Recipients of the 2017 IOL Awards

- The Psychiatrist-in-Chief’s Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to psychiatry at The Institute of Living and Hartford Hospital, winner was Ellen W. Blair, DNP, APRN, NEA-BC, director of nursing at the IOL.

- The Arne Welhaven, M.D. Memorial Award, which is given each year to a staff person within the Department of Psychiatry who best exemplifies genuine concern, respect and generosity toward patients and a quest for excellence in mentorship or education. This year’s winner was Linda Bosnak, special education teacher at the Grace S.Webb School.

- The Ned Graffagnino, M.D. Honorary Award recognizes an individual employee who has demonstrated distinguished service or job performance in the areas of community-oriented work or collaborative efforts with other mental health professionals, especially in the area of training. This year’s honoree is Patty Graham, case worker at the Family Resource Center.

- The Linda J. Stacy Service Excellence Award is given to employees who have demonstrated superior understanding and compassion for the unique needs of patients’ families, and towards improving the quality of the IOL’s interactions with its patients and their families. This year’s winners are Linda Bosnak, teacher at the Grace S. Webb School; Anna Kinghorn, administrative associate II in the Donnelly Building; Junior Lawrence, ED security officer; Paula Rego, case worker at the Family Resource Center, and Justine McGowan, LMSW, Young Adult Services.

- The 2017 CT Alzheimer’s Association Physician’s Leadership Award went to Dr. Karen Blank.

- The Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing recognizes nurses who demonstrate excellence in clinical practice, leadership, scholarship or education. This year’s winner at the IOL was Tiffany Otto, RN, of Donnelly 1N.

- The Professional Practice Nursing Award was presented to Lorraine Moustakakis, RN, of Donnelly 2N.

- The Dedicated to Caring Award recognizes PCAs and Psych Techs who support the HH values of integrity, safety, excellence and caring. This year’s honorees were Inna Roytman, psych tech, D1S; Emily Maldonado, psych tech, D2N; Awilda Almonte, PAA, D1S/CARES; Myriam Monterroso, psych tech, CARES.

- The Every Moment Matters Award recognizes an employee who goes above and beyond in the jobs they do, making a difference either for the patients they serve, earning customer loyalty or for their colleagues, ultimately connecting to employee engagement. This year’s winner was Faye Jenkins.

- The Connecticut Association of Private Special Education Facilities Golden Apple Award is given to school staff members within the association who have made significant contributions to their students and program. This year’s winners were Denise Ackefi, teacher, Grace S. Webb School; Jennifer Bolduc, school nurse, Grace S. Webb School; Taniah Callender, assistant teacher, Grace S. Webb School; Jazmin Garcia, instructional assistant, Webb School at Cheshire; Cori Harwood, school clinician, Grace S. Webb School; Marc Miller, assistant teacher, Grace S. Webb School; Krista Pelletier, instructional aide, Grace S. Webb School; Neil Tobin, teacher, Grace S. Webb School.
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- The New England Association of Directors of Healthcare Volunteer Services President’s Award was given to Patricia Graham, Laura Durst, Paula Rego and Nancy Hubbard of the Family Resource Center; and Erin McCallon-Estremera, Eileen Pelletier and Kelley Boothby, of Hartford Hospital Volunteer Services.

In addition, Dr. Linda Durst became an official member of The American College of Psychiatrists. Unlike the American Psychiatric Association, the College is an honorary organization with just 800 members. Each member must be nominated, supported by several letters of recommendation and subjected to thorough vetting. And Annetta Caplinger, MSN, vice president of clinical operations at the IOL, joined the Board of Directors for the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems.

And Joining the Quarter Century Club this year are Dr. Karen Blank of the Braceland Center for Aging; Stephen Fredette, therapist, Rehabilitation Services; Anne Gerstein, treatment manager, Adult Day Treatment Center; Susan Atamian, manager, ECT; and Marino Boccuzzi, mental health counselor, Grace S. Webb School.