She recommended, then launched, a pre-surgical check list in Spanish, which specifies care that patients can get and expect. Borges also leads an orthopedic pre-surgical care clinic to ensure that instructions are followed.

Her supervisors praise Borges’ leadership, and note that her changes “have been the catalyst for an increase in patients’ compliance and decrease in patient frustration.”

Borges has a BSN from Chamberlin College of Nursing, Phoenix, Az., and an associate’s degree in nursing from Cochran School of Nursing, Yonkers, N.Y.

Excellence in Volunteerism and Service

John Huaylinos, RN-INC,CCM

Integrative Nurse Coach
NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island
17 years of service



“Volunteering is a selfless act. Look into a cause that touches your inner soul. Then explore how you may assist in their cause.

The energy that begins to connect and grow is the next step in developing your inner-self, your humanitarianism. You will walk away afterward more self-satisfied in life. Why one may ask?

Because we allow ourselves as nurses to connect to a higher cause other than ourselves.”

John Huaylinos is a marathon man. Most of his nursing career has been as a charge nurse/care manager nurse coach at NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island, recently working with depression, anxiety and/or substance abuse patients. Huaylinos also has been a team leader and preceptor for new RNs.

Leadership flows naturally for Huaylinos. He is a major in the U.S. Army Reserves Nurse Corps, a veteran of combat units in Iraq. Within the Army Nurse Corps, Huaylinos recruits other Coney Island nurses to volunteer. The NYC Marathon, Tunnels to Tower Run, and the Jet Blue Plane Pull to raise money for JACK Children Center benefit from his leadership and nursing colleagues’ volunteering. For example, at the start of the NYC Marathon at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, Huaylinos and his nursing colleagues help runners prepare for a safe run around the five boroughs, reminding them to stay hydrated and be watchful for signs of distress. He also assists nursing mothers so they have milk available for their infants at the finish line. Marathon day volunteering includes coordinating medical evacuations along the five-borough, 26-mile route.

In addition to his volunteering on behalf of the Army Nurse Corps, Huaylinos is a Suicide Prevention Officer.

He earned his BSN from the Long Island University School of Nursing, Brooklyn.

NYC Health + Hospitals Nursing Champion

The Nursing Champion Award is an annual honor that is bestowed upon a person or organization to recognize demonstrated support for nurses and the nursing profession. The winner is selected by the facility CNOs and the System Chief Nurse Executive.

This recipient does not have to be a nurse, or even be associated with NYC Health + Hospitals, but must display an understanding of the challenges facing nursing, be a facilitator in smoothing those challenges, and a supporter of both the profession and individual nurses. In addition to recognition at this ceremony, the honoree's name will be prominently displayed on a plaque to be updated every year.



IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

Bonnie and Mark Barnes founded the DAISY Foundation and The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses following the death of their son, Patrick, from the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP). The nursing care they experienced during Pat's 8-week hospitalization compelled them to express their gratitude to nurses everywhere for the clinical skill and the compassionate care nurses provide every day. Under Bonnie and Mark's leadership, the DAISY Foundation funds grants focused on treatment of patients with auto-immune diseases and cancer. The DAISY Award is celebrated in over 2,700 healthcare facilities and colleges of nursing in all 50 United States plus 16 other countries.

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In full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics, or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering, and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me, and refrain from any action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honor the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the professional nurse.



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