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Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network  
October 16, 2009-----

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2009



**Violet James**, Rehabilitation Medicine

Ms. Violet James, Nurse Liaison in Rehab Medicine, went above and beyond her daily duties by ensuring a patient was notified about his appointment at another facility. The patient was seen in Rehab Medicine and needed an immediate follow up with Neuro-Surgery at Bellevue Hospital. Ms. James scheduled the appointment for the following day but was unable to reach the patient by telephone. She even reviewed the medical records for the patient's next of kin. After many unsuccessful attempts, Ms. James took a taxi to the patient's listed address in the Bronx and informed him in person of his upcoming appointment.

Thanks to Ms. James' diligence and commitment to deliver outstanding customer service and to improve the health of our patients, the patient received the necessary treatment in a timely manner. Ms. James deserves this recognition, as she is a true patient advocate and an asset to the Rehab Medicine Division, the Hospital and the Network!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MODERNIZATION PROJECT



L to R: Ms. Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, Deputy Manhattan Borough President; Dr. John M. Palmer, Executive Director; Mr. Corwin J. Breden, Chair & President Friends of Harlem Hospital Center, Inc; Ms. Carole D. Smith, Board Member and Chair, Grants Committee, Friends of Harlem Hospital Center, Inc; Mr. Lermond Mayes, Office of Hon. Inez E. Dickens; Ms. Jeanine Johnson, Office of Hon. Keith L.T. Wright; Mr. Geoffrey Eaton, Office of Congressman Charles B. Rangel; and Mr. Mel Jackson

On Monday, September 21, Harlem Hospital Center held its Semi Annual Leadership Breakfast for the Modernization Capital Campaign in the Muriel Petioni Medical Board Room.

The purpose of the breakfast was to provide an update on the Modernization Project WPA Murals and demolition. The invited guests had an opportunity to see the slide presentation entitled, "Then and Now" showing the progress of the Modernization Project. Additional updates discussed during the breakfast included the progress of the Donor Wall, total funds raised, identification of contributors, retail marketing, and naming opportunities.

#### **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

We set aside September 15 to October 15 to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month...the cultures and ethnicity of U.S. residents whose ancestry can be traced from the Spanish-speaking nations of Central and South America, the Caribbean, Mexico and Europe. Contributions of Hispanics to the American culture have been both profound and deeply valuable.

In 2005 the estimated Hispanic Population within the United States was 42.7 million, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest and fastest growing ethnic group. As of July 1, 2050 it is anticipated that the Hispanic population of the United States will make up 24 percent of the nation's total population on that date.

As the Hispanic population grows, we can look forward to the Hispanic culture becoming more visual throughout our city, state and nation...

And so I proudly acknowledge our countless Hispanic employees within Harlem Hospital Center and the Renaissance Health Care Network who have added significant value to the quality of care and service we provide to the Harlem community.

During this year's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we are also pleased to congratulate our Network Senior Vice President José R. Sánchez. Mr. Sánchez was chosen by Hispanic Business® magazine as one of the "Top 100 Influential Hispanics" featured in their October 2009 issue. Mr. Sánchez has been a champion for health of this community for many years and we are proud that his contributions have been acknowledged in such a prestigious publication.

We salute you!

*excerpted from John M. Palmer, PhD Message*

(Within the annual Network Hispanic Heritage Newsletter, you can discover how the Hispanic culture continues to enrich our Nation's character and to shape our common future. Visit: <http://genplushr.nychhc.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=KxPI2FSZazE=&tabid=256&mid=1859>.)

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WEEK



Mr. Anan Ramdhanie, Institutional Aide; Mr. Jemel Watson, Service Aide; Mr. Courtney Young, Associate Director Environmental Services; and Mr. Richard Duremus, Housekeeping Aide.

On Friday, September 25, Harlem Hospital Center celebrated Environmental Services Week by acknowledging staff members that have demonstrated excellence in their work and attendance.



Ms. Ernestine Green, Service Aide and Perfect Attendance Awardee, Mr. Courtney Young, Associate Director.

Department Employees of the Year: This honor was given to **Mr. Eduardo Gomez**, Tour I and **Mr. Dwight Hill**, Tour II for their positive attitude, willingness to help others, while performing at a high standard.

The Perfect Attendance Award went to **Ms. Ernestine Green**, Tour II, based on her attendance during the 2008 calendar year.

## MAYORS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) is accepting applications for the 2010-11 Mayor's Graduate Scholarship Program (MGSP). To compete for a scholarship, you must be a full-time employee, have a bachelor's degree by the start of the fall 2010 semester, and be willing to pursue a graduate degree on your own time. For other requirements, visit at [www.nyc.gov/mgsp](http://www.nyc.gov/mgsp) call (212) 669-4163.

## MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER BREAKFAST



Seated (L-R): Maria Rivera, Stacey Bennett, Cassia Saboia, Charlene Bailey-Ayers, Front Row Standing (L-R): Patricia Montanez, Rita Lopez, Valerie Wright, Michelle Thomas, Patricia Saavedra, Nancy Simmons, Carol Dupe, Gilda Serrano, Christina Harris Second Row (L-R): David Simon, Sherri Holman, Dr. John M. Palmer, Paulette McCullough, Lemond Freeman, Naomi Griffin, Audra Stephens, and Martha Rivera

On Tuesday, September 29, the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer kickoff breakfast was held in the Medical Board Room; approximately 20 team leaders attended. A representative from the American Cancer Society brought greetings to the group, and thanked them for their continued support through fundraising and recruiting.

**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER**

Sunday, October 18, 2009  
Central Park, 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Bandshell  
Registration and Rolling Start - 9:00  
to 11:00 a.m.

Walk in honor of a breast cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one. Join the Harlem Hospital Center/Renaissance Health Care Network Walk Team. Contact Ms. Stacey Bennett at (212) 939-8035.

**LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Congratulations to our newest Spanish Medical Interpreters: **Christian González**, Language Assistance Program; **Hugo Guzmán**, Guest Relations; and **Vajra Kilgour**, Volunteer; they successfully completed the Language Line University Interpreter's Skills Test. Their services enhance the hospital's ability to communicate with patients and families who speak Spanish.

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DAY AND EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK**

Tuesday, October 6, was National Physician Assistant Day. Emergency Nurses Week will take place from Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 17. Harlem Hospital Center will celebrate our Physician Assistants and Emergency Nurses with a lunch and dinner on Wednesday, October 14 in room 2-105 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the MLK Pavilion.

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we salute our 2009 Hispanic Employees of the Month.



Hector Benitez, Clerical Associate  
Radiology - March 2009



Lillian Lopez, Clerical Associate  
Managed Care - May 2009



Jose Vega, Clerical Associate  
Psychiatry - June 2009



Sonia Torres, Vision & Glaucoma  
Screener, Ophthalmology - September  
2009

**PROTECT YOURSELF, PATIENTS,  
STAFF AND VISITORS, GET THE  
FLU VACCINATION**

Seasonal Flu and H1N1 Immunizations  
will be given throughout Harlem  
Hospital Center from Monday,  
September, 21, 2009 - Monday,  
November 30, 2009.

**Locations include:**

Martin Luther King Gallery (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
outside Auditorium)  
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Unit Based (MLK)  
8:00 AM to 12 Midnight

Ron Brown Bldg. (4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 4083)  
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

OHS (WP 453)  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Kountz Pavilion (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**46 DAYS TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT  
Flu Vaccine Mandate**

As a condition of employment, all HHC  
employees (with limited exceptions)  
must receive vaccination for the  
seasonal flu virus by Monday,  
November 30, 2009. Seasonal flu  
vaccinations are being administered  
and as soon as the H1N1 vaccine  
arrives it will also be available to you.  
(You will learn the deadline to receive  
H1N1 once it arrives.) A word of  
advice: Don't wait until the last  
minute. Get your immunization early!

**170<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN  
2009 BENEFIT & TITAN AWARDS**

You still have time to celebrate  
Lincoln's 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the  
Lincoln Auxiliary's 2009 Benefit and  
Titan Awards Ceremony on Thursday,  
October 29, 2009 at Marina del Rey in  
the Bronx. Tickets are \$125 and all  
proceeds will benefit the Lincoln  
Juvenile Diabetes Program.

This year's awardees include Rene  
Rowell, HHC Director of Community  
Affairs, Dr. Rawle Philbert, President  
of the Lincoln Medical Staff, the New  
York Yankees, and Mastermind  
Holdings LLC.

To purchase a ticket please contact  
Network Public Affairs at 5777.