



DAISY Winners Blossom With Patient Care, Recognition

Congratulations to our DAISY Award Winners for the 4th Quarter of 2019:

October: Jason Ortegon, ICU; **November:** Maria Magana, Telemetry; and **December:** Marisela Rizo, Telemetry!



The DAISY Award is given to extraordinary nurses in honor of the outstanding work they do! They are nominated by patients who received care at our hospital. University Medical Center of El Paso is honored to have these exceptional nurses as part of our organization! Throughout our hospital, patients fill out nomination forms to tell others of the exceptional care they received while at UMC.

DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System, and it was established by the DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at 33 of an auto-immune disease.

UMC's Trauma Medical Director Speaks To Select Committee



Dr. Tyroch (far left) waits to speak during the testimony Jan. 9 at UTEP

For the second time since the tragic mass shooting at an El Paso WalMart on Aug. 3, Alan Tyroch, M.D., FACS, FCCM, Chair of Surgery at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso and the Trauma Medical Director at University Medical Center of El Paso, was asked to share his insight with members of the Texas Legislature.

On Jan. 9, he spoke with House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety during a public hearing at UTEP. He spoke also as an appointee to the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council.



Follows is a portion of Dr. Tyroch's testimony: "I am speaking today on behalf of the Texas Medical Association and its 53,000 plus members. What happened on Aug. 3 was horrific

and is hard to even still come to grasps with the loss of life and the lives impacted. UMC received 14 patients that Saturday and another patient in transfer the next day.

"Fourteen patients in a span of 34 minutes. Unfortunately, one person died in the trauma bay from lethal injuries. Six patients went emergently to the operating room that day." Patients ranged in age: 5 months to 87 years. Fourteen survived.

"I want to emphasize that El Paso is a safe community. What was done that day was done by an outsider. I must say that I am a firm believer in the 2nd amendment, but I believe in responsible gun ownership. For full disclosure, I have no gun (unless you count a BB gun), but I grew up deer and dove hunting in central Texas.

"As a surgeon and a physician, I try to rely on facts and data to make a clinical decision, so please bear with me for the next few minutes. What I say may upset or surprise some in the audience. I also try not to use the phrase "gun control" because it stirs up a visceral response. I prefer beginning a conversation on how we can reduce firearm-related violence; in other words, how to reduce death and disability from guns."

He shared statistics and other data with the legislators that helped inform their decisions for the next legislative session. Other members of the El Paso community spoke of the impact of Aug. 3 on their lives and family members. The events of Aug. 3 will continue to be an issue of great importance and remembrance in El Paso. The role UMC played that day was vital to the survival of the victims and the healing of our community.

Congratulats To The 2019 Graduates Of The UMC Leadership Program

Associates in UMC's 2019 Leadership Course graduated from their year-long program. Throughout the course, the graduates learned about hospital financials, management skills, working as a team, building their personal brand, and many more leadership attributes.

In addition, Senior Leaders at UMC as well as the City of El Paso presented to the class their individual stories and advice to becoming an influential leader.

As part of the course, the leaders were placed in groups and assigned a project on how to address an issue at the hospital or implement an idea as an area of opportunity for growth. This year's outstanding group presentation award was "UMC Marketplace App: Paying it Forward." Congratulations, to our graduates!

This year's graduates are:

[Veronica Almeida](#)

– Supervisor, Ultrasound

[Monica Armendariz](#)

– Training Specialist

[Vanessa Cruz Armendariz](#)

– Assistant Nurse Manager, Non-Critical

[Baltazar Banning](#)

– Manager, Quality Management

[Evelyn Barrios](#)

– Assistant Nurse Manager – Non-Critical

[Moises Burke](#)

– Supervisor, Network Services

[Roxann Contreras](#)

– Coordinator, Stroke Care

[Cesar Delgadillo](#)

– Specialist, Poison Information

[Carmen Escobedo](#)

– Nurse Home Visitor

[Ana Garcia](#)

– Nurse Manager, Non-Critical

[Francisco Garcia](#)

– Supervisor, Rehab Services

[Lina Gomez](#)

- Assistant Nurse Manager, Non-Critical

[Shannon Jordan](#)

– Manager, Infection Control

[Jesse Holguin](#)

- Assistant Nurse Manager, Non-Critical

[Angel Licerio](#)

– Supervisor, Patient Accounts

[Leslie Lujan](#)

– Director, Organizational & Community Engagement

[Kathleen McAlarney-Wilhite](#)

– Coordinator, Medical Staff

[Nancy McGrail](#)

– Director, Mother/Baby

[Veronica Orozco](#)

– Supervisor, Phlebotomy

Mary Perez

– Supervisor, Imaging Control

Monica Portillo

– Coordinator, Point of Care

Diana Ramirez

– Manager, Budget

Araceli Rodriguez

– Specialist, Nursing Informatics

Reyna Saenz

– Supervisor, Pharmacy

Angelica Serna

– Manager, Security Operations

Alexa Timbrook

– Nurse Manger, Critical Care

Joshua Tovar

– Coordinator, Public Affairs

Gabriela Vidal

– Coordinator, Certified Trauma Services

Jenny Weathers

– Nurse Manager, Non-Critical

Are You Ready To Get Healthy At Health Start 2020?

2020 is your year of better health! Your new, healthier life begins Feb. 1.

We are less than one month away from our 3rd Annual Health Start 5k fun run and 1-mile walk!

This year added reasons to bring the whole family, including a Kids Dash, sponsored by our partners at El Paso Children's Hospital! We will also have health-related vendors from throughout El Paso joining us, such as fitness clubs, healthy food places and more.

Join us Saturday, Feb. 1, at our UMC West Clinic, located at 6600 North Desert Blvd as 2020 is the year to focus on your health. The event starts at 8 a.m. with the walk/run at 9 a.m.

To register online, you can click on the image above OR visit UMCelpaso.org OR register in person at Up and Running, located both on the East and West sides of town.

