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2022 Employees of Month-January thru April

JANUARY EMPLOYEES OF MONTH



Direct Care
TINEKA SILK
Building 78, A-Shift

Tineka Silk has been named Mississippi State Hospital's January Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

Ms. Silk was born in Hattiesburg, MS and attended Mendenhall High School and Hinds Community College. She works as a Certified Nursing Assistant in the Nursing Division and has been employed at MSH since 2018.

"I've witnessed Ms. Silk provide exceptional care and service to our residents on a consistent basis. She has provided care, feeding, changing, and other needs requested to all residents when staffing was short and never once complained," said Kathy Peacock, who nominated Silk. "She often performs above and beyond the call of duty."



Clinical Service
JUNE MCCAFFERTY
Building 78, A-Shift

June McCafferty has been named Mississippi State Hospital's January Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

A Jackson native, Ms. McCafferty attended Jim Hill High School and Mississippi College. She serves as a Social Worker and has been employed at MSH since 2009.

"Ms. June has such a caring and compassionate heart and is always there for the residents when they need someone to talk to," noted Brittany Frances, who made the nomination. "Building 78 is truly blessed to have her, she goes above and beyond to make sure residents are well taken care of."

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEES OF MONTH



Direct Care
CAROLYN BINGHAM
Building 201/1, A-Shift

Carolyn Bingham has been named Mississippi State Hospital's February Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

A native of Jackson, Ms. Bingham attended Provine High School and Jackson State University. She works as a Direct Care Worker Advanced in the IPS Division and has been employed at MSH since 2016.

"Carolyn is the glue that holds 201/1 Female Receiving together when the going gets tough. Her constant smile and willingness to consistently work double shifts during the current staff shortage encourages us all," said Mike Shaw, who nominated Bingham. "She tends to gravitate towards the most difficult patients, spending time with them, listening to their needs and requests, and relaying that information to their treatment team. She's the type of employee that you miss when she is not there."



Clinical Service
RONETTA BROOMFIELD
Building 203/3, A-Shift

Ronetta Broomfield has been named Mississippi State Hospital's February Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Mrs. Broomfield was raised in Bolton, MS and attended Clinton High School, Mississippi College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. She serves as a Behavior Health Specialist in the MRU Division and has been employed at MSH a little more than a year.

"Mrs. Broomfield exemplifies what it means to be a leader with her take charge personality. During the month of December, BHS experienced some difficulties with staff shortage, group challenges, etc. due to COVID, Mrs. Broomfield communicated with the Psychology Department to ensure that not only staffing needs were met, but also the needs of individuals served," noted Jasmine Ezagui, who made the nomination. "Her courageous efforts to meet the needs of individuals served shows her devotion to patient care and colleagues alike."



Support Services
GABRIEL HORVATH
Building 21, C-Shift

Gabriel Horvath has been named Mississippi State Hospital's February Employee of the Month for Support Services.

Horvath was born in Tacoma, WA and attended Puckett High School and Mississippi College in MS. She is an Administrative Assistant in the Voice Services Division. She has been employed at MSH since 2013.

"Gabbie works the switchboard on C Shift, so many people will not know who she is. She is situated at the switchboard room in Building 21. It involves long hours of sitting, with limited human contact, but the role she plays is very important. The switchboard operator handles all external and internal calls for the hospital. Being an operator is one of the most customer driven services in existence today," said Donna Boykin, who nominated Horvath.

MARCH EMPLOYEES OF MONTH



Direct Care
LINDA CALENDER
Building 201/1, C-Shift

Linda Calender has been named Mississippi State Hospital's March Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

A Braxton native, Ms. Calender attended McLaurin Elementary and Middle School, Florence High School, and Phillips Junior College. She works as a Direct Care Supervisor in the IPC Division and has been employed at MSH since 1997.

"If there was ever someone deserving of an Employee of the Month award it would be Linda Calender. Recently honored in Take Note for perfect attendance, she can be depended upon to "show up and show out" every time she is scheduled. Her calm, confident demeanor has diffused many tense situations, as she has an uncanny knack of knowing how to prevent, then if needed, de-escalate an upset patient," said Mike Shaw, who nominated Calender. "After a long shift, she always greets the on-coming A-Shift with a warm, friendly greeting, often agreeing to stay on for a little while to help out."



Clinical Service
SAMQUINNETTA HARTZOG
Building 201, A-Shift

Samquinnetta Hartzog has been named Mississippi State Hospital's March Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

A Jackson area native, Ms. Hartzog attended McLaurin High School and Jackson State University. She serves as a Social Worker in the Female Receiving Division and has been employed at MSH since 2018.

"Ms. Hartzog is a helpful team player for female receiving. She's a wonderful social worker and very thorough when planning discharges for her patients. She is timely and compassionate. She's also very good at building rapport with patient families. They feel heard and included in the treatment and discharge planning process. She is willing to help patients that aren't even on her caseload," noted Heather Watkins, who made the nomination. "Recently, when a staff shortage would have affected whether or not a patient would be discharged, she volunteered to assist with the transportation process. This took time out of her day and from working her own cases, but she did it because she sees Female Receiving as one team. An appropriate discharge plan is a win for the whole department in her eyes."



Support Services
JAREVA BROWN
Building 36, A-Shift

Jareva Brown has been named Mississippi State Hospital's March Employee of the Month for Support Services.

A Jackson native, Ms. Brown attended Terry High School, Hinds Community College, and Jackson State University. She serves as a Staffing Coordinator in the Nursing Services Division and has been employed at MSH since 2011.

"Jareva is a hard worker. She never complains about her workload or when she has to stay over to ensure adequate staffing. Jareva approaches every task with a "can do" approach. She is very neat and detail oriented. Jareva takes initiative to help her colleagues and always displays a positive attitude," said Alnisha Holmes, who nominated Brown.

MSH Nurses Appreciation 2022

On Tuesday, May 10, 2022, Mississippi State Hospital celebrated Nurse Appreciation Month with a gathering in their honor on Building 71.

Working with our patients daily is such a rewarding experience, working together with our Nursing staff is absolutely Priceless! Thank you to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to keeping our patients safe and well cared for!

Thank you, Angela Howell



20+ Years of Service Recognition

JANUARY THRU MAY, 2022



Linda Calender
Direct Care Supervisor
Building 201, C-Shift

Linda Calender of Pearl was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. A Braxton native, Ms. Calender attended McLaurin Elementary and Middle School, Florence High School, and Phillips Junior

College. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music and working puzzles. She works as a Direct Care Supervisor in the IPC Division and has been employed at MSH since 1997.



Latonya Nickelson Cunningham
Director IV
Building 36, A-Shift

Latonya Nickelson Cunningham of Pearl was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Cunningham was born in Natchez and lives in Florence, MS. She

attended Franklin High School and Copiah-Lincoln Community College. She enjoys helping others in her position at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys shopping, traveling, sleeping, reading, and watching television. She is an Admin Support Assistant in Clinical Services and has been employed at MSH since 2002.



Joyce A. Johnson
Direct Care Worker
Advanced
Building 46, A-Shift



Donna Boykin
Director V
Building 21, A-Shift

Donna Boykin of Forest was recognized for providing 35 years of service to the hospital. A Forest native, Ms. Boykin attended Forest High School and East Central Community

College. In her free time, she loves going to flea markets, attending car shows, trail riding, and riding around the state sight-seeing. She works as an Administrative Support Specialist in the Administration Division and has been employed at MSH since 1987.



Shanon H. Wash
Direct Care Supervisor
Building 28, A-Shift

Shanon Wash of Jackson was recognized for providing 30 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Wash was born in Jamaica West Indies and lives in Jackson, MS. She

attended Miami Northwestern Senior High School and Jackson State University. She enjoys everything about her position at MSH, the residents are like family to her. In her free time, she enjoys cooking. She is a Direct Care Supervisor at JNH and has been employed at MSH since 1992.

Melony H. Anderson
Client Care Support Supervisor
Building 28, A-Shift

Melony Anderson of Brandon was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Anderson was born in Chicago, IL and lives in Brandon, MS. She attended Pearl High School and cheers for the Dallas Cowboys. She enjoys working with residents in her position at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys working on the farm, spending time with family, and playing ball. She is a Pantry Coordinator in the JNH Food Services Division and has been employed at MSH since 2002.

Michael Holiday
Maintenance/Grounds Tech III
Building 37, A-Shift

Michael Holiday of Pickens was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Mr. Holiday was born and raised in Pickens, MS. He attended Durant Attendance Center. In his free time, he enjoys watching the Boston Celtics play. He is a Grounds Technician in the Maintenance Division and has been employed at MSH since 2002.

Staff With 20+ Years of Service Not Pictured

Shirley Ann Morris
Direct Care Worker Advanced
Building 201, A-Shift

Jestyne F. McGee
Recreation Therapist I
Building 201, A-Shift

Zomora T. McGee
Direct Care Worker Advanced
Building 45, B-Shift

Hellen Varneal Cavett
Direct Care Supervisor
Building 201, B-Shift

2022 Service Awards

JANUARY - MAY

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
NAME	YRS	NAME	YRS
TYANNA SHNAY VARNADO	1	LAKEVA LASHONDA WARREN	1
JUSTON JAMIL DAVIS	1	RONETTA ANQUANETTE BROOMFIELD	1
MARIYA LYNETTE CROMWELL	1	AMELIA ANN DUDLEY BRAGG	1
KAWANN DENZELL WILLIAMS	1	ALLISON DENESE CRAFT	5
DARRYEL JAJUAN FUNCHESS	1	ARIEL SHUNTA VEAL	5
WESLEY M PENDER	1	SHARONNA NEITA TAYLOR	5
GERALYN LASHONDA MASS	1	MICHAEL WAYNE WASHINGTON	5
BRITTANY NICOLE FRANCIS	10	DERRICK RODAN BERRY	10
SHARNEICE LENQUAL TORY	10	CHRISTOPHER SHERON GRAYSON	10
FRANKYE LAVONNE HUMPHREY	10	SHERIDAN C. DICKEY	15
CRYSTAL GAYLE GREEN	15	LATONYA NICKELSON CUNNINGHAM	20
LINDA F. CALENDER	25	MELONY H. ANDERSON	20
DONNA G. BOYKIN	35	SHIRLEY ANN MORRIS RETIRED	20
		JESTYNE F. MCGEE	25
		SHANON H. WASH	30
MARCH		APRIL	
NAME	YRS	NAME	YRS
MELISSA ANN BLAUMULLER	1	JOSHUA BLAKE MCCUISTON	1
ASHTON TAYLOR JOHNSON	1	CHERRY SHARIE RODGERS NEWSOME	1
AMBER NICOLE HARRIS	1	KIARRA ARIANA GREEN	1
JUSTIN MARTEZ RAND	1	LAKYRA ADRIANNA SUTTON	1
STACY DIANE NEWCOMB	1	JONARIUS JAY TAYLOR	1
DENNIS C SPIVEY	1	DESHUN DUANTE NICHOLS	1
BILLY CHARLES MALLARD	5	GLINDA JEANETTE BOURNE	1
CLAYTON ALAN HANEGAN	5	VALLERIE BUIE MCDONALD	1
RILEY ADAM SAVELL	5	TAMU LANISE LELAND	1
LAQUANDA SHANETTE ANDERSON	5	EMONTE CARDEZ ROSS	5
NATHAN J CRAFT	10	YEVARNA HEWITT	5
DEBRA E BLACK-BELL	10	JESSICA NICOLE MCDONALD	10
ASHLEY LEANN LILLEY	10	ZACHARY JORDAN LILLEY	10
TARA YONTREANNA JORDAN	10	JOSEPH WILLIAM KASTNER	10
BETTY J KENDRICK	10	EARNEST MCCORY BROOKS	10
SARAH ELIZABETH H. MARSHALL	15	AMY NICOLE CARRUTH	10
TONY A. INGRAM	15	MARY ANN JOHNSON	10
SHRYL MABRY LEONARD	15	GINNIE REBECCA ARINDER	15
		ZOMORA T. MCGEE	20
		HELLEN VARNEAL CAVETT	20
MAY			
NAME	YRS		
ALNISHA LASHON HOLMES	1		
GREGORY TYRONE HARRINGTON	1		
VANDY RAYCHELL RUSSELL	5		
CYNTHIA LYNN COMANS	5		
JESSICA S WILLIAMS	10		
INEZ HARRIS	10		
VELMA ELIZABETH BULLOCK	10		
DEBORAH BLAND	15		
KASSANDRA K. GARDNER	15		
MICHAEL HOLIDAY	20		
JOYCE A. JOHNSON	35		

Thank You To Our CNAs And MHTs

Certified Nursing Assistants and Mental Health Technicians provide an incredibly important role in patient care at MSH. They assist patients with daily activities and serve as a direct link between patients and nurses. On June 15, 2022, our CNAs and MHTs were treated to a circus-themed day of food, photo booth fun, and prizes.



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On behalf of the entire Nursing service team and leadership of MSH we would like to thank all those who participated in helping make MHT/CNA Appreciation Day a success. We appreciate each one of you for taking the time to decorate, set up, provide door prizes, and serve food to our MHTs and CNAs. We are so proud of our MHTs/CNA team who are dedicated in providing great service and the upmost compassion for our patients and residents.



Sincerely,

Kathy Peacock, RN
JNH Nurse Administrator



March Was National Social Work Month

MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL HONORED SOCIAL WORKERS



In honor of National Social Work Month, Mrs. Elaine Sendelweck, LMSW, Mississippi State Hospital Social Services Director, hosted a luncheon for social workers on Friday, March 25 in the conference room at Building 71, from 12-2. The program was to celebrate our hard-working and dedicated social work staff.

Ms. Sendelweck proudly bragged, "Our Social Services Department is filled with the most compassionate, dedicated and simply

amazing professionals who work tirelessly to be sure we are taking care of our patients' and residents' needs plus more. They don't stop there. Everyone in our department demonstrates true teamwork by helping each other when needed and without any hesitations. They are truly ROCKSTARS. I am so grateful to be given the opportunity to work with all of them!"

The social work staff enjoyed a catered lunch from Newk's and were given a gift of

appreciation. Each staff member received a set of custom notepads personalized with his/her name. The set also included a quote that read, "I cannot do all the good that the world needs, but the world needs all the good that I can do." *-Jana Stanfield*

At the conclusion of the program, social work staff gathered outside for a group photo. (see above)

APRIL EMPLOYEES OF MONTH



Direct Care
READER SKAGGS

Building 201, A-Shift

Reader Skaggs has been named Mississippi State Hospital's April Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

A native of Crystal Springs, Ms. Skaggs attended Crystal Springs High School and Hinds Community College. She serves as a Mental Health Technician/Pantry Worker in the Inpatient Services Division and has been employed at MSH since 2014.

"Reader Skaggs is an excellent worker. She is always on time for work and comes in early to help on the unit," said Nieshia Taylor, who nominated Skaggs. "She is willing to help anywhere she is needed. She is respectful, hardworking, and a great example of teamwork. She has also worked on other units to assist when needed."



Clinical Service
TAMU LELAND

Building 60, A-Shift

Tamu Leland has been named Mississippi State Hospital's April Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Born in Benton Harbor, MI, Ms. Leland attended South Panola High School and Northwest Community College in MS. She serves as a LPN in the WMSH Division and has been employed at MSH for over a year.

When nominating Ms. Leland, Jessie Slaughter noted, "Tamu Leland has numerous strengths to offer. She is professional, responsible, well organized, and dedicated. She cares for the patients and it shows in her work ethic. She often works extra shifts when needed and does it with a great attitude. We are blessed to have her on our team."



Support Services
LELA HENRY

Building 71, A-Shift

Lela Henry has been named Mississippi State Hospital's April Employee of the Month for Support Services.

A Bolton native, Lela attended Jim Hill High School and Jackson State University. She serves as a Vocational Training Instructor in the Public Relations Division and has been employed at MSH since 2001. "Lela Henry is very much an asset to MSH. There are very few people who are willing & able to do what she does on a daily basis. As an example, she is the only person who has volunteered to screen C-Shift employees since the inception of COVID in March 2020 - 7 days a week! In addition, she comes in & completes her regular duties in the Print Shop. Her "extra" energy is devoted to helping wherever she can in PR. She completed every patient and resident gift bag in the Christmas House during the 2021 season. Lela also routinely comes to my office & asks what she can do to help anywhere in the department. Everyone should be lucky enough to have a Lela." Kathy Denton & Jerry Johnson, who both nominated Henry, also added, "On a daily basis she brings joy wherever she goes. Known for dancing/singing as C-Shift comes in, they have all come to love her. She is uplifting to us every day & reminds us to keep things in perspective & remember what's important."