

Sanford Health Announces the 2012 Employee of the Year Award Winners

Sanford Health is happy to announce the winners of this year's Employee of the Year Awards. These awards were established to recognize Sanford employees who consistently demonstrate exceptional performance and show a relentless pursuit of perfection through our Sanford Values of:

- Courage – The strength to persevere, use our voices and take action
- Passion – The enthusiasm for patients and work commitment to the organization
- Resolve – The adherence to the systems that align actions to excellence, efficiency and purpose
- Advancement – The pursuit of individual and organizational growth and development
- Family – The connection and commitment we have to each other through it all.

These honored employees represent incredible talent and dedication. They are the backbone of what makes Sanford Health a leader in health care today. Each is a role model for our mission and values. They are our shining stars in our journey forward. They are true pioneers, leading our organization into the future.

NOTE: Pictures and additional information on the awards are available upon request by e-mailing timothy.gerszewski@sanfordhealth.org or calling 605-366-2432.

Fargo, ND Region

Mitel DataNet Information Technology Employee of the Year

Judy Erickson, Moorhead, MN, 9 Years
Executive Assistant
Information Technology

Sanford Support Services Employee of the Year

Elizabeth Rangel, Moorhead, MN, 11 Years
Service Area Assistant Lead
Patient Access – Moorhead Clinic

Sanford Clinical Employee of the Year

Jill Kruta, LPN/Mental Health Practitioner, Thief River Falls, MN, 4 Years
Community Mental Health Specialist
Mental Health - Thief River Falls

Sanford Management Employee of the Year

Rita Cowie, RN, Pelican Rapids, 31 Years
Clinical Manager
Pelican Rapids Clinic

Sanford Physician of the Year

Greg Bjerke, MD, Fargo, ND, 30 Years
Physician
Emergency Center

Sioux Falls, SD Region

Sanford Clinic Support Services Employee of the Year

Tammi Krause-Watertown SD, 25 years
Clerical Specialist
Sanford Clinic Watertown

Sanford Clinic Clinical Employee of the Year (2 winners)

Jason D Flanagan, MS, CGC-Sioux Falls SD, 7 years
Genetics Counselor
Sanford Clinic Women's Maternal-Fetal Medicine
-and-
Laura Torkildson, RN-Sioux Falls, SD, 20 years
Special Procedures Registered Nurse
Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic

Sanford Clinic Management Employee of the Year

Diana Bigge, RN-Sioux Falls, SD, 34 Years
Director
Sanford Home Medical Equipment

Sanford Clinic Physician of the Year

Keith Hansen, MD-Sioux Falls, SD, 14 Years
Physician
Sanford Clinic Women's Reproductive Endocrinology

Sanford USD Medical Center President's Leadership Award

Bill Roberts, RRT-Sioux Falls, SD, 27 Years
Director
Respiratory Care

Birkeland Administrative Innovation Employee of the Year

Angela Heibult, MS-Dell Rapids, SD, 10 Years
Instructional Design Coordinator
Center for Learning

Carlson Family Outstanding Pediatric Oncology Employee of the Year

Sarah Antonson, RN, CPON-Beresford, SD, 15 Years
Special Procedures Registered Nurse
Sanford Children's Specialty Clinic

Outstanding Surgical Services Employee of the Year

Kristi Lloyd, RN-Inwood, IA, 13 Years
Registered Nurse
Surgery

Patricia K. Van Wyhe Nurse of the Year

Renee Quanbeck, RN-Sioux Falls, SD, 13 Years
Registered Nurse
Medical Oncology

Excellence in Obstetrics & Gynecology Employee of the Year

Darla Grotewold, RN-Larchwood, IA, 16 Years
Clinical Care Coordinator
Birthplace

Conradi Family Intensive Care Nursery Employee of the Year
Gloria L. Reurink, RNC-Sioux Falls, SD, 30 Years
Clinical Care Coordinator
Boekelheide Intensive Care Nursery

Egger Family Employee of the Year Award
Kris Denevan-Sioux Falls, SD, 7 Years
Project Manager-Heart Hospital
Sanford USD Medical Center Administration

Eide Bailly Business Employee of the Year
Rita Von Holtum, CPC H-Adrian MN, 20 Years
Lead Coder-Health Information Management
Sanford Luverne Medical Center

Electric Supply Company Award for Sanford Health Network Employee of the Year
Terry L. Jones-Rock Rapids, IA, 2 Years
Maintenance
Sanford Rock Rapids Medical Center

Birkeland Clinical Innovation Employee of the Year
Susan Nygaard, R Ph-Sioux Falls, SD, 33 Years
Pharmacy Project Coordinator
Pharmaceutical Services

Dr. Ben Perryman Sanford Research Employee of the Year
Jennifer Prasek-Vermillion, SD, 4 Years
Project Manager
Disparities Research

Sweetman Family Employee of the Year
Brittany Montecuollo, RN, MS, CSHA-Sioux Falls, SD, 3 Years
Accreditation Regulation Compliance Coordinator
Accreditation

Sanford USD Medical Center Service Excellence Doctor of the Year (2 winners)
John Lee, MD-Sioux Falls SD, 4 Years
Physician
Sanford Clinic Ear, Nose & Throat
-and-
John Yu, MD, 11 Years
Physician
Sanford Clinic Pulmonary

Bemidji, MN Region

Sanford Clinic Employee of the Year

Loretta Swanson, Bemidji, MN, 14 Years

RN Ambulatory

Medical Oncology

Sanford Medical Center Employee of the Year

James Gildersleeve, Bemidji, MN, 12 Years

Nursing Assistant

Medical Surgery

Sanford Physician of the Year

Benjamin Roy MD, Bemidji, MN, 3 Years

Physician

General Surgery