# the connection point FOR THE PHYSICIANS & STAFF OF SOUTHCOAST HEALTH SEPTEMBER 2019

### Jonathan Lanham, MD Joins Cardiology Team



When Dr. Jonathan Lanham was a child, he had two fantastic role-models, his parents. His mom was a grade school science teacher, and his dad worked in medical sales in the cardiology field. It's no wonder that Dr. Lanham grew up with a fascination for all things science. He looked up to his parents and their medical friends while they lived in Morgantown, West Virginia, and he was exposed to healthcare by shadowing his dad in the hospital setting and even the operating room at times.

Dr. Lanham started off his undergraduate career knowing he would become a doctor. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from the West Virginia Wesleyan College. He later went to the West Virginia University School of Medicine to obtain his medical degree, complete his medical residency in Internal Medicine, and achieve his fellowships in both Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology.

"Cardiology blends outpatient preventive care, as well as inpatient critical care and emergency care. We can impact people in a very meaningful way, with oftentimes an immediate recovery," Dr. Lanham said in regards to why he chose cardiology as his specialty. "We have, as cardiologists, life changing treatments and can extend people's lives using approaches that were never dreamed of 20 to 30 years ago. Patient care is very rewarding, and the relationships we build with our patients are second to none. In today's healthcare setting, patients need an advocate and someone to listen to their concerns. I pride myself in those areas."

Dr. Lanham said, "What I love the most about being a cardiologist is that I get to teach my patients about their heart. I love educating and spending time with my patients and ensuring they understand everything. I try to take the time to explain to my patients what is wrong with their heart, what they can do to improve, and how we can treat their condition. I think it's important for every patient to have at least a basic understanding of what is wrong and what we are doing to address their problem and their symptoms."

Outside of the office, Dr. Lanham stays busy with his wife Angela and their three children. When he is not spending time with his family, he likes to be outdoors and play golf. In fact, Dr. Lanham even received athletic scholarships to his college thanks to his talent with golfing. "That was certainly a long time ago, my golf game is not great anymore, but I still love to play."

Dr. Lanham will be working out of the SouthCoast Health Savannah Campus Building 2.

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### SouthCoast Health Welcomes Our September New Hires



Rick Gasper IT Support Manager, Admin



Stephanie Kling Lab Supervisor, Lab



Brad Mingledorff Licensed Practical Nurse, RH 89



Melissa Thompson Registered Nurse, Cardio



Savarda Wright Scheduler, Bldg. 1



Brittany Johnson Medical Asst., PRN Pool



**Tranai Bennett**, Certified Medical Asst., Pooler



Adrienne Frazier Certified Medical Asst., Bldg. 1



Asia Tynes Physical Therapy Tech, Physical Therapy



Ashanay Washington Patient Representative, PRN Pool



#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BEST OF SAVANNAH WINNERS!**

Cardiologist Roy D. Flood, Jr. *(runner-up)* 

Family Medicine/General Practitioner Kristen A. Updegraff (winner)

Foot Specialist Craig K. Skalla (runner-up)

General Surgeon Jeffrey S. Mandel (winner)

Infectious Disease Nenad Avramovski (runner-up)

Internal Medicine Robert B. Remler *(winner)*  Nephrologist Nizar S. Eskandar *(winner)* 

Neurologist Victor W. Rosenfeld (runner-up)

Nutritionist Elizabeth Hesley (winner)

Optometrist Edward D. Sammons (winner)

PhysicalTherapist Lisa M. Bettio (*runner-up*)

Radiologist Andrew A. Wade (runner-up)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



OCTOBER 18TH 5:00PM-11:00PM OCTOBER 19TH 10:00AM-11:00PM OCTOBER 20TH 11:00AM-5:00PM SouthCoast Health is looking for volunteers to serve as hosts at our booth for this year's Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival in Richmond Hill. If you are interested in serving at least 3 hours, please contact Eric Betts at Admin.



In order to continue to assist employees to save for their retirement, SouthCoast will increase the auto enroll and auto escalation amounts beginning Octo-

ber 1, 2019. Currently auto enroll for the 401(k) plan is three percent (3%). On October 1st anyone that has completed the eligibility requirements to participate in the plan will have four percent (4%) deferred to their retirement account. Voya will send the eligible participant an enrollment packet about 1 month prior to their eligibility date to select the funds the participant wants their money to go into. Keep in mind, this is not a requirement but a way to help save for the future.

Beginning July 1,2020 SouthCoast will increase the auto escalation maximum amount from seven percent (7%) to twelve percent (12%). Each July if a participant is not at the maximum level, they will see an increase to their deferrals by a one percent (1%) increment. For example, if a participant is currently putting seven percent (7%) toward their 401(k), next July 1st, SouthCoast will increase it to eight percent (8%). However, if you are currently contributing twelve percent (12%) or more, this will not affect your account. This helps you in the long run to save for the future in small increments opposed to large amounts at one time.

SouthCoast participants <u>always</u> have a choice in deferring money into their retirement plan. Participants can allow the increase to occur and do nothing, you can fill out a form to keep it the same or lower the contribution, or stop contributing all together. This is your plan, not SouthCoast's. We are just using a tool/resource to help you save for retirement.

You can find the form under the SCH website/employee login/ human resources/employee benefits/401(k)



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#### <u>1 Year</u>

Dr. Abby Abisogun Dr. Leslie Sizemore Dr. Steven Novack Dr. Walter Bowden Benjamin McLauglin Katie Nunnally Nakita Wade Lori Lumbatis Heather Cary Melody Power

2 Years

Ksena McCoy Madison Fontaine

#### 3 Years

Linda La Force Ashley McBride Amanda Woods

#### 4 Years

Dr. Margaret McCormack Dr. Christa Jillard Marisa Greenlee Jessica Forkey

#### <u>5 Year</u>

Caleb Davis Lauren Givens Beth D'Ottavio Jessica Brady

#### 7 Years

Tyra Lynn Peron Scott

#### 8 Years

Dr. Adam Novack Erica Jackson <u>9 Years</u> Jennifer Bouck

<u>10 Years</u> Wendy Floyd

11 Years

#### Cara Martin Diana Garcia

<u>13 Years</u>

Dr. Andrew Wade Janet Speicher

#### <u> 15 Years</u>

Dr. Micah Riegner Dr. Nelson Elam Carmen Sumlin

#### 16 Years

Dr. Bhavesh Patel Sharon Gibbons Christine Johnson

#### <u>17 Years</u>

Delphine Kelly Chris Curry Naomi Roberts Pam Barker

#### <u>21 Years</u>

Dr. Julio Cortes Dr. Joe Griffin Dr. Hiem Thong Tonjia Patterson Tammie Walz



Sharon

Whitted Green Gabrielson Hadden Snyder LeBlanc Kirkland Johnson Mitchell Albritton Manning Reed Bowlin Jones Conaway Sheehan Tandy Dulamal Davis-Wright McCreery, Jr Kowalski Morris Zorbo Lynn

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Eskandar

18 Jeanne 20 Jonell 20 Michelle 21 Tonjia 21 Dr. Wasil 21 Holly 21 Toni 21 Wanda 22 Dr. Troy 22 Sherry 22 Patricia 23 Dr. Edward 23 Dr. William 23 Lovisa 25 Malaysia 26 Caleb 26 Caroline 27 Madison 27 Audrey 28 Candace 28 Alissa 29 Jacqueline 30 Carla 30 Nellie

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Greene Kindred Holmes Williams Patterson Khan Keller Harris Randolph Murphy Harrelson Hunt Sammons Knight Lovewine-Larck Ferrell Davis Gully Fontaine Taylor Williams Johnson Swearingain Parker Moore



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The wait is finally over...employees can now sync a fitness device or phone with Healthgram to track steps and earn Healthtrax points. Get an average of 3,000 steps per day for a month and earn 25 points.

## Looking to move up without moving out???



- Assistant Practice Manager
- Insurance Verification Spec.
- AR Pending Insurance Rep
- PTE Ophthalmic Tech

- Medical Asst./LPN-RH Peds
- Registered Dietitian
- Registered Nurse-Cardio
- Medical Scribe-Cardio
- Medical Asst.-Chatham Center/RH 89
- LPN-Infectious Disease
- Nurse Practitioner-Pooler

SCH employees can now apply for open positions without having to complete the standard application. There is a shorter version of the application for internal candidates on the SCH website under Employee Self Service/Recruiting. Internal applications will be open for three days, before switching to standard. For questions or concerns please contact the HR Department.

\*\*\*Internal candidates, please be aware that you must inform your current supervisor if you are interested in another position and would like to apply for it. If you are full/part-time, you must wait 90 days before you can transfer.

### Manager of the Year

I would like to invite you to nominate a supervisor or manager that you believe is an exceptional manager. You may also nominate a supervisor or manager in any department. Your nomination will be taken into consideration when the Executive Team looks at the criteria and determines who deserves to be Manager of the Year. Please have your submissions into HR by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Nominations past this date will not be accepted. Thank you!

## Manager of the Year

#### Nomination Form

#### 2019

Please nominate one manager/supervisor for his/her contributions that exceed expectations for the criteria below. Important- Include supporting remarks to tell why the nominee is deserving of the award.

Manager's Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Department/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please elaborate how this nominee:

- 1. How he/she models professional and competent work ethics.
- 2. Participates in the advancement of SouthCoast Health's mission and goals.
- 3. Practices effective communication both verbally and written.
- 4. Empowers members of their work team to grow and be successful and recognizes their efforts.
- 5. Exhibits a positive attitude towards providers, employees, patients, and work demonstrated by availability, cooperation, courtesy, friendliness, helpfulness, and presence on the job.
- 6. Participates beyond the scope of regular duties.
- 7. Creates a lasting positive impact on department/organization on a consistent basis.

\*\*Please include any testimonials from patients, colleagues, or others.