

## Sanford Health Announces the 2013 Employee of the Year Award Winners

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](mailto:timothy.gerszewski@sanfordhealth.org) or calling 605-366-2432.

### Fargo Region

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Sanford Clinical Employee of the Year  
Naomi Wilebski, PT - West Fargo, ND  
*Physical Therapist*  
*Sanford Orthopedics PT-OT*  
*10 Years*

Sanford Support Services Employee of the Year  
Lacey Springer, CPC - Alexandria, MN  
*Insurance Processing Office Specialist*  
*Alexandria*  
*5 Years*

Sanford Management Employee of the Year  
Codi Yokom, PharmD - Fargo, ND  
*Pharmacy Operations Manager*  
*Sanford Medical Center Fargo*  
*4 Years*

Sanford Physician of the Year  
Keith Lesteberg, MD - Fargo, ND  
*OB/GYN Department Chair*  
*Southpointe Clinic*  
*32 Years*

## Sioux Falls Region

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Birkeland Administrative Innovation Employee of the Year  
Tamara Ledebner - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Employment Specialist*  
*Human Resources*  
*6 Years*

Birkeland Clinical Innovation Employee of the Year  
Adam M. Stuebner, Pharm D - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Pharmacist-Application Support*  
*Information Technology*  
*5 Years*

Carlson Family Outstanding Pediatric Oncology Employee of the Year  
Paula J Erck, CCLS - Tea, SD  
*Child Life Specialist*  
*Child Life Services*  
*13 years*

Conradi Family Intensive Care Nursery Employee of the Year  
Stephanie Janssen, RNC - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Clinical Care Coordinator*  
*Boekelheide Intensive Care Nursery*  
*11 years*

Dr. Ben Perryman Sanford Research Employee of the Year  
Karla Reilly, RN, CCRP - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Senior Clinical Research Coordinator*  
*Clinical Research*  
*28 years*

EarthBend Information Technology Employee of the Year  
Scott Moffitt - Sheldon, IA  
Regional IT Administrator  
*Information Technology-Sanford Sheldon Medical Center*  
*13 years*

Egger Family Employee of the Year  
Kyle Adams, CEC - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Quality Leader*  
*Nutrition Food Services*  
*2 years*

Eide Bailly Business Employee of the Year  
Jeff Anderson - Crooks, SD  
*Lead Application Support Specialist*  
*Payroll*  
*16 years*

Electric Supply Company Award for Sanford Health Network Employee of the Year  
Kimberly Peterson, RCA, CAN - Canby, MN  
*Resident Care Aide for Assisted Living*  
*Sanford Canby Medical Center*  
*19 years*

Excellence in Obstetrics & Gynecology Employee of the Year  
Karen Franz, RN - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Clinical Care Coordinator*  
*Birth Place*  
*23 years*

Outstanding Surgical Services Employee of the Year  
Julie Eddy, RN - Sibley, IA  
*Clinical Care Coordinator*  
*Post Anesthesia Unit*  
*32 years*

Patricia K. Van Wyhe Nurse of the Year  
Erica C. DeBoer, RN, MA, CNL, CCRN - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Clinical Nurse Leader*  
*Nursing Administration*  
*17 years*

Sanford Clinic Clinical Employee of the Year  
Susan Halbritter, CNP, MS, AOCN - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Nurse Practitioner*  
*Sanford Hematology and Oncology Clinic*  
*7 years*

Sanford Clinic Management Employee of the Year  
Karoliina Slack - Harrisburg, SD  
*Director*  
Sanford Clinic Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Sanford Clinic Gynecologic Oncology  
Sanford Health Fertility and Reproductive Endocrinology  
Sanford Health Advanced Reproductive Technologies Lab  
Sanford Clinic Women's Internal Medicine  
Sanford Health Downtown Clinic  
*4 years*

Sanford Clinic Physician of the Year  
Anthony A. Sierra, MD - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Physician*  
*Sanford Obstetrics & Gynecology Clinic*  
*6 years*

Sanford Clinic Support Services Employee of the Year  
Elaine R. Burma - Tea, SD  
*Clerical Team Leader*  
*Sanford Clinic Breast Health Institute*  
*21 years*

Sanford USD Medical Center President's Leadership Award  
Nancy K. Geffre, RD, LN - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Director*  
*Nutrition Food Services*  
*15 years*

Sanford USD Medical Center Service Excellence Doctor of the Year  
Robert E. Van Demark Jr., MD - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Physician*  
*Sanford Orthopedics and Sports Medicine*  
*30 years*

Sweetman Family Employee of the Year  
Ann Mays, RN, CPN - Sioux Falls, SD  
*Director*  
*World Clinic Development*  
*18 years*

## **Bemidji Region**

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*Sanford Bemidji Clinic Employee of the Year*  
Micheale Grotberg - Bemidji, MN  
*LPN, Ambulatory Float*  
*Sanford Bemidji*  
*6 years*

*Sanford Bemidji Medical Center Employee of the Year*  
Lori Thompson - Bemidji, MN  
*Transcriptionist*  
*Sanford Bemidji Medical Center*  
*23 years*

*Sanford Bemidji Management Employee of the Year*  
Cynthia Noren - Bemidji, MN  
*Radiology/Imaging Supervisor*  
*Sanford Bemidji*  
*38 years*

*Sanford Bemidji Physician of the Year*  
John Bollinger, MD - Bemidji, MN  
*Radiation Oncology Physician*  
*Sanford Bemidji Clinic*  
*11 years*

## **Bismarck Region**

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*Sanford Support Services Employee of the Year*  
DeEtta Heid - Bismarck, ND  
*Physician Recruitment*  
*Coordinator*  
*19 Years*

*Sanford Management Employee of the Year*  
Alan Doffe - Bismarck, ND  
*Director of Environmental Services*  
*26 Years*

*Sanford Physician of the Year*  
Stephen McDonough, MD - Bismarck, ND  
*Pediatrician*  
*Sanford Downtown*  
*Children's Clinic*  
*12 Years*

*Sanford Clinical Employee of the Year*  
Autumn Engelstad, RN - Mandan, ND  
*Registered Nurse,*  
*Sanford Birth Center*  
*12 Years*