2011 3rd Quarter Excellence in Nursing Award Winners

Baptist Health Systems announces the recipients of the Excellence in Nursing Awards. The awards are given quarterly to registered nurses in five categories: Leader, Educator, Mentor, Clinical Practice, and Rookie.

**Dawn Davis, RN, BSN, Administrative Director,** received the RN Leadership Award. Dawn is admired and respected by her colleagues, staff, and physicians alike. She is a servant leader, and is quick to recognize, acknowledge, and thank someone for a job well done. Dawn approaches everything with a “can-do” attitude and her focus is always on the patient. Dawn is on several hospital-wide committees and is the go-to person for the National Database on Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI). Dawn will complete her Master’s in Healthcare Administration from Mississippi College in December of this year. Presenting Dawn the RN Leadership Award is Bobbie Ware, MHSA, CNO-VP.

The **RN Educator Award** is presented to **Bobbi Ford, MSN, RN-BC**, one of the Education Coordinators in the ERC. Bobbi’s friends and colleagues state “she has held many leadership roles here at Baptist, and because of this she brings expertise and a wealth of knowledge to the Education Department.” Bobbi always strives to make the content “real” for students and staff by incorporating her servant’s spirit of caring with stories and illustrations. Bobbi is a graduate of UMC, and recently received her board certification in Nursing Professional Development. Presenting Bobbi the RN Educator Award is Bobbie Ware, MHSA, CNO-VP, and Brenda Castleberry, MSN, Education Director.

**Tina Magers, MSN, RN-BC** received the RN Nurse Mentor Award. Tina is an Education Coordinator in the ERC. Tina’s peers say “she exemplifies the professional that always has the time for anyone with an educational need, regardless of the request.” A true measure of this was when Tina worked diligently with a Telemetry Technician to pass the EKG exam - without this they would not have been able to continue to work. Tina’s focus on improving education for staff, which ultimately translates to better quality care for our patients, was seen in the implementation of the Nursing Resource Center utilizing EBSCOhost. Tina is presented the RN Nurse Mentor Award by Bobbie Ware, MHSA, CNO-VP, and Brenda Castleberry, MSN, Education Director.

The **Clinical Practice RN Award** is received by **Hope Ferguson, BSN, RN**, a nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU). One of Hope’s peers commented “Hope has exemplified professionalism, continuing education, communication skills, a great attitude, and clinical expertise.” She is an officer in the Navy Nurse Corps and is also a member of the SICU unit council. Hope will complete her Master’s of Science in the Nurse Executive Program at USM in December of this year. Presenting Hope the Clinical Practice RN Award is Rob Coleman, BSN, RN, Nurse Manager, Bobbie Ware, MHSA, CNO-VP, and Dotti Simpson, MSN, Clinical Director.

**Daniel Welch, BSN, RN**, a nurse on the Inpatient Oncology unit – 6C receives the Rookie RN Award. Daniel has been a nurse at Baptist for approximately 6-months and during that time “…has shown growth in clinical expertise far and above that expected of a new graduate.” His manager states “Without fail, during my rounds with his patients, Daniel receives the highest accolades for his attention to detail in meeting patient needs.” Daniel is the co-chair for 6C’s unit council and recently received his ONS Chemotherapy Certification. TJ Fleeger, MSN, Nurse Manager, Bobbie Ware, MHSA, CNO-VP, and Dotti Simpson, MSN, Clinical Director are presenting Daniel the Rookie RN Award.