



## New STARS Get The Spotlight During Celebration, Ceremony

New shining STARS were discovered recently when UMC announced this quarter's winners of our STARS Awards. This program recognizes our Associates who best exemplify our values of Service, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect, and Safety. This quarter's winners are:



**Christopher Hooten**, Operations Specialist in our Information Technology Department. He was recognized for his generosity and willingness to help a fellow Associate in need.



**Kevin Guerrero**, Clinical Dietitian in our Dietary Department. He was recognized for going beyond educating his patients and volunteering to mentor new dietitians, diet techs as well as medical and high school students.



**Patricia Perez**, Certified Nursing Assistant on our Medical Unit. She was recognized for being caring, compassionate and always going above and beyond when taking care of her patients.



**Juanita Galivanes**, Coordinator for the Operating Room. She was recognized for always going the extra mile to make sure procedures are set and we are receiving the best possible prices on items.



**Jocelyn Medina**, Coordinator for our Neighborhood Clinics Administration. She was recognized for going above and beyond to assist our patients and her coworkers.

STARS Winners are special because they are nominated by their peers for performance above and beyond their duties, in ways that benefit our patients and our hospital.

## DAISY Winners Show Care For Patients, Bloom For The Quarter

UMC's 2018 Fourth Quarter DAISY Award winners were announced Nov. 20 in the cafeteria. This award is special for our nurses because they are wholly nominated by our patients. Their service to our patients has earned them the gratitude of many families as well as recognition as a DAISY Award winner.

This quarter's winners are:



**Raquel Garibay**, Ortho/Surgical Unit. Raquel was nominated by a patient who said Raquel "was always professional, patient and personable, and most importantly she made my hospital stay pleasant and comfortable."



**Hugo Corral**, Telemetry Unit. Hugo was nominated by a patient's daughter who said Hugo "is genuine and sincere and went above and beyond to make my mom feel comfortable. He was always friendly and helpful."



**Ivan Torres**, Telemetry Unit. Ivan was nominated by a patient who said Ivan "is extraordinary nurse who is caring and has a 'take charge' attitude to get things done."

DAISY is an acronym for **D**iseases **A**ttacking the Immune **S**ystem, and it was established by the DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at 33 of an auto-immune disease.

## Wellness Challenge Winners Take Stage With New Hoodies!

It's another big win for Associates who completed the 2018 Wellness Challenge. New hoodies with a specialized patch were given to each Associate during ceremonies Dec. 7 as they completed their Wellness Journey Challenge for the year. Our 2019 Wellness Journey Challenge kicks off Feb. 2 at the UMC West Clinic with our "HealthStart 2019" 5k run, 1-mile walk, health fair. Save the date now and make next year your year for better fitness and a healthier life!





## UMC Associate's Twins Help Bring El Paso its 1st National Championship

It's not often that we put pictures of family members in The Pulse, but when they win a national championship for our city, we want to help them celebrate. When Dallas Israel Salazar- #26 Defensive End, Linebacker, Tackle; and Diego Isaiah Salazar - #23 Safety, Cornerback, Receiver, won the American Youth Football League National Championship (the Super Bowl of Youth Football) along with their teammates on the El Paso Bandits squad of 13 & younger players, they had one excited mom rooting for them every step of the way. Their mom is UMC Associate Kristie Reyes from the Nurse Family Partnership. Congratulations Kristie, to you, your twins and family, for helping to bring home the trophy for El Paso!

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