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## Office of Mississippi Physicians Workforce Awards Funds to Mississippi State Hospital Psychiatry Residency Program

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Recently, representatives from the Office of Mississippi Physicians Workforce presented two checks to Dr. Jon C. Jackson, Program Director, and Gene Amason, Program Administrator, of the Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) Psychiatry Residency Program. These funds will be used to provide wellness resources/equipment, faculty education material, and board review material to enhance the psychiatry residency experience at MSH.

Data shows that most physicians remain in the state in which they complete their residency. By creating and expanding Mississippi Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs, the number of physicians who remain in Mississippi to practice can be directly increased. With that goal in mind, in 2012 the state legislature established the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce (OMPW). The mission of OMPW is to reduce the shortage of physicians in Mississippi by expanding residency training programs in the state. Dr. John Mitchell and his team were crucial in guiding MSH program leadership through the process of becoming a Sponsoring Institution with the Accreditation Council for Medical Education (ACGME), which led to receiving final accreditation and establishment of the MSH Psychiatry Residency Program in 2021.

The MSH Psychiatry Residency Program is publicly funded by the Mississippi



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Department of Mental Health. It is unique in that it provides residents with a broad range of psychiatry and medical rotation opportunities in one location. In developing MSH's residency program, the hospital, program leadership, faculty, and staff kept in mind the whole person and built elements into the program to address physician wellness. The Office of Graduate Medical Education provides access to various services designed specifically for residents to receive

support in dealing with the unique challenges during training. These services and resources are designed to support and promote well-being in the clinical learning environment.

The residency program's leadership is grateful to the Mississippi Legislature and for the support of Dr. Mitchell and the OMPW. Without their assistance, the MSH Psychiatry Residency Program would not exist today.

# 2023 JNH Family Council Meets

The fall meeting of the Jaquith Nursing Home Family Council was held on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Mr. Lee Varner, Nursing Home Director at JNH, welcomed family members and offered the invocation. Varner reviewed and provided handouts to family members about the recently activated 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

He then introduced JNH staff members who were present, which included: Sherelda Jones, NHA for Jefferson Inn B33 and B31, Bridget Amos, NHA Madison Inn B34 and B28, Daniel Ratliff, QAPI Coordinator for Jaquith Inn, Cintarrio Palmer, JNH Recreation Supervisor, Dr. Michael Gordan, JNH Behavioral Health Specialist Supervisor, and Rena Rideout, JNH Social Services Supervisor.

After a brief update on JNH matters, family members viewed a video of activities their loved ones have participated in over the past year, including ice cream socials, fall carnivals/festivals, MSH Day, Serendipity, and more. Residents also enjoyed cookouts on the buildings, dining out, and shopping. A Pink Out for Breast Cancer event was held in October, which included a balloon release. Varner also announced that several buildings made their first post-Covid trip to the Mississippi State Fair in October.

The presentation was wrapped up with some fun Christmas-related short clips and an announcement of upcoming events. The next event will be the JNH Senior Banquet on Wednesday, November 8. Upcoming Christmas activities include opening of The Christmas House and the MSH Christmas Parade on December 1, patient/resident Christmas House Tours will be held December 4-8, and Santa Day is December 21.

Following the presentation, guests participated in a few games and activities. Everyone was then invited to enjoy refreshments and tour The Christmas House to view the decorations.



## 2023 November & December 20+ Years of Service Recognition

### November

#### H.L. LOCKHART

PROCUREMENT TEAM LEADER  
BUILDING 93, A-SHIFT

H.L. Lockhart of Jackson was recognized for providing 40 years of service to the hospital. Lockhart serves as a Procurement Team Leader in Fiscal Services and has been employed at MSH since 1983.

### December



#### CHERYLL D. SMITH

ADMIN SUPPORT ASSISTANT III  
BUILDING 36, C-SHIFT

Cheryll D. Smith of Terry was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Smith attended Jim Hill High School and Alcorn State University. She says her team at MSH is amazing and she enjoys meeting new workers as well. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, makeup, and line dancing. She is an Admin Support

Assistant III in Clinical Services and has been employed at MSH since 2003.



#### DONNA K. CHAPMAN

LICENSED NURSE PRACTICAL  
BUILDING 65, A-SHIFT

Donna Chapman of Terry was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Chapman attended Wayne Central High School and Jones County Junior College, where she earned her LPN license. She likes talking to nursing students

about working at MSH and is happy when she sees them in orientation. She enjoys learning and sharing new things about CPR with MSH staff and training sites. In her free time, she enjoys surfing the internet, crafting, and shopping. She is a Licensed Nurse Practical, Nurse Affiliation Coordinator, and CPR Training Center Coordinator in Staff Education and has been employed at MSH since 2003.



#### MARIO JOHNSON

SUPPORT CARE PROFESSIONAL  
TEAM LEAD  
BUILDING 203, A-SHIFT

Mario Johnson of Jackson was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Mr. Johnson attended Wingfield High School. He likes interacting with the patients at MSH. In his free time, he enjoys shopping, electronics, and

playing Monopoly Go. He is a Support Care Professional Team Lead in Nursing Services and has been employed at MSH since 2003.



#### SHAWN D. CAGLE

VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR III  
BUILDING 79, A-SHIFT

Shawn Cagle of Pearl was recognized for providing 35 years of service to the hospital. Mr. Cagle attended Pearl High School. He likes meeting and getting to know so many different people at MSH. In his free time, he enjoys gardening, music, and games. He is a Vocational Training Instructor III in Adjunct Therapeutic Services and has been employed at MSH since 1988.

# National Radiologic Technology Week

National Radiologic Technology Week was celebrated November 5-11, 2023. MSH has one full-time Chief Radiologic Technologist and two PRN Rad Techs located in Whitfield Medical Surgical Hospital.

Ms. Pency Banes, R.T.(R)(ARRT), recently came on board as our new full-time Chief Radiologic Technologist. She left the Mississippi Department of Corrections radiology team to join us, but she's no stranger to MSH, she's served as a PRN Rad Tech for MSH since 2016. Prior to that, she worked full-time in the MSH radiology department from 2015-2016. Banes attended Hinds Community College to complete her prerequisites, and then finished her A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology through the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center School of Radiological Technology, which was subsequently moved to the Hinds Community College campus. Banes is certified by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and licensed by the State of Mississippi.

Banes handles x-rays, CT scans, and administrative functions that keep the department going, such as Joint Commission work, scheduling, ordering, keeping up with machine maintenance and repair, and Logic Net consultation. Holter monitoring services are also available through the MSH Radiology Department. The MSH Radiology Department has one X-Ray machine, one CT scan machine, and a portable X-Ray machine upstairs in the patient area. All of these machines must be recertified and calibrated each year and inspected by the Mississippi Department of Health every two years. Emergent x-ray and CT services are available 24/7, 365 days a year. In order for WMSH to offer these services, Rad Techs are always on call. Ms. Banes takes calls in addition to our two PRN Rad Techs, Ashley McCree, R.T.(R)(CT)(ARRT) and Jasmine Miller, R.T.(R)(ARRT).



In October, the MSH Radiology Department completed 131 x-rays, with an average turnaround time of 32 minutes for results. This is important in providing quality patient care in a timely manner. Mr. Lee Varner, Administrator at Whitfield Medical Surgical Hospital, noted, "I am appreciative of how smoothly the Radiology Department operates under the guidance of Ms. Banes." Radiologic Technologists have sometimes been referred to as "button pushers" or "picture takers" but their skills are instrumental in helping doctors provide an accurate diagnosis. They must know anatomy and physiology in order to produce a great picture. They must also understand radiation physics and quantum physics in order to provide radiation dosing to patients. They need to know heart rhythms and disease processes and what is critical and what isn't in order to alert the Radiologist or other doctors.

Banes enjoys every aspect of her position here at MSH, but she especially loves the sense of community and family atmosphere. In meeting the needs of the patients here, she referred to her favorite quote by Theodore Roosevelt, "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Raised in Puckett, Banes continues to live there on a small farm with her youngest son who is involved in Rankin County 4-H and Puckett Future Farmers of America (FFA). They enjoy showing dairy goats, dairy cows, and pigs in various shows around the state, including Jackson, Greenwood, and Hattiesburg. She also has a grown daughter and son, and a precious 3-year old grandson.

## MSH November Employees of Month



**DIRECT CARE**  
**TENESHIA WILLIAMS**  
**BUILDING 90, A-SHIFT**

Teneshia Williams has been named Mississippi State Hospital's November Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

A resident of Jackson, Williams grew up in Flora. She attended Madison Central High School and Hinds Community College. She enjoys getting to meet new people and loves her patients at MSH. She serves as a Mental Health Technician in Forensics and has been employed at MSH since 2017.

"Ms. Williams is always willing to help do whatever is needed to make the shift run smoothly. She steps up when the shift is short to help do whatever is needed, whether it's help in the pantry, help with appointments, wash dishes, take out trash, etc.," said Robbie Rhodes, who nominated Williams. "She always treats patients and the staff that she works with dignity and respect, and always communicates with other disciplines in an effective way. She always embodies the Core Values of MSH."



**CLINICAL SERVICE**  
**SHONNA DAVIS**  
**BUILDING 203, A-SHIFT**

Shonna Davis has been named Mississippi State Hospital's November Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Davis lives in Madison and attended Woodland Hills Baptist Academy. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mississippi College and her Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi. She enjoys serving patients and seeing them progress in their treatment at MSH. She serves as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and has been employed at MSH since 1999.

"Shonna works hard for her patients, ensuring that many tasks are personally done, but she is still able to take the time to laugh with co-workers. She patiently shows new co-workers, including MDs, how to do things "The Whitfield Way" and her laughter is often heard in the distance on Ward 4," said Dr. John Wilkaitis, who nominated Davis.



**SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**NIKETA JONES**  
**BUILDING 60, A-SHIFT**

Niketa Jones has been named Mississippi State Hospital's November Employee of the Month for Support Services. Jones lives in Pearl and is a native of Fort Valley, GA where she attended Peach County High School. After high school, Jones served in the Army and then attended Middle Georgia Technical College. She enjoys the opportunity to learn, grow, and accept new challenges at MSH which has helped develop her both professionally and personally. She serves as Human Resources Assistant in Human Resources and has been employed at MSH since 2022.

"As you select this month's employee of the month, I'm confident Mrs. Niketa Jones is an ideal candidate to consider. She is a prime example of a team player who gives and receives respect from all her co-workers. She always takes the time to ask about other teammates well-being and is truly concerned about them. Despite having many tasks of her own, she is always willing to give a helping hand to others. Her positive manner while providing valuable information reflects in other staff attributes. Her service with a smile while executing MSH policies and procedures is highly desirable. Her smile and attitude are awesome. Not enough can be said about Mrs. Niketa, just that she would be a positive nominee," said Susan Chandler, who nominated Jones.

## MSH December Employees of Month



**DIRECT CARE**  
**ARIEL VEAL**  
**BUILDING 90, A-SHIFT**

Ariel Veal has been named Mississippi State Hospital's December Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

A lifelong Jacksonian, Veal attended Provine High School and Hinds Community College. She enjoys taking care of the patients at MSH. She serves as a Mental Health Technician in Forensics and has been employed at MSH since 2017.

"Ariel treats all her patients and staff with dignity and respect and is always willing to help anyone in need. She has stepped up and handles the pantry when it is short and doesn't complain about doing it," said Robbie Rhodes, who nominated Veal. "She does whatever is asked of her and always has a smile on her face. She always embodies the Core Values of MSH and always exhibits teamwork with everyone. I think that she is very deserving of Employee of the Month."



**CLINICAL SERVICE**  
**ANGIE HARTLEY**  
**BUILDING 203, A-SHIFT**

Angie Hartley has been named Mississippi State Hospital's December Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Hartley grew up in Vardaman and now lives in Braxton. She attended Vardaman High School and Hinds Community College, where she earned an Associate degree in Nursing. She enjoys caring for patients at MSH. She serves as a Nurse and has been employed at MSH since 2013.

"Angie brings a country sensibility to her job, displaying hard work and a "no nonsense" approach to getting work done. She is kind and generous, always willing to share a piece of her farm with others," said Dr. John Wilkaitis, who nominated Hartley.



**SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**ANGELA DRANE**  
**BUILDING 61, A-SHIFT**

Angela Drane has been named Mississippi State Hospital's December Employee of the Month for Support Services.

The daughter of a minister, Drane was born in Kosciusko and then attended six schools in three different states, she graduated from Forest Hill High School. She enjoys her co-workers at MSH. She serves as Human Resources Generalist II in Human Resources and has been employed at MSH since 2019.

"I would like to nominate Angela Drane as Employee of the Month. Mrs. Drane is very proficient in the work she does. Her professional attitude displayed while working with newly hired personnel is awesome. She is very helpful and understanding with all members of the hospital staff. She always smiles and is more than happy to assist when needed. She uses kind words when speaking to and of others. She is very dependable and always willing to participate in special events sponsored by the hospital," said Susan Chandler, who nominated Drane.

## MSH Public Relations Employee Wins Maggie Award!



The Mississippi State Hospital Public Relations Department brought home a Maggie Award from the Mississippi Hospital Association's Public Relations & Marketing Annual Awards Ceremony on November 30. The award is in the category of photography/illustration with an original design by Vince Gibbs.

Vince is currently a Graphic Designer in the Public Relations Department but has worked in different positions in his five years at MSH. His winning design featured the Japanese Magnolia and was used to create the 2023 Legislative Notecards.

Kathy Denton, Public Relations Director at MSH shared, "I was excited to see Vince recognized for his work, and I'm proud to have him as part of the Public Relations team. He has exceptional talent and this is just one example of the outstanding creative projects he produces everyday."

Vince grew up in Richland as the youngest of two children, but he now lives in Florence. As a teen, Vince attended Richland High School and participated in track and band.

Afterwards, he studied graphic design at High Tech Institute and pursued a degree in fine arts at Jackson State University. Growing up, Vince was an avid video game player and still enjoys that hobby, along with collectible card games and traveling. He attends New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Pearl.

The Maggie Awards are presented by the Mississippi Hospital Association Society for Healthcare Marketing & Public Relations each year. Hospitals and healthcare groups, both public and private, from throughout the State compete for the awards in several categories. Entries cover a wide range of categories including publications, digital communications, special events, writing, advertising, campaigns, and creative arts. One Maggie winner is selected in each category. Entries are open to all 100+ MHA member hospitals. All entries are judged by Public Relations professionals in hospital associations in other states.

Vince did an outstanding job on the 2023 notecard design and we are so proud to have him as part of the MSH team!

## Getting Back into the Groove Jaquith Nursing Home Senior Banquet



Getting Back into the Groove was the theme for the first JNH Senior Banquet post-Covid. It was a day of dancing, entertainment, food, and fun! Walking into Building 202, guests were greeted with vibrant music, provided by Philip Cathern, DJ 51/50. After a warm welcome from Ms. Nijia Longino, Recreation Supervisor for Buildings 81, 201, and 203, Light of Entertainment (LOE) took over and had everyone singing and dancing to the hits from Soul Train. Performers were dressed as and lip-synced popular tunes by Tina Turner, Donna Summer, Billy Ocean, and more while interacting with guests.

After the entertainment, MSH Chaplain Melvin Collins provided an invocation. Residents then dined on a lunch of chicken, vegetables, rolls, banana pudding, and tea served by CURA Hospitality staff. After lunch, a banquet King and Queen were crowned. Ms. Cintarrio Palmer, JNH Recreation Supervisor, closed out the program and thanked everyone for attending. Ms. Stacey

Davis, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, observing the residents having a great time noted, "It's always exciting seeing our seniors up and enjoying themselves."

Mr. Lee Varner, Nursing Home Director at JNH, commented, "I am grateful for all the hard work everyone put in to make this event successful!" The banquet was organized by the Therapeutic Recreation Staff, under the direction of Ms. Stacey Davis, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, and Ms. Cintarrio Palmer, JNH Recreation Supervisor. Special thanks to the Senior Banquet Planning Committee, Friends of MSH, Inc., Public Relations, CURA Hospitality, JNH Recreation Staff, Region 8 Elderly Enhancement Program, JNH Social Services, Philip Cathern, Nijia Longino, Transportation, Beauty and Barber Services, Housekeeping, Pastoral Care, Volunteers, Jaquith Nursing Home, Music and Art Department, Stacey Davis, and Community Recreation Staff.

# November 2023 Service Awards 2023 Service Award Lists



L to R: Jerry G. Johnson, Samquinnetta V. Hartzog.

## NOVEMBER

NAME	YRS
JENNIFER LEE WALKER	1
BRANDY KAYE MEEHAN	1
SHERONDIA BERNADINE KNIGHT	1
MARQUETTIA S MCGEE	1
DEVACIO REASHAD HORTON	1
CYNTHIA CLAYTON DUKES	1
AVERY NEWMAN PURNELL	1
VICKI LEIGH JENNINGS	1
KAMRY K BRAGG	5
MELISSA ANN ANDRESS	5
JOESAPHINE MAY MANNING-REINHARD	5
NICOLE ROBINSON DUNMORE	5
RONDA KAY LONG	5
TORRANCE KEY	5
MARQUIS CARR YOUNG	5
KEVIN M YOUNG	5
MICHELLE COLEESE CONAWAY	5
SAMQUINNETTA VACARLA HARTZOG	5
STEFANIE NAOMI SMITH	10
KATHY ANN JENNINGS	10
JERRY GERMINE JOHNSON	10
H. L. LOCKHART	40

# December 2023 Service Awards



L to R: Cheryll Smith, James Ruble, and Deonna Norwood.

## DECEMBER

NAME	YRS
DELSIE DEVONN HARRIS	1
DEONNA KEWUAN NORWOOD	1
DERRICK DEWAYNE HILL	1
MARY CASEY BROWN	1
ELISKA ANDITO CHAMBERS	1
CRYSTAL NICOLE ROBINSON	5
ANGIE C HARTLEY	10
ANTWYNETTEE B SHIELDS	10
MELISSA ARELIA HEARN	10
RITA LARUE MEADOR	15
RHONDA ROCHELLE POTTER	15
CHARLES JAMES RUBLE	15
CHERYLL D. SMITH	20
HARSON BRANCH	20
MARIO JOHNSON	20
DONNA K. CHAPMAN	20
SHAWN D. CAGLE	35