

CONGRATULATIONS

to our Emergency Department

The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) is the “premier professional nursing organization dedicated to the defining the future of emergency nursing and consists of over 50,000 members worldwide.” The **ENA Lantern Award** recognizes EDs that demonstrate exceptional and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research. On June 24, 2021, Ron Kraus, ENA President, notified Phelps that we had received this prestigious award. Here’s the ED’s background story, as written by Kathy Calabro, Data Analyst, Nursing, about the determination and effort led up to this important moment...

Our Magnet® Designation on October 14, 2020 set into motion the Emergency Department (ED)’s determination to highlight our amazing department. Only nine days later, on October 23, 2020, Suzanne Mateo, MA, RN, NEA-BC, Director, PCS (ED, Critical Care, & Inpatient Behavioral Health), Alayna Davis, BSN, RN, PCCN, Manager, PCS, ED and Kathleen Calabro, Data Analyst held their first Lantern meeting and mapped out the steps to accomplish application submission.



Representatives from the ED Lantern Core Team

Front Row (L-R): Mary McDermott, Riley Dejong Hirschberg; **Back Row** (L-R): Kathleen Calabro, Alice DeNicola, Alayna Davis, Suzanne Mateo

They formed a core team of experts to highlight our amazing ED: Riley Dejong Hirschberg, BSN, RN, Clinical Nurse, ED; Alice DeNicola, MS, RN, FNP-BC, Clinical Educator, ED; Mary McDermott, MSN, RN, APRN, NEA-BC, SVP Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer; and Megan McNutt, Director, Operations, Emergency Medicine. Additional members were asked to write stories utilizing their area of expertise: Dr. Barry Geller, Director Emergency Medicine - Phelps, Sholom Ginsburg, BSN, RN, CEN, Clinical nurse, ED, Akhila Reny, BSN, RN, Clinical nurse, ED, Donisha Sledge, BSN, RN, CEN, Asst. Nurse Manager, ED, Tracy Feiertag, Deputy Executive Director, Jill Scibilia, VP

Development and Candace Huggins, MSN, ANP, RN, NEA-BC, CEN, Manager, Quality Management.

The application required 38 narratives which highlighted interprofessional collaboration, innovative solutions and teamwork. The application was organized with 11 different categories: Professional Practice, Staffing, Nurse Satisfaction, Health Work Environment, Throughput, Patient Satisfaction, Patient Safety, Emergency Management, Education, Advocacy, and Research/Practice.

On February 25, 2021, ENA Lantern Award Application was submitted. Three months later, on June 24, 2021, Ron Kraus, ENA President (2021) informed us that our application was approved and our Emergency Department is now an ENA Lantern recipient. Ron stated that achievement of this award is an honor and a true testament to our resilience, especially during COVID. To quote Ron, **“Obtaining this recognition shows how your Emergency Department elevates the profession of nursing, yourself and community!”**

Immediately after hearing the good news from Ron, Suzanne Mateo gathered the ED team members together and Mary McDermott shared the amazing news. Mary reinforced what an accomplishment this is, especially with all the challenges during COVID. Dr. Barry Geller also shared how full of pride he is with the ED Team.

The 33 recipients of the ENA Lantern Award (2021) will be recognized at Emergency Nursing 2021-ENA's annual conference in its Hall of Honor and highlighted in ENA's member magazine, ENA Connection.

What does it mean to be an ENA Lantern Award Winner?

Taken directly from the ENA Website, *“The ENA Lantern Award recognizes emergency departments that demonstrate exceptional and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research — a way to showcase your ED's accomplishments in incorporating evidence-based practice and innovation into emergency care, and a visible symbol of your commitment to quality, safety, and a healthy work environment.”*

We invite you to read more on our website detailing our journey to fully appreciate the perseverance of our ED Team reflective in the narratives:

<https://kcalabro6.wixsite.com/my-site>

*The ENA just released the names of the 33 EDs that received the ENA Lantern award for 2021 (July 12, 2021). The link is: https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/news/national/ena-honors-record-33-emergency-departments-with-ena-lantern-award/article_1e28be98-84d7-53f2-bb1f-b73bb64f9f7f.html

