

UMC Celebrates the 41st Associate Honors Awards for 2020

This year's theme for the 41st Associate Honors Awards was "Together with Purpose" which symbolizes the partnership with our El Paso Hospital District Partners, El Paso Children's and El Paso Health. The theme also recognized the efforts that the hospital district endured during the COVID-19 Pandemic which required teamwork, support, and dedication from all aspects of care for our patients.



"Every single one of our Associates was challenged with battling a virus that we knew little about," said R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO of UMC. "However, we came together as a hospital to ensure that our patients received exceptional care while being the beacon of light for our community."

For this reasoning, the 2020 Leadership Award went to every single Associate at University Medical Center of El Paso for their endless care, preparedness, and collaboration during the pandemic. From creating more bed space and negative pressure rooms, to cleaning and preparing rooms, to ensuring all systems ran accordingly, each Department played a major role in the care provided to patients and all of the associates worked tirelessly to reach those goals.

Congratulations and thank you to all of our UMC Associates!

UMC 2020 Emerging Leadership Award and Impact Award



In order from left to right: Eric Johansen, Carla Escobar, Pat Valdez-Rios, and Dora Sherwood

As part of the 2021 Annual Associate Honors Awards Celebration and in addition to the 2020 Leadership award that was awarded to the associates, there are two other annual awards that are presented to outstanding Associates – the Emerging Leader Award and the Impact Award. The award is given in recognition of work done in the previous year. This year our Impact Award was presented to a team of individuals, Eric Johansen, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer, Carla Escobar, RN, Director of Neuro ICU/SMU, Patricia Valdez-Rios, Assistant Administrator for Ancillary Services, and Dora Sherwood, RN, Director of Virtual Endoscopy ICU. The team is being recognized for their leadership in the establishment of the COVID-19 Visitation Program. This initiative also received recognition by the Texas Hospital Association (THA).

This year's Emerging Leader Award recipient was Dora Sherwood, Director of Virtual Endoscopy ICU. Dora provided critical leadership and tenacity throughout the pandemic both in the COVID ICU and throughout the hospital.

Congratulations to these Award Winners!

UMC Recognizes High Honoree Associates

This year, UMC recognized 24 Associates that have dedicated at least 25 years of service to the hospital. Our highest honoree went to Maria De La Luz Gallegos, Specialist Accounts Payable in our Fiscal Department who has been with UMC for **40 years!**

35 Years – Bertha Arzate, Patient Access Scheduler; Cynthia Aubel, Newborn Nursery; Dolores Vega, Orthopedics Trauma; Joseph Villareal, Care Management

30 Years – Daniel Artalejo, Inpatient Pharmacy; Irma Pierson, Health Services; Jose Rodriguez, Ambulatory Surgery Center; Lilia Ivonne Arreola, Core Lab; Monica Estrada, Food Services; Sandra Oporto, Special Chemistry; Teresa Ortega, Inpatient Pharmacy

25 Years – Blanca Alcoreza, Human Resources; Christopher Morales, Guest Services; Gabriela Lara, Labor & Delivery; Ida Najera, Newborn Nursery; Juana Vargas, Mammography; Leticia Valmoría, Endoscopy; Yubicela Lopez, Environmental Services; Lucy Almeralla, Specimen; Maria Gonzales, Imaging Northeast; Maria Mendoza, Labor & Delivery; Roy Atchison, Nursing Informatics; Veronica Vega, Mammography

Full List of Recognized UMC Associates

For 2020, UMC recognized nearly 300 Associates for the service to the hospital in years of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. Below is the list of all those who were recognized, congratulations to all!

5 YEARS

Yolanda Acosta	Veronica Cervantes	Maribel Gonzalez	Crystal Molina
Sabrina Addison	Ruth Charles	Melissa Gonzalez	David Montalvo
Juan Aguayo	Nora Chavez	Gabriel Gonzalez III	Marina Morales
Barbara Aguilar	Oleida Cisneros	Manuela Guerrero	Yvette Moreno
Savannah Aguilera	Alejandro Colin	Carrie Guevara	Sheyla Moya
Zuleika Alcalá	Gloria Contreras	Olga Gutierrez	Erika Myers
Betel Alvarado	Jose Contreras	Brandi Hernandez	Melissa Naranjo
Maribel Alvarado	Hugo Corral	Cesar Hernandez	Jacqueline Nevarez
Bryan Alvarez	Yvette Corral	Daisy Hernandez	Jacqueline Nichols
Karissa Alvarez	Veronica Davitt	Eric Hernandez	Doreen Njang
Lourdes Alvarez	Anna Delgado	Isaac Hernandez	Edaena Olivo
Jose Amaro	Cynthia Delgado	Maria Herrera	Anna Ornelas
Ivonne Apodaca	Gustavo Delgado	Alfonso Ibarra	Monica Ortega
Mayela Arreola	Cynthia Diaz	Obinna Izundu	Patricia Ortiz
David Arriola	Monica Dominguez	Julia Kviatkovskaya	Nataly Pacheco
Maria Arzola	Maria Escobedo	David Labrado	Jessica Palisoc
Ana Avila	Nathaniel Estrada	Ivette Lara	Tanya Pena
Elizabeth Avila	Jesus Felix	Melisa Legerski	Miriam Pena Hajar
Brenda Ayala	Amy Field	Maria Luz Ley	Juliet Perez
Tanya Baca	Juan Figueroa	Brooke Lockridge	Natalie Perez
Andy Barraza	Maria Forsyth	Claudia Lopez	Brenda Pinales
Ashley Benko	Margarita Frias	Jose Lopez	Sarah Portillo
Yolanda Bustamante	Elizabeth Gallegos	Rosa Lopez	Elizabeth Ramirez
Ana Cabada	Deborah Gandara	Mayra Lucero	Perla Ramirez
Alicia Cabral De	Susan Gandara	Robert Lucero	Jared Rasmussen
Maguregui	Aurora Garcia	Michel Marquez	Sandy Reyes
Ann Camp	Cynthia Garcia	Nancy Marquez	Teresa Reyes
Jasmine Carrazco	Krystal Garcia	Daniel Martinez	Gina Rodriguez
Nancy Carrillo	Laura Garcia	Diana Martinez	Jorge Rodriguez
Raquel Castaneda	Marlene Garcia	Patricia Mejia	Luis Rodriguez
Carlos Castillo	Ruby Garcia	Jennifer Mena	Sandy Rodriguez
	Esteban Gonzalez	Ryan Mielke	Thomas Rodriguez

Ferris Romero
Michelle Ross
Blanca Salamanca
Karla Salazar
Joel Sanchez
Vanessa Sanchez
Alexander Santiago
Luis Santos
Hilda Sarinana
Javier Saucedo
Roberto Silva
Erah Smeltzer
Beatriz Solorzano
Daniel Soto
Berton Stevens
Sergio Talamantes
Juan Torres
Samantha Torres
Manuel Urquidi
Simon Valdez
Ana Varela
Jessica Velo
Sara Vera
James Williams
Samuel Wong
10 YEARS
Claudia Alavedra
Luis Alderete
Martha Araiza
Guadalupe Aranda
Eric Blacksher
Adriana Boykova
Jose Caldera
Rebeca Camacho
Alejandra Carzoli
Monica Castillo
Gloria Chacon
Crystal Contreras
Norma Contreras
Armando Corralejo
Ma. Corazon Cruz
Carmen De La O
Jesus Delgado
Gabriela Diaz

Rodrigo Diaz
Lydia Dominguez
Nancy Dominguez
Aurora Esparza
Rubyann Esquivel
Katherine Famaligi
Alejandro Fierro
Dora Fierro
Johanna Gallardo
Gerardo Galvez
Elda Garcia
Lydia Garcia
Mariza Garcia
Darrell Garza
Berenice Hernandez
Diana Hernandez
Deborah Herrera
Pedro Herrera
Catalina Huerta
Arturo Jasso
Michelle Jurado
Leslie Justice
Maria Leija
Magdalena Licano
Priscilla Lopez
Teodor Magallanes
Rita Martinez
Anthony Mather
Claudia Mercado
Leticia Mireles
Shirley Monroe
Elizabeth Montejano
Claudia Morales
Angelina Moran
Alejandro Moreno
Jesus Munoz
Ysela Nava
Ernesto Nieto
Maria Nunez
Jessica Ortiz
Myrna Pena
Vanessa Priego
Jacqueline Quezada
Edgar Ramirez

Luis Rascon-Antillon
Roberto Regalado
Juan Reyes
Olga Reyes
Isabel Rodriguez
Oscar Rodriguez
Yadira Rodriguez
Rosa Romero
Yvette Romero
Margie Salazar
Dora Sherwood
Blanca Stevens
Andrew Tague
Rene Tapia
Juan Torres
Melissa Trevizo
Osvaldo Trujillo
Melissa Valencia
Gonzalez
Elizabeth Valerio
Victor Vazquez
David Villescascas
Lourdes Villescascas
Jenny Weathers
Rob Zambrano
Michael Zavala
15 YEARS
Edna Alvarado
Mathew Angayen
Alfredo Armendariz
Faith Calo
Laura Cantrell
Vianey Contreras
Lance Daniels
Isela Delgadillo
Maria Ferrer
Lisette Flores
Ninette Flores
Irma Gallegos
Abigail Gonzalez
Angel Hijar
Martha Isais
Daphne Jones
Sara Lugo

Joe Marin
Emilia Marrero
Sandra Medina
Christina Mendoza
Valentina
Montenegro
Delia Nepomuceno
Veronica Ortiz
Patricia Perez
Francisco Prieto
Martha Ramirez
Morayma Rios
Gloria Sanchez
Analu Soliz
Alexandro Tavarez
Aracelia Verduzco
Pamela Washburn
20 YEARS
Rafael Alba
Julia Castaneda
R. Jacob Cintron
Virginia Ellis
Ivonne Fuentes
Alejandro Garcia
Veronica Guerra
Gina Guzman
Maria Hernandez
Maria Lucero
Aida Maria Montes
Joanne Myers
Luz Elva Olivos
Roberto Parra
Fernando Pasillas
Priscilla Pasillas-
Bulos
Marco Paz
Cecilia Salas
Kenneth Lee Sales
Albert Salinas
Gloria Torrez
George Ugalde
Martin Valenzuela
Gloria Vasquez