

UMC Nurses Recognized By The Texas Nurses Foundation and Texas Nurses Association For ‘The Year Of The Nurse’

Three UMC Associates were recognized and awarded for being extraordinary nurses for the year 2020.

The 20 nurse finalists for The 2020 Texas Nursing Association



Efren Barragan Alvarez, BSN, RN

Gloria Salazar, MSN, RN, CA-CP

Samantha Phillips, BSN, RN, GEN, TCRN

Outstanding Nurse Award were chosen from a large pool of nominations made at the end of the year 2020. The nurses are recognized as highly exceptional nurses who went above and beyond during the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, as declared by the World Health Organization (WHO). This award acknowledges their dedication, perseverance, compassion and commitment to Texans during an exceptional year.

Out of the 20 Nurse Finalists, two were from UMC – Efren Barragan Alvarez, RN and Gloria Salazar, RN.

In addition to the 20 nurses awarded above as outstanding Texas nurses, 22 additional nurses received Honorable Mention from the Texas Nurses Foundation and Texas Nurses Association Board of Directors for their dedication, perseverance, and compassion exhibited during this exceptional year.

Samantha Phillips, RN was one of the 22 nurses that received an Honorable Mention award.

Congrats to these outstanding nurses and their dedication to patient care!

El Paso County Hospital District Recognized For Quality Texas Foundation Achievement Award



The El Paso County Hospital District is being recognized as a 2021 recipient of the Texas Award for Performance Excellence at the Achievement Level, which is the second highest level of recognition within the State.

The Quality Texas Foundation is a non-profit corporation supporting the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recognizing role model organizations in the State of Texas. The foundation annually honors businesses, hospitals, schools, government agencies and non-profits that use the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence to help drive organizational efficiency and effectiveness.

The El Paso County Hospital District met the criteria for systematic approaches to organizational management with good performance levels evaluated against industry standards across seven key categories.

“The Baldrige process challenges organizations to improve their processes and results. We are honored to be recognized by the Quality Texas Foundation for this level of performance,” said R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, El Paso County Hospital District.

The Quality Texas Foundation last awarded the El Paso County Hospital District in 2020, where the district received the 2020 Texas Award for Performance Excellence at the Progress Level.

The El Paso County Hospital District will be presented with the award at the Texas Quest for Excellence 29th Anniversary Celebration and two-day conference held in Georgetown, Texas, in June 2022.

UMC Receives Scrub Donation From Scherr Legate Attorneys

For over a year now, healthcare workers and providers all over the world have been working non-stop as the pandemic has flooded hospitals with patients battling the deadly COVID-19 virus. Employees from University Medical Center of El Paso are no different as they continue to work on trauma patients in addition to those affected by the pandemic. Scherr Legate attorneys, who are longtime partners of UMC, gave thanks to nearly 150 UMC nurses associated with the Scherr Legate Trauma Center by presenting each nurse with a set of scrubs.

"We owe a great deal of gratitude to our frontline workers for what they do everyday, but especially after all they have endured during the pandemic. We can't think of a better day than National Nurses

Day to show them how much we appreciate them," said Sam Legate, co-founding partner of the 45-year-old law firm.

Scherr Legate is no stranger to UMC as the law firm made a commitment in 2014 to donate \$1 million to be used towards equipment in the borderland region's only level one trauma center -- today known as the Scherr Legate Level One Trauma Center. The law firm has also served as Presenting Sponsor of UMC Children's Hospital Milagro Gala in recent years.



Associates from Scherr Legate Attorney's Donate Scrubs to ED Staff

UMC Celebrated Hospital Week for 2021 – Hope And Healing

For this year's Hospital Week theme, UMC embraced the aspect of Hope and Healing which is a testament of what every healthcare worker experienced through this last year. There was much uncertainty, confusion, and fear at times seemed bleak for any hope. However, as a hospital, our resilience and commitment to our patient's lives brought us together as an organization to provide the healing care that our community needed in a time of darkness. In addition, when you have the chance, you can view our hospital week video that summarizes our Hospital's efforts during the 2020 year.

<https://youtu.be/W7rs2YJUOqI>

