

Polk County people in medicine

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WATSON CLINIC

Physician assistant **Kristin Riley** has joined Watson Clinic working alongside internal medicine specialists Drs. **Leslie Coello Echeverry** and **Cindy Kelly** at the Plant City office, 615 E. Alexander St. Certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, Riley received her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education from the University of Florida in Gainesville, her Masters of Science degree in Public Health from the University of South Florida in Tampa and an additional Masters of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Barry University in Miami Shores.

WINTER HAVEN HOSPITAL

Winter Haven Hospital's cardiac rehab team earned its 2018 American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation certification. The certification is awarded for a three-year period.

Family physician Dr. **Nathan Falk** was named the 2018 Florida Academy of Family Physician's Exemplary Full-Time Educator of the Year. Board certified in Sports Medicine and Family Medicine, Falk received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center where he also completed his family medicine residency, completed his Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Uniformed Services University in Washington, D.C., and served as residency faculty and director of sports medicine at Offutt Air Force Base/University of Nebraska where he was the 2012 Faculty of the Year. He will serve as the first program director for the Florida State University College of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program at Winter Haven Hospital.

The Winter Haven Hospital Foundation awarded grants to **Angela Escobar** and **Mia Brooks-Schemmel**, who are pursuing Master's Degrees in Nursing Science. Escobar, an emergency department nurse at Winter Haven Hospital, is currently pursuing her MSN through Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Brooks-Schemmel is Winter Haven Hospital's manager of clinical professional practice and is attending Jacksonville University. The grants were made possible through the generosity of **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rynerson** and in memory of the late **William E. Rynerson**.

Registered nurse **Nyomi Hernandez**, surgical intensive care unit, is the Team Member of the Month for January at Winter Haven Hospital.

Registered nurse **Tori Moore**, emergency department, is the Team Member of the Month for February at Winter Haven Hospital.

BARTOW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Registered nurse **Natasha Schafer**, acute care unit at Bartow Regional Medical Center, was named the DAISY award winner for December.

Registered nurse **Christine Farag**, acute care unit at Bartow Regional Medical Center, was named the DAISY award winner for January.

Sandra Swain, imaging department at Bartow Regional Medical Center, was named Team Member of the Month for January.

Timira Riley, admitting department at Bartow Regional Medical Center, was named Team Member of the Month for February.

LAKE WALES MEDICAL CENTER

Registered Nurse **Stacy Gayle**, a charge nurse since 2017, was named Employee of the Month for January at Lake Wales Medical Center.

POINCIANA MEDICAL CENTER

Monica Jarrett, nuclear medicine tech, was named Employee of the Month for February at Poinciana Medical Center.

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