

Richmond University Medical Center

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June 2018

City Council Speaker Corey Johnson Visits Our Campus



New York City Council Speaker Corey Jonson visited Richmond University Medical Center this morning. Along with Staten Island City Council Representative Debi Rose and Minority Leader Steven Matteo, Speaker Johnson toured the emergency department, and our critical care and surgical care areas

Richmond University Medical Center has requested funds from NYC capital appropriation for FY 19 to augment funds provided in FY 17 and FY 18 for the new emergency department project.

We thank our Staten Island City Council delegation for continuing to come together and focusing on our needs.

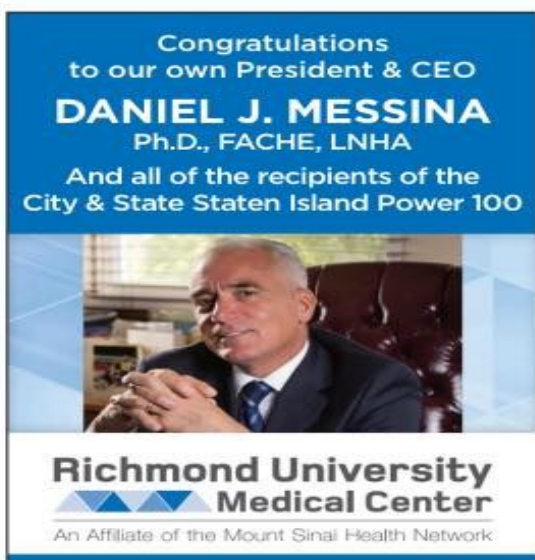
Our President and CEO Daniel J. Messina, MD was joined by Chief Operating Officer & Chief Nursing Officer Rosemarie Stazzzone, RN; Associate Director of Department of Emergency Medicine Harry Kopolovich, MD; and Chairman of Department of Emergency Medicine Mansoor Khan, MD.



Board News

Recently, United Hospital Fund (UHF) presented Distinguished Trustee Awards were presented to 26 trustees from New York metropolitan-area hospitals and health care. The honorees were recognized for their extraordinary leadership and service to hospitals, nursing homes, home care, and rehabilitation organizations throughout the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Orange counties, and nearby New Jersey and Connecticut. Congratulations to our very own Board Member Dennis Quirk for receiving this prestigious recognition this year.

Dennis is the President of the New York State Court Officers Association, a post he has held for 43 years. Mr. Quirk, a Todt Hill resident, is a graduate of St. Augustine High School and St. Francis College. He is involved in a number of Staten Island organizations, including serving as Board Chair of the Seton Foundation of Learning and a Board Member of Heart Share Human Services, New York.



Message from the President & CEO Daniel J. Messina, Ph.D., FACHE, LNHA



Dear Friends,

June will be a very busy month at Richmond University Medical Center.

June 7th will mark the grand opening of our Center for Cancer Care at 1000 South Avenue. This convenient mid-island location will serve as

office for our radiation oncologists, Mark Adams, MD and Hoon Lee, MD, as well as medical oncologists Thomas Forlenza, MD, and newly recruited Maxim Shulimovich, DO. Radiation therapy and PET scans will also be offered at this location.

Our cogeneration plant, expansion of parking facilities, and FEMA resiliency projects are imminent. Balancing the coordination of these projects is a delicate act, and ensuring optimum cost management and financing are the critical paths of these exciting projects.

This year, the "Summer Celebration" (formerly the Clambake), will be held on June 27th at the Vanderbilt. The event will broaden support for our pediatric and infant care areas, as well as honor Dr. Joan Graziano, Pediatric Oncologist; Carol Olsen, RN, BSN, IBCLA; and the Randazzo Family for their tireless service to the hospital and the community. This years luau theme will set the tone for great food and a wonderful evening for all.

Soon summer will be upon us and I want to extend my thanks for your hard work and dedication to Richmond University Medical Center, as well as take the opportunity to wish you a terrific upcoming summer.

"Remember, the power of one – you make a difference!"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Messina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Patient Satisfaction

A Note of Thanks

I just had my baby last Sunday and I want to thank so much the whole labor & delivery staff for helping me with everything. You guys did an amazing job and God Bless You all!

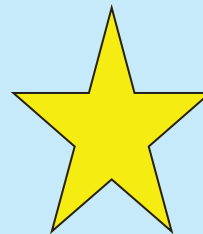
Adriana W.

I had my little girl at RUMC last week. Thank you to the L&D staff for the amazing care and support throughout this life changing event. We were blessed to be cared for by the most amazing doctors, nurses and everyone on the team. Special thank you to Dr. Fastman and Dr. Keslar. May God Bless your big hearts!

Teresa T.

Childbirth classes at RUMC are great, prepared both my husband and myself for the new arrival. Also, thanks to the class, my hubby is swaddling and changing our little girl like a pro!

Kimberly B.



Nurses Week

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6th to May 12th – with May 12th being the birthday of Florence Nightingale. National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses work to improve health care.

For the past 16 years, nursing has been rated as the most honest and ethical profession. A nurse's commitment to protecting, promoting, and improving health care for all is second to none, and they serve the public in a wide range of roles and work settings. Therefore, it is only fitting that we take one week each year to celebrate the nursing profession and their vital role in health care.

The theme for National Nurses Week 2018 is *Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence*. To that end, recently Richmond University Medical Center hosted their 2018 Nurse of Distinction Award Ceremony. President & CEO, Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE, LNHA, and Chief Operating Officer & Chief Nursing Officer Rosemarie Stazzone, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, were on hand to present awards to some of the exceptional nurses here at RUMC.

This year's awardees were:

Patient Experience Awardees: Ugochi Abazieu – Emergency Department; Toni Ann Molloy – Mother/Baby; Dawn Fersko – Seton 3-1; Pam Eng – ICU; Theresa Aguilo – Peri-Op

Rookie of the Year Awardees: Jian Chen – SLB4; Stephanie Druback – OR; Toni Ann Privracky – Labor & Delivery; Jade Cruci – Emergency Department; Bogdan Rajacic – Float

Preceptor/Mentorship Awardees: Cara D'Alessandro – SLB4; Veronica Miller – SICU; Chris Ann Crowe – Labor & Delivery; Jillian VanPelt – OR; Patricia Wagner – Emergency Department; Beth Hunt – Adolescent Psych

Team Awards: Pediatric Nursing Team; Cardiac Cath PCI/Stemi Team; Emergency Department Patient Experience Team; SLB6 Nursing Team

Thanks must also be given to Rita Magnuski, RN, MSN Vice President Med/Surg; Critical Care; Behavioral Health & Nursing Operations; Jean Gordon, AVP Department of Emergency Medicine; Victoria Orleman, AVP Women/Children Services & Nursing Education; Amelia Piccione, AVP Perioperative Services



Jack Sipp Golf and Tennis Outing May 14, 2018



Richmond University Medical Center Foundation

invites you to our
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**SUMMER
CELEBRATION**
Honoring the legacy of Dr. Anantham Harin

Wednesday, June 27 2018
6:30pm the Vanderbilt at South Beach

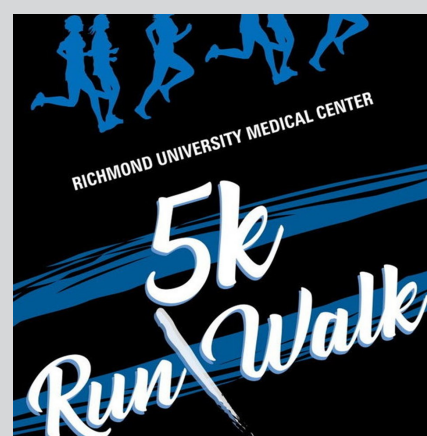
Unite as we honor these healthcare heroes
Dr. Joan Graziano
Carol Olsen
The Randazzo Family

Please reply by June 14

For more information contact Krista Desiderio
at 718-818-2788 or kdesiderio@rumcsi.org

Sponsorships available
Register and donate at
www.rumcsi.org/summer

2nd Annual



RUMC 5K RUN/Walk

Saturday, September 8th

Sharing Positive Patient and Caregiver Feedback

The Patient Relations Department is requesting your participation in capturing and sharing positive patient feedback. In recent years the department has started to capture positive patient reviews that are shared with the hospital beyond the scope of formal patient experience surveys. At the beginning of 2018 the team began to capture qualitative data from the consumer feedback to benchmark and cross analyze against complaints and grievances. The goal is to be able to transparently share the positive and negative feedback to empower the organization's front line teams with meaningful reports that capture the overall experience of our consumers. If you or your team receive a tray of cookies, flowers, cards, letters or any other form of patient appreciation we kindly ask that you work with your manager to get a picture and share it with them. The positive feedback will be shared at the organization's morning safety huddle and then passed along by a member of the management team to the Patient Relations Department so that they can capture the information and appropriately allocate the information for future reports. Please contact Andrew Burt, MBA, CPXP at 718-818-5-2454 or aburt@rumcsi.org.



Seton 3-TNurses



Our 4th Annual Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Symposium took place in our Sipp Auditorium. This years keynote speaker was Nancy Landor, RN, MS, CPHQ, Senior Director, Strategic Quality Initiatives – Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS).

Mention must be given to our Chairman of Medicine and Senior Vice President/Chief Medical Officer, Mitchell Fogel, MD, FACP; Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Vice Chair and Program Director, Jane M. Ponterio, MD; Vice President of Quality Nancy Taranto, RN; Council Coordinator Jessie Saverimuttu, MD; and Patient Safety Council Resident Co-Chairpersons Charles Sineri, DO, MHA and Adedeji Adebayo, MD.

Best Projects were the following three (in order of the prizes):

1. Compliance and Documentation of Quality Indicators for Optimizing Colorectal Cancer Detection for Screening Colonoscopies. Gabrielle Tricorico, Caleb Wutawunashe, Rukaiya Bashir, (Nisha Lakhi MD)

2. Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection Reduction Project at Richmond University Medical Center. Arash Darvish, MD; Jennifer Collins, MD; George Freg, MD; Aytan Mammadova, MD; Christine

Hanna, MD; (Jessie Saverimuttu MD; Jay Nfonoyim MD)

3. Reducing Heart Failure Readmissions At Richmond University Medical Center. Charles Sineri, DO, MHA, Bhavin Patel, MD, Syed Kazmi, MD, Davit Onikashvilli, MD, Bisrat Nigussie, MD, Anila Nazli, MD, Brinda Manchireddy, MD, Muhammed Atere MD, George Freg, MD, Teshager Ejigu, MD. (Dr. Jessie Saverimuttu, MD PhD, Dr. Richard Grodman MD, Dennis Bloomfield, MD)

Best Poster: It's Showtime: An Analysis of Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic Break Rates at Richmond University Medical Center with Aim to Increase Treatment Adherence. Authors: Ludmila A; Ali, Z; Yekaterina, A; Andrew, P; Okeleji, A; Ahmad, A.

Welcome May 2018 New Hires

Christina M. Bufalino, Speech Pathologist
Dorothy A. Minlionica, RN
Haley M. Brown, EMT
Oskar M. Plonka, EMT
Jennifer A. Parris, RN
Sundas Fida, Ambulatory Assistant
Gianni Lourentzatos, Security Officer
Matthew L. Cohen, RN 12 Hrs
Charlene K. Lewis, Surgical Technologist
Brooke I. Levine, RN 12 Hrs
Nakisha D. Maisonet, RN 12 Hrs
Christina Intravaia, Pharmacy Tech
John Pallis, Pharmacy Tech
Hector L. Torres, CT Technologist



Timothy Bowers was recently named vice president for process improvement at Richmond University Medical Center. Bowers was most recently at Inspira Health Network, Vineland NJ, where he served as director of ambulatory quality and director of Infection prevention and control. Bowers has also served as adjunct faculty at Cumberland County Community College, Vineland, NJ and was an infection control practitioner at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia. Bowers has bachelor of science in medical technology and a master of science in health policy from University of the Sciences, Philadelphia, PA. Bowers is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Safety and Quality (CPHQ), a Fellow, Association for Professionals Infection Prevention (FAPIC) and holds Certification in Infection Control (CIC).

Other leadership position Bowers holds are: Vice President Alumni Board, University of the Sciences 2017-2020 and Prevention Strategist Editorial Council and Regulatory Panel of the Association for Professionals in Infection Prevention, 2018.



Employee of the Month
Gail DeGannes-Hoyte
RN MS Certified Diabetes Educator



Nominated by: Denise Corino and Nicole Safford

"Gail goes above and beyond to assist our Deaf population with controlling their diabetes. From sugars in the 300-400s she has gotten the numbers down to high 100s and moving down from there. She takes the time to show them visuals by going on the computer to print out pictures of foods that are healthy for them and what to avoid. Gail works with the patients weekly, one on one with the help of an interpreter to go over medication and to explain to them what is expired and what is still ok to take. Our patients look forward to meet with her showing their daily log of foods. From there she will go step by step to educate them on what is good and what was not good. She will sit with them, as long as it takes to make sure they make healthy choices to improve their sugars and their life.

She truly has made a positive and effective impact on our Deaf population."

SIEDC Business Conference



As the 2nd largest employer on Staten Island, Richmond University Medical Center is an integral part of the business community and participates in many events and organizations geared towards promoting economic growth on Staten Island.

Krista Desiderio, Senior Development and Marketing Specialist, and Lorraine Scanni, Community Outreach Specialist, represented our medical center at the SIEDC's annual Staten Island Conference, held at the

Hilton Garden Inn in Bloomfield. They were on-hand to network with other attendees and to provide information on Richmond University's various events and health programs.

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Historic Richmond Town

Hospitals have a responsibility to improve the health and quality of life for children and families in the communities they serve. At Richmond University Medical Center, we view community benefit as a major part of our role.

This year we were again a major sponsor of the events at Historic Richmond Town. At their BBQ Cook Off and Chili Cook Off, our Community Outreach Specialist, Lorraine Scanni, interacted with attendees to ensure that the Staten Island community knows that Richmond University Medical Center is here for all of their medical needs.

Happenings—In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)

- ⇒ The Spring 2018 High School Medical Education Program kicked off in April with an Orientation in the Sipp Auditorium. 30 students, from six Staten Island high schools, will participate in the 7 week program, doing rotations in Trauma/Nursing, General Medicine, Physical Therapy, Radiology, Lab Technology, Respiratory Care, and Office Practice. This popular program enables Staten Island students to interact with practicing physicians, scientific researchers, medical school students and residents and see firsthand what it takes to pursue a career in a number of medical and scientific fields.
- ⇒ Staten Island Board of Realtors (SIBOR) recently presented Richmond University Medical Center Pediatric Oncology program a \$2,000 check, proceeds from a raffle at the SIBOR Conference. The group also brought spring baskets to the inpatients on the pediatric unit.
- ⇒ Richmond University Medical Center Volunteers and Auxiliary members were honored with a lunch at The Stone House. April was Volunteer Month and we thank and honor all of our volunteers, whose service to our hospital can not be understated.
- ⇒ Our National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) is in full swing. This CDC recognized, 16 week program uses a curriculum related to physical activity, coping mechanisms, healthy eating, and stress management. Spread the word to family and friends, all are welcome. For details please call Gail DeGanness-Hoyte, RN at 718-818-7117 for the classes offered on our Main Campus. For the classes offered at our Amboy Medical Practice please call Brittany Langan at 718-818-1275.
- ⇒ In 2015, West Brighton native Peter Pellegrito, 29, suffered a brain aneurysm and died. As of today, Peter has improved and saved the lives of 35 people. Recently, his mother Susan Donovan Pellegrito shared her story with the Richmond University Medical Center community by joining forces with LiveOnNY. LiveOnNY is a nonprofit organization committed to helping New York live on through organ and tissue donation and to caring for the families touched by donation. They serve as the federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO) for the greater New York City area. For more information on organ donation please visit <https://www.liveonny.org/> or call Patricia Abbruzzese, RN, LNC at 718-818-2129.
- ⇒ 210 people attended the Richmond University Medical Center Designer Purse Bingo. Over \$11,500 was raised for RUMC's Pediatric Department. Thanks all for supporting the event!

May was National Trauma Awareness Month and our specially retrofitted Community Outreach ambulance Tammy has been a busy girl!

Tammy made her debut on April 13th, when 25 local Girl Scouts visited Richmond University Medical Center; on May 8th the Trauma Department and Tammy visited Head Start for basic CPR training and a B-Con bleeding control course for adults; and on May 9th, at the invitation of Officer Heather Dmiszewicki and Officer Jazmin Gorislavsev of the 121st Precinct, Tammy visited the John W. Lavelle Preparatory Charter School to offer a fun-filled educational experience for approximately fifty students.

The Trauma Team at Richmond University Medical Center plans to host and attend events throughout the summer. Tammy will be very busy so stay tuned for more news on Tammy!

Trauma Jackets

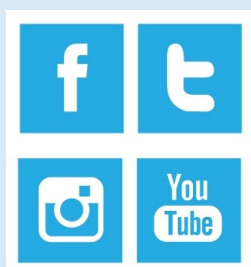
Richard Salhany
Dr. Loren Harris
Dr. Akella Chendrasekhar
Christopher Ruiz
Trish Abbruzzese
Annie Blair
Norman Bondar
Juana Caban
Jacob Carey
Danielle Collyer
Francois Coq
Sean Dennis
David DiPietro
Christopher Dunleavy
Marisa Easop
Maribel Frias
Dawn Giardiello
Maureen Goodwin
Dr. Melissa Grageda
Denise Gregg
Dr. Lance Jung
Dr. Helen Kay
Carlee King
Jean King
Janet Krachougher

Nicholas Lubrano
Ellen Maloney
Morgan McMullen
Lisa Meringolo
Boris Molchanskiy
Joe Moretti
Imelda Moriarty
Todd Mullins
Siobhan Murphy
Suchitra Nemani
Ethel Oconnor
Diane Pecoraro
Giuseppe Priamo
Derek Rias
Wendi Ruiz
Luis Ruiz
Jillian Ruiz
Matthew Ruiz
Justin Ruiz
Alexa Ruiz
Jack Scenna
Jennifer Shapiro
Debra Sicurella
Svetlana Sitner
Kate Sullivan

Taylen Sussex
Steve Tonneson
Jennie Torres-Penida
Kim Wagner
Anesha Wigandt
Nathaniel Williams
Jade Williams
Shaneeka Wood
Christina Youseff
Hany Youssef
Gary Zimmerman
Thomas Zimmerman



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The Public Relations and Marketing Team welcomes your photos and news tips from around our community.

Please send any newsworthy materials Lorraine Scanni at: lscanni@rumcsi.org. Thank you!