

# Chiefs' Chatter

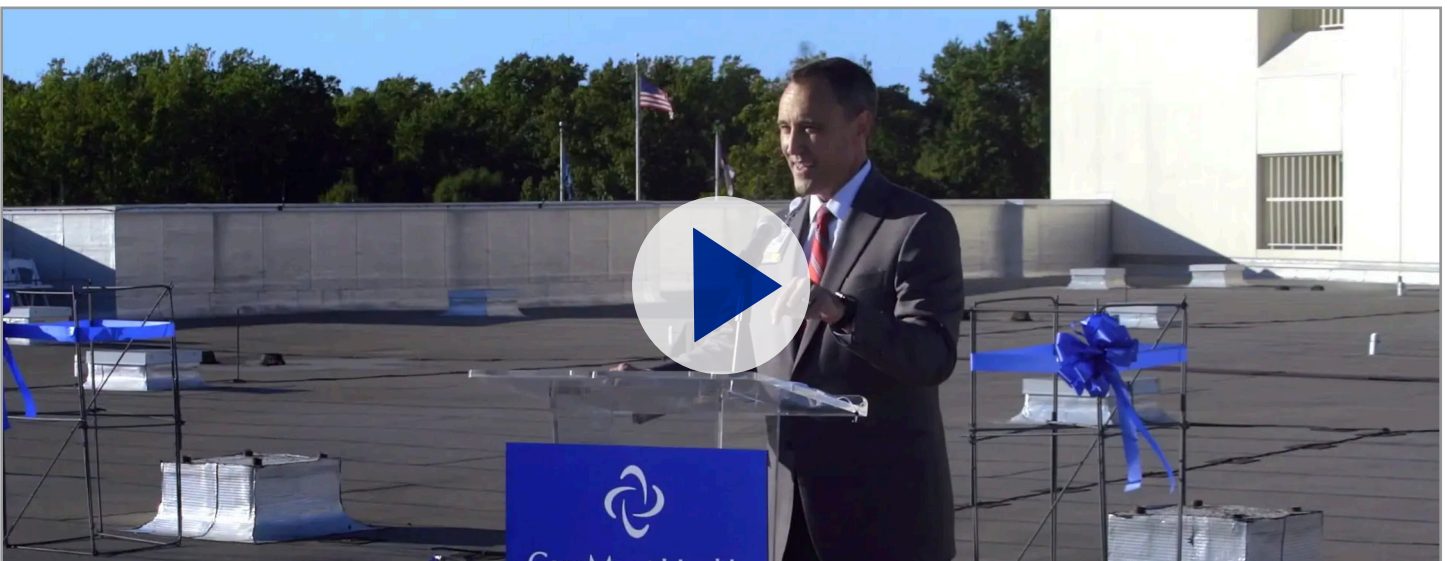
News & Notes from Senior Leadership

OCTOBER 2020

## Investment Update: Taking the Next Steps Forward

When we announced plans to invest more than \$300 million in capital projects last year, we were looking forward to a brighter, healthier future for our patients and community. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, we continue to move these important projects forward. In case you missed it, it's been an exciting few weeks at CaroMont Health.

### BUILDING THE FUTURE: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE NEW CRITICAL CARE TOWER



### LEASE SIGNING FOR BELMONT HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CAMPUS



## The Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina Selects Four CaroMont Health Nurses

Each year, health systems across the state submit nominations for the Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina. From the many applications received, only 100 are recognized for their professional accomplishments, excellence in nursing practice, commitment to the nursing profession and service in their community. A Great 100 Nurse truly makes a difference in the workplace and in the lives of others.

CaroMont Health is proud to announce that four nurses have been distinguished as one of the Great 100 Nurses of 2020.



**Sandy Dellinger**

BSN, RN-BC

Cardiovascular Short Stay Unit



**Mandy M. Hales**

MSN, RN, PCCN

Organizational Development



**Jennifer Sciba**

BSN, RNC-OB

The BirthPlace



**Natalie Marie Sneed**

BSN, RN, CNOR, CPPS

Organizational Development

## Good Catch Award: Geeta Lalla, Ashley Ames and Jennifer Ghorley

### GEETA LALLA, LPN, AND ASHLEY AMES, LPN, COURTLAND TERRACE

Geeta and Ashley discovered orders for Coumadin, a blood thinner to treat and prevent clots, were not extended due to a holiday. Upon discovery of the issue, they immediately worked to get the orders corrected so the residents received this important medication on schedule. Their quick action and attention to detail helped ensure residents received their critical medication.

### JENNIFER GHORLEY, CNA II, COURTLAND TERRACE

Jennifer noticed two residents, who happened to be brothers, had their pictures switched in the Electronic Medical Record (EMR). She immediately brought this to the attention of management and the error was corrected. Her attention to detail and familiarity with these residents helped ensure that each person was identified and treated correctly.



From left: Ashley Ames, LPN; Geeta Lalla, LPN; and Jennifer Ghorley, CNA II of Courtland Terrace.

The Good Catch Award recognizes employees for their contributions to the Patient Safety Program. For more information about the Good Catch Award or to nominate someone who has made a Good Catch, visit the [Patient Safety page on CHIP](#).

# Important Employee Flu Vaccination Information



For the safety of our patients and community, as well as to comply with national recommendations, the Influenza vaccination is mandatory for all CaroMont Health employees, volunteers, students, vendors, Active and Associate Medical Staff Members, and Advanced Care Practitioners unless they have an approved exemption.

**The 2020 flu vaccination period is from October 1 to October 27. Flu clinic dates may be found [here](#).**

All Influenza vaccinations must be recorded with Employee Health no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 29. If you do not receive your vaccination through CaroMont Health, proof must be submitted to Employee Health by emailing [employeehealth@caromonthhealth.org](mailto:employeehealth@caromonthhealth.org) or faxing to 704.834.2550.

## NONCOMPLIANCE

- Active and Associate Medical Staff and Advanced Care Practitioners who are not vaccinated or fail to submit proof by November 2 will be asked to take a Leave of Absence for the entire Influenza Season or will be placed on Administrative Leave.
- Employees who are not vaccinated or have not provided proof of vaccination by October 29 will be suspended without pay. Failure to comply with the policy will result in termination on November 2.

While an annual flu vaccination is important for all healthcare professionals, the COVID-19 pandemic has made this requirement even more critical for the health and safety of employees and patients. Thank you for your support and the tireless work you do for our community and your patients. For more information, please visit the [Employee Health Flu Page on CHIP](#).

## CaroMont Health University Now Enrolling for Fall 2020 Semester

CaroMont Health is pleased to present the **official course catalog** for the Fall 2020 semester.

To register for courses, please log on to NetLearning and search by entering in the course name. If you have any questions, please email [chu@caromonthhealth.org](mailto:chu@caromonthhealth.org).



# Best of Gaston Awards – Finalists and Winners

The Gaston Gazette's Best of Gaston Awards celebrates the best businesses, organizations and individuals in Gaston County. Congratulations to CaroMont Health's finalists and winners!

**Best Cardiologist**



Anthony R. Arn, MD  
CaroMont Heart & Vascular

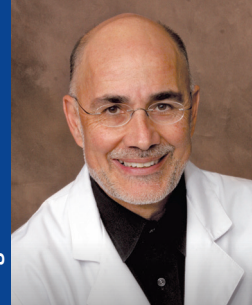


Dustin P. Letts, MD  
CaroMont Heart & Vascular



Mark Thompson, MD  
CaroMont Heart & Vascular

**Best Surgeon**




Carlos Sicilia, MD  
CaroMont Surgical Associates



Sandra Schultz, MD  
CaroMont Women's Health,  
Breast Surgical Specialists

**2020 BEST OF THE best GASTON FIRST PLACE**



**Best Family Physician**


M. Jay Petruska, DO  
CaroMont Family Medicine,  
Cramerton

**2020 BEST OF THE best GASTON FIRST PLACE**



**Best OB/GYN**

Kelvin Harris, MD  
CaroMont Women's Health,  
Summit



Charles Peach, MD  
CaroMont Women's Health, Ashley

**Best Dermatologist**



Ashley Walker, DO  
CaroMont Dermatology

**2020 BEST OF THE best GASTON FIRST PLACE**



**Best Pediatrician**

Susan B. Owensby  
CaroMont Pediatric Partners,  
Belmont

**Best Physician Assistant**



Kyle Brown, PA-C  
CaroMont Family Medicine,  
Stanley




Jeffrey Wright, PA-C  
CaroMont Pediatric Partners,  
Belmont

**Best Nurse Practitioner**




Daphne Tench, FNP-C  
South Point Family Practice,  
Stanley




Ann Marie Watts, FNP  
CaroMont Family Medicine,  
Cramerton

**Best Nurse**



Leslie Bolin, RN  
CaroMont Regional  
Medical Center

**Best Non-Profit Organization**



Gaston Hospice

**Best Urgent Care**



CaroMont Urgent Care  
Gaston Day

**2020 BEST OF THE best GASTON FIRST PLACE**



CaroMont Urgent Care  
Dallas