Eleven employees were recently recognized by their managers for demonstrating outstanding performance.

Human Resources Vice President Derek Carissimi and Sandra McVicker, Interim COO and Senior Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer, presented awards to (from left): Mary Alice Bell, Occupational Therapist, Rehabilitation Services; Freda Law, Business Analyst, Information Systems; Ronald Graham, Supervisory Medical Technologist, Clinical Pathology Hematology; Donald Hamilton, Manager, Neuro Diagnostic Services; Vicki Edwards, Pharmacy Technician, Pharmacy; Wendy Kubala, Registered Nurse, 5 CMC; Georgia Tucker, Registered Nurse, Shock Trauma ICU; Andrea Glover, Senior Speech Pathologist, Inpatient Rehabilitation Services; Gurine Davis, Senior Staff Nurse, 4 West; Jamie Coffee, Buyer II, Purchasing; and John Hilton, Network Analyst III, Information Services.

Both work in the Plastic Surgery practice site.

McCorkle, RN, is a GHSU graduate who joined MCGHealth in 2000 as a Staff Nurse. Watson is a Senior LPN who celebrates her 25th anniversary with the health system this month.
Nurses honored

Family Services Development recently recognized nurses for their roles in promoting Patient Family Centered Care with a drop-in at the Family Resource Library in the Children’s Medical Center.

“As crucial members of the care team, nurses play a key role in PFCC. They are on the frontlines with patients and families. They provide quality care as well as support and an open ear for questions and concerns,” said Jamey Frails, library manager. “When patients and families call the libraries for information, we often hear the nurses’ voices in the background but we rarely get to see their faces. This was our opportunity to place faces with names and to thank them for what they do here at the hospital.”

Kohl’s now offering new merchandise

Kohl’s is currently offering two entertaining Llama Llama collections as well as two great cookbooks that will delight foodies. All items are $5 each, with 83 percent of the net profits benefiting the MCGHealth Children’s Medical Center.

The “Llama Llama Misses Mama” book is a sweet account of the nervousness and separation anxiety youngsters feel on their first day of nursery school. “Llama Llama Red Pajama” recounts similar fears as Mama Llama puts Baby Llama to bed and leaves the room. Each book can be accompanied by a plush llama or zebra.

If you love to cook, you’ll love “Top Secret Restaurant Recipes 2 Abridged” and “Top 100 Recipes for a Healthy Lunchbox.” Each book comes in paperback.

In addition to the store at 4227 Washington Road, Evans, the merchandise is also available online at kohls.com.

Open Forum with Dr. Azziz set

Mark your calendar for June 24 at 7:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. in the Lee Auditorium for the next Open Forum with Dr. Azziz. If you have questions you’d like to submit, please email them to openforum@georgiahealth.edu.
Dr. Azziz inaugurated

The inauguration of Dr. Ricardo Azziz was marked by a weeklong series of events.

Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. presents Dr. Azziz with the Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office during the Investiture Ceremony.

Dr. Azziz greets guests during a reception at Twin Gables following the Investiture Ceremony.

Crowds gather at Twin Gables to salute Dr. Azziz following the Investiture Ceremony.

Ashlee Azziz congratulates her dad following the Investiture Ceremony.

Dental students (from left) Jessica Watson and Stella Bonner and faculty member Dr. John Coleman, provide free dental screenings during Day of Service.

Rachel Toy, Shirley Walker, Melissa Bates-Johnson and Jaquanse Walker perform yard work at the St. Michael’s Parish Ellen Wimberly House during Day of Service.
Dr. Azziz answers questions from employees during an inauguration week Open Forum. The next Open Forum will be held June 24 at 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Performances by faculty, staff and students were enjoyed by those attending the Noon Arts Concert.

Performances at the Noon Arts Concert ranged from musical to dance.

Alex Almodova of Greeter Services and his family are among the many families to enjoy the Family Celebration at GreenJackets Stadium.

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Golden Pen Award goes to four

Leslie Edney, Sarah Cartwright, Margaret Johnson and Susan Andrews recently received the Golden Pen award for their publishing achievements from Human Resources Vice President Derek Carissimi (left). Missy Pratt, Assistant Vice President of Perioperative Services (right, front), congratulated her team.

Edney (back, left), BSN, RN, CAPA, Senior Staff Nurse, Perioperative Services, was recognized for her poster presentation at the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses’ National Conference.

Cartwright (front), BA, RN, CAPA, Senior Staff Nurse, Perioperative Services, published “Filling in the Lines: Historical Assessments and Their Prevention of Untoward Outcomes in the Day-Surgery Patient” in the Journal of Perianesthesia Nursing.

Johnson (back, second from right), BS, BSN, MSN, RN, Perioperative Educator, Perioperative Services, published “Pressure Ulcer Prevention: Bringing It Home to the Perianesthesia World” in the Journal of Perianesthesia Nursing.


Driskell one of “Top 10”

Matt Driskell, MBA, CHFP, has been named to the list of “Top 10 in 10” by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce and Augusta Magazine. He joins nine other young professionals deemed rising stars in the local business community.

Being on the list qualifies him for nomination to the Georgia Trend magazine’s “40 under 40,” a list of rising stars in the state.

Driskell joined MCG Health, Inc. in 2007 as Director of Managed Care and Reimbursement. Previously, he was the Reimbursement and Cost Accounting Manager at Sumner Regional Health System in Gallatin, Tenn. and a Reimbursement Analyst at Seton Healthcare Network in Austin, Texas.

He earned an MBA degree at Augusta State University and a B.S. degree in Accounting at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He became a Certified Healthcare Financial Professional in 2010.
On National Bike to Work Day, Dr. Azziz (front right) demonstrated the importance of non-polluting commuting by riding his bike to work. Joining him are (from left) Dr. Alan Saul, Michael Konomos, Christine O’Meara and George Inman, Jr.

Cancer Center has major presence at Relay for Life

The MCGHealth Cancer Center teams recently raised approximately $5,000 on top of a $5,000 platinum corporate sponsorship for the 2011 Relay for Life, which benefits the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The event, which raised more than $350,000 to date, included participation by 97 teams composed of 1,462 individuals. More than 400 survivors were honored.

Welcome new team members

Joshua Bell, Pediatric Anesthesiology
Lauren Buice, Echo Lab
Lauren Chandler, Neonatal ICU
Terri Green, Bed Management
William Grice, Central Sterile Repository
Heather Haley, Administration
Jennifer Mansell, Human Resources
Brittany Pierre, Medicine
Andrea Scott, Electrophysiology Lab
Ambrose Smith, Greeter Services
Elizabeth Stockstill, Marketing
Brooke Summers, 7 West Obstetrics
Anna Wannamaker, 4 West Surgery
Heather Whitney, Surgical ICU
Addie Williams, Dietary
James Willis, Equipment Cart Services
Valerie Woods, 7 West Obstetrics

2011 holiday observances

Independence Day
July 4, 2011

Labor Day
September 5, 2011

Thanksgiving Day
November 24, 2011

Day after Thanksgiving
November 25, 2011

Christmas Eve
December 23, 2011

Christmas Day
December 26, 2011

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