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FOR THE PHYSICIANS & STAFF OF SOUTHCOAST HEALTH May 2019



In 1993, the American Nurses Association declared May 6-12 as the national week to celebrate and elevate the nursing profession.

National Nurses Week is a time for everyone – individuals, employers, other health care professionals, community leaders, and nurses – to recognize the vast contributions and positive impact of America’s hard working nurses. Each year, the celebration ends on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday.

SCH Nurses...Thanks for all that you do!

MAY 6-12 NATIONAL NURSES WEEK



Alisha	Bennett	NP	Pam	Barker	RN	Lauren	Givens	LPN
Susie	Brown	NP	Laurie	Baxter	RN	Vera	Green	LPN
Tracy	Cobb	NP	Suzanne	Cosby	RN	Karen	Heetland	LPN
Haley	Conaway	NP	Angela	Diaz	RN	Jonell	Holmes	LPN
Kerri	Cook	NP	Philisa	LeGrier	RN	Judy	Irvin	LPN
Haley	Dickerson	NP	Barbara	Lutz	RN	Heather	Johnson	LPN
Carisa	Elmore	NP	Jessica	Matheny	RN	Aaron	Keith	LPN
Paige	Jordan	NP	Helen	Racz	RN	Dwayne	Kicklighter	LPN
Paul	Lascuna	NP	Therese	Sheehan	RN	Arquisha	Kinyua	LPN
Heather	Latham	NP	Catherine	Towers	RN	Jameka	Kirkland	LPN
Elizabeth	Lee	NP	Renata	Yeager	RN	Melanie	Koperna	LPN
Dawn	Mace	NP	Vera	Allen	LPN	Laura	Lewis	LPN
Ashley	McBride	NP	Megan	Balcom	LPN	Tyra	Lynn	LPN
Ksena	McCoy	NP	Pearl	Balcom	LPN	Courtney	Miles	LPN
Mary Jean	Middleton	NP	Carolyn	Blanton	LPN	Amber	Mills	LPN
Courtney	Morton	NP	Jennifer	Bouck	LPN	Kelly	Miner	LPN
Isolda	Ng	NP	Brandy	Bradley	LPN	Katina	Moody	LPN
Robin	O'Hern	NP	Ashley	Braxton	LPN	Crystal	Moore	LPN
Jeanine	Onischuck	NP	Jackie	Brown	LPN	Stacey	Moore	LPN
Jennifer	Price	NP	Talashia	Brown	LPN	Kena	Richardson	LPN
Karen	Reed	NP	Crystal	Carter	LPN	Vandi	Ryan	LPN
Rachel	Schwartz	NP	Melanie	Combs	LPN	Janet	Speicher	LPN
Pam	Stewart	NP	Rachel	Cox	LPN	Kelly	Stahl	LPN
Christine	Swords	NP	Beth	D'Ottavio	LPN	Nicole	Starnes	LPN
Caitlin	Thomson	NP	Angela	Davila	LPN	Jackie	Tariq	LPN
Tammie	Walz	NP	Hope	Davis	LPN	Chris	Vacheresse	LPN
Sarah	Warren	NP	Elise	Dean	LPN	Kay	West	LPN
Trevor	Williams	NP	Michelle	Diah	LPN	LaShell	West-Dixon	LPN
Shelia	Williams	NP	Dianna	Flagella	LPN	Annie	White	LPN
Ashley	Woodruff	NP	Lisa	Gaylord	LPN	Sharon	Wiley	LPN
Jessica	Wren	NP	Lanecia	Givens	LPN	Jessica	Young	LPN
						Heather	Yuill	LPN

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Dynamic Duo, Dr. Robert Grant and Nurse Barbara Lutz, Retire

After practicing medicine for 45 years, SouthCoast Health primary care physician Dr. Robert Grant of SouthCoast Health will be retired on April 30, 2019.

“I definitely have mixed emotions about retiring,” Dr. Grant says, “but you know when it’s time. And it’s here.”

Dr. Grant’s career began after earning his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and completing his residency at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah. He went on to become a member of both the Georgia Medical Society and the Medical Association of Georgia. In July 1996, Dr. Grant served as one of the founding members of SouthCoast Health.

“Dr. Grant has been an invaluable part of SouthCoast Health from the beginning,” says John Marrero, Administrator of SouthCoast Health. “He has certainly helped set the standard for the type of physicians we align with. He’ll be missed greatly at SouthCoast, and we wish him happiness in retirement.”

Throughout his professional tenure, Dr. Grant has been the recipient of many recognitions. This includes winning the Internal Medicine category in *Savannah Magazine’s* Best of 2016 issue, and *Savannah Morning News* honoring Dr. Grant as best family physician for its 2018 Best of the Best Coastal Empire Awards.

Yet, Dr. Grant quickly points out he did not do it alone. Early in his career, he forged a bond with nurse Barbara Lutz. In the late 1980s, it was during his rounds at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Savannah he witnessed Lutz’s professionalism and knack for nursing. Soon thereafter, Dr. Grant offered Lutz a job.

“She became my right hand, and probably my left hand, too,” Dr. Grant says. “She and I can kind of synchronize our thinking as far as patient care, and how to handle people and medical situations.”

After years of collaboration, Dr. Grant and Lutz made a pact. When time came, they would retire simultaneously. Now after more than 30 years as one of Savannah’s most beloved healthcare teams, Dr. Grant and Lutz are honoring their agreement.

Dr. Grant says he will miss working alongside Lutz along with the most rewarding aspects of being a family physician.

“A home run to me is seeing someone’s diabetes come under control, getting someone on the right medication or getting their blood pressure in a good range,” Dr. Grant says. “Those types of things are the most important. I haven’t cured cancer, but watching your patients improve is definitely a career highlight.”

While he plans to spend time with this wife, children, and grandchildren, Dr. Grant says he won’t be walking away from medicine entirely. He plans on volunteering his medical expertise through the Social Apostolate of Savannah.



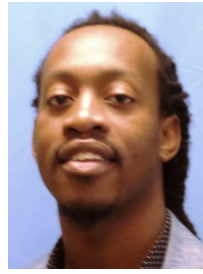
SouthCoast Health Welcomes Our April New Hires



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Certified Medical Asst.,
Eisenhower, Bldg. 1



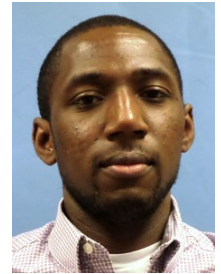
Domanique Hunt
Patient Representative,
Eisenhower, Bldg. 1



Donald Major
IT Support Manager,
Admin



Joy Hunter
Patient Representative,
Surgery



Frank Mitchell
Patient Representative,
PRN Pool



Michelle Warren
Radiology Technologist,
Imaging



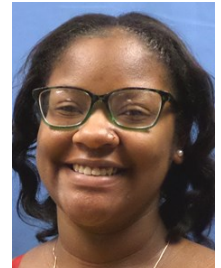
Kwajiana Washington
Lab Assistant,
Lab



Melanie Johnson-Bates
Lab Assistant,
Lab



Kendra Manning
Patient Representative,
PRN Pool



Talashia Brown
Licensed Practical Nurse,
Richmond Hill Peds



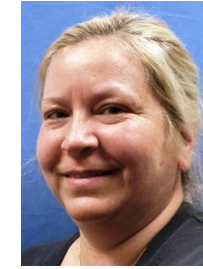
Sanchess Green
Patient Representative,
Hinesville



Jane Kor
Medical Assistant,
Cardio



Kenya Sapp
Patient Representative,
Eisenhower, Bldg. 1



Nikki Schaaf
Clerical Assistant,
Admin



Vanessa Williams
Radiology Technologist,
Imaging

HR CORNER

Looking to move up without moving out???

... check out some of the job openings available right here at SCH!

- **Controller**
- **Manager of Projects/Standardization**
- **Facility Maintenance Worker**
- **Patient Care Coordinator**
- **Patient Representative-Surgery**
- **PTE Patient Representative-Urgent Care/Pooler**
- **Advance Care Plan Coordinator**
- **Ophthalmic Tech-Eye care**
- **CMA/LPN-Rincon**
- **Medical Assistant-Bldg. 1/Surgery**
- **PTE Medical Asst.-Urgent Care/Pooler**
- **PTE Nurse Practitioner-Urgent Care/Pooler/Hinesville**

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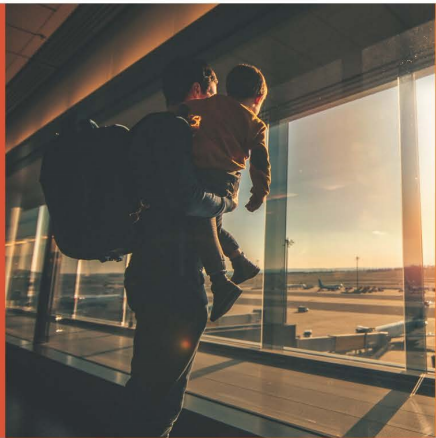
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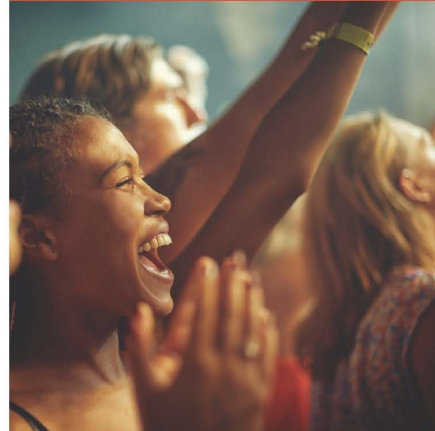


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SCH 2019 SUSAN B. KOMEN RACE!

BE BOLD....BE FEARLESS...BE MORE THAN PINK. 



Kudos to SCH for having 51 registered participants...the largest group of staff members to attend the walk.



May 2019



ANNIVERSARIES

1 Years

Kelly Miner
Brittany Sommers
Mary Jean Middleton
Wanda Randolph
Jennifer Hoffman
Nashya Winbush

2 Years

Dr. Scott Callaghan
Gale Brantley
Carla Parker
Rashonda Milton
Brandice Bankston
Ashia Lee
Saprina Givhan
Candice McBride
Megan Brotz

3 Years

Joy Hawkins
Tanasha Quarterman
Patrice Russell
Shonique Wright
Samantha Vancleave

4 Year

D'Jenie Bayard
Nicole Starnes
Patricia Hunt

5 Years

Tanya Smith
Hollye McAdams
Javier Bruno
Shawn Kong
Michelle Henderson
Brittany Stroud

6 Years

Dr. Edward Sammons
Catherine Whiddon
Dwayne Kicklighter

7 Years

Lindsey Westendorf

8 Years

Dr. Michael Cohen
Katrina Adkins

9 Years

Shana Macon
Chakeima Bigham
Brittany Edge

11 Years

Jamila Joshua
Sherry Harrelson

13 Years

Dee Pace

14 Years

Teresa Chiariello

16 Years

Kimberly Velasquez

18 Years

Tim Harper

19 Years

Tina Smith

20 Years

Evonne Smith

BIRTHDAYS

1	Amy	Presley	15	Nashya	Winbush
2	Gary	Davis	16	Lennette	Griner
2	Allison	Mitchell	16	NeShea	Jones
3	Bernadette	Smith	16	Jennifer	Bouck
4	Salena	Grissette	16	Shawn	Kong
4	Naomi	Roberts	17	LaShell	West-Dixon
4	Dr. Todd	Lanier	17	Madison	Tyran
4	Laura	Lewis	19	Dedra	Rice
4	Sheree	White	19	Rodean	Brown
4	Valerie	Figuroa	19	Angie	Jones
4	Domonique	Hunt	19	Angela	Tillman
5	Maria	Etzle	20	Alice	Womble
6	Dr. Braxton	Fields	20	Gina	Minally
6	Carisa	Elmore	21	Tracy	Cobb
8	Virginia	Simmons	23	LaShonda	Bailey
8	Chelsea	Olson	23	Tazania	Ervin
9	Emily	Anderson	23	Nakita	Wade
9	Velma	Russell	23	LaCressa	McCall
10	Kena	Richardson	24	Pamela	James
10	Katierine	Height	24	Sandra	Bryant
10	David	VanVleck	24	Courtney	Miles
10	Frank	Mitchell III	26	Freddie	Payne
11	Regina	Bryan	26	Karen	Hunnicut
11	Chris	Vacheresse	28	Cynthia	Lampp
11	Linda	La Force	28	Ashley	Woodruff
12	Dr. Richard	Hightower, Jr	29	Dr. Keith	Seibert
12	Haley	Dickerson	29	Reagan	Brotz
12	Demetrica	Brooks	30	Felecia	Griffin
12	Kinjal	Patel	30	Kay	West
15	Sannette	Pusha	31	Antoinette	Moore
15	Jamie	Natal	31	Ashley	Morgan



SCH Reminder...

Please be mindful that at least six LMS courses will be due by May 31st and all courses are due by December 13th. Please remember that completing the courses are part of the employee's job & responsibility!

Also, remember that it is the employee's responsibility to have their TB completed annually and renew any licensures, certifications and CPR before the expiration date.