



# PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES AWARDS BANQUET AND CELEBRATION

*November 2, 2023*



# W E L C O M E

Tonight, we continue a tradition started in 2016 where many of the Texas Panhandle communities, healthcare and nursing organizations across the Texas Panhandle have come together to celebrate the 7th annual Panhandle Great 25 Nurses! With the initial vision of a handful of nursing leaders, along with the generous support and hard work of many individuals and businesses, we are able to make tonight's celebration a continued reality. We have applauded the practice, caring, and compassion of nurses across the Texas Panhandle and celebrated our professions' successes through the years. Tonight, we celebrate and honor not only great nurses, but also the Art and Science of Nursing as a profession. The event coordinators set forth to create scholarships so that our own Panhandle nurses could enhance their education to better meet the healthcare needs of their communities. It is our mission to recognize Registered Nurses for their caring, compassionate service in the Texas Panhandle. Nurses have had a powerful frontline presence for many years demonstrating a high degree of critical thinking skills and sound decision-making as they care for

their patients in multiple healthcare settings and communities. Four million and growing strong, nurses represent the backbone, brain, heart and soul of the healthcare system and continue to be the most trusted profession. **NURSES drive Healthcare.**

All profits from donations and sponsorships for the event is used to provide scholarships for RN students enrolled in various nursing programs. Whether just beginning or advancing their nursing careers, the awardees will enhance patient care in their respective communities and advance the profession of nursing.

Thank you for being here to celebrate these phenomenal nurses. Thank you for celebrating our 7th annual Panhandle Great 25 Nurses tonight. And thank you for supporting the Panhandle Great 25 Nurses!

**Valerie Kiper, DNP, MSN, RN, NEA-BC**  
Founder-Panhandle Great 25 Nurses

**Richard Pullen, EdD, RN, MSN, RN, CNE, CNE-cl, ANEF, FAAN**  
Co-Founding member-Panhandle Great 25 Nurses

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# AGENDA

*7th Annual Panhandle Great 25 Nurses*

*Thursday, November 2, 2023*

*The Embassy Suites*

*Amarillo, Texas*

**5:45 pm - 6:30 pm**

**Registration and Reception**

**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**PROGRAM**

- **Invocation**

Ruth Whitehead, RN - TNA District 2

- **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Dr. Valerie Kiper/ Dr. Richard Pullen  
Panhandle Great 25 Nurses, Co-Chairs

- **“Honoring Nursing- the Most Trusted Profession”**

Dr. Brian Weis: Professor and Interim Regional Dean –  
School of Medicine Texas Tech University Health Science  
Center

- **Recognition of 2023 Scholarship Recipients**

Ms. Ali Allison & Ms. Carolyn Witherspoon, RN-  
Scholarship Committee Chair

- **Scholarship Recipient Address**

Emily Lance - WTAMU Traditional Undergraduate BSN  
student

- **Presentation of 2023 Panhandle Great 25 Nurses**

Ms. Ali Allison

- **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Richard Pullen/Dr. Valerie Kiper



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# PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



**Kati Alley, Ph.D., MSN, BSN, RN, CEN, LP, NREMT-P**

*Hereford Regional Medical Center - Emergency Department Director and Trauma Program Coordinator - 19 years*

I am very honored to receive this award. I want to thank all the nurses, coworkers, friends, family and patients that I have encountered along my nursing journey. This award is not about me, it is about them. I could not be the nurse I am without these people and their continued support and encouragement.



**Tiffany Bateman, BSN, RN**

*BSA - Amarillo Breastfeeding Mommas Administrator and Lead Lactation Consultant - 33 years*

I am deeply honored to be recognized for a job that I have given so much time and passion to. As a subspecialty, it is deeply important and I feel like this award raises the bar for what we do with such love.



**Madison Byersmith, BSN, RN**

*BSA - Pediatric ICU Staff Nurse - 7 years*

Receiving this award is a great encouragement to my heart. We don't do this job for accolades of course, but being recognized in this way is both humbling and meaningful. It is a reminder that all we experience as nurses is making a difference.



**Sonja Clark, MSN, RN**

*Bell Helicopter -Site Leader, Amarillo facility - 27 years*

It's a profound honor to be among the individuals who share a commitment to nursing and being selected for the Panhandle Great 25 nurses. We have a set of transferable skills that propel organizations forward. I appreciate the selection committee's acknowledgment of those accomplishments outside a traditional healthcare setting.



**Cindy Ellis, RN**

*NWTHS / JO Wyatt Clinic - Quality Management Supervisor - Diploma Graduate of NWTH - 46 years*

When I received the call, I was surprised, overwhelmed and tearful. To be Recognized and HONORED with a PRESTIGIOUS TOP AWARD for a career I love, gives me a feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment. Thank you, Nominators and Wyatt, this award could not be possible without each one of you.

# PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



**Sahala Gaillard, BSN, RN**

*Gruver ISD District Nurse - 23 years*

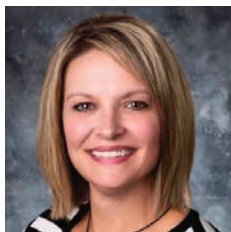
I am honored to receive this award. I am blessed to work with a wonderful supportive team at Gruver ISD and enjoy having a part in the success of our community and our students.



**Cassandra Good, BSN, RN**

*Brightstar Care Assistant Director of Nursing - 9 years*

I am blessed to be in this profession, and it is an incredible feeling to be nominated for this award. I have been blessed by God to have such a great job and team to work with that I couldn't be where I am, without them.



**Denise Gouldy, MSN, RNC-OB**

*NWTHS Director of the Women Infant Health Department - 34 years*

I am honored to receive this distinguished award given by my peers. Nursing is a role where I can make a meaningful difference in people's lives by offering comfort, support, and expertise. I share this award with my family, colleagues, mentors, and the Women Infant Health Department.



**Janet Hillers, RN**

*BSA Labor and Delivery Staff Nurse - 40 years*

I feel very blessed to be recognized with this prestigious award for doing the job that I love. As I enter the last few years of my OB/Gyn career this makes me feel as though maybe I have made a difference in the lives of many women and families.



**Marla Hinsley, RN**

*NWTHS / JO Wyatt Clinic - Director of the NWTH JO Wyatt clinic, Women's and Children's NE clinic and Women's and Children's SE clinic - 32 years*

I am so honored and privileged to be chosen to receive this prestigious award. I am blessed to be able to care for patients as well as lead and nurture fellow nurses in their journey. Recognition for doing what I love is humbling.



**Collette Loftin, PhD, RN CNE**

*WTAMU Professor, Interim Department Head of Nursing & Research - 44 years*

I am honored to have been selected as one of the Panhandle Great 25 Nurses! Nursing is a collaborative profession and without the support of many brilliant nurses, I know I would not have been considered for this honor. I thank the committee for all the work that goes into this event.



**Angela Looten, BSN, RN, RNC-OB**

*BSA Labor and Delivery RN - 45+ years*

I am honored and humbled to receive this award. Nursing is a very rewarding vocation. I really do love what I do! But some days are harder than others. It is also nice to have that pat on your back to say, "you did good."



**Suzette Meeker, RN**

*Coon Memorial Hospital - Dallam Hartley County Hospital District Trauma Coordinator - 15 years*

To receive this award is truly a humbling honor and blessing which is very difficult to put into words. I work alongside so many amazing nurses deserving of this award as well. I couldn't do what I do as a nurse without the love and support that surrounds me.



**Ellen Nelson, RN**

*BSA Director of Nursing Services, Vascular Access, and IP Wound Care - 17 years*

I am honored to have been chosen as a Panhandle Great 25 Nurse. Throughout my nursing career I have been blessed with many opportunities. I am surrounded by extraordinary nurses every day and am proud to be part of this illustrious group.



**Lori Rabe, RN, MSN FNP-BC, CPNP**

*Fox Rural Health Clinic - Childress Vice President of Clinical Services at Fox Rural Health clinic and a Family/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - 21 years*

Nurses provide essential care, compassion and expertise, often working tirelessly to save lives and comfort patients. I am honored to be among those named this evening, I am honored to be a nurse.

# PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



**Colleen Robison, BSN, RN**

*Plains Memorial Hospital - Dimmitt Swing Bed Coordinator, Utilization Review Coordinator, and Trauma Program Manager - 42 years*

I am very humbled and honored to be thought of as a great nurse. Looking back over my career I have only tried to do my best to take care of my patients, my family and myself. My dad always taught me to "Remember who you are and always do your best."

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**Elizabeth Rodriguez, RN**

*Amarillo VA Medical Center Outpatient Specialty Clinic Registered Nurse - 7 years*

I am truly honored to receive this recognition. I thank everyone who has influenced my career, especially family, friends, and colleagues. Nursing is my passion. Being recognized for doing something I love is a great motivator to continue providing the best care for my patients and their families.

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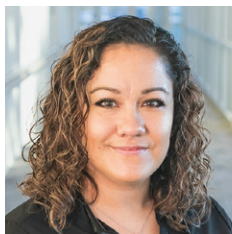


**Jennifer Sabbe, BSN, RN, CCRN**

*NWTHS Charge Nurse Surgical Intensive Care Unit - 23 years*

I feel very honored, humbled, grateful, and valued. I have always loved what I do and can't imagine doing anything different. Being recognized as one of the 25 Panhandle Great Nurses is one of my proudest accomplishments in my professional career.

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**Sonia Santos, RN**

*BSA Resource/float pool - 13 years*

I started at BSA in 2004, I have loved being in resource because I get to experience the joy of helping people of every age from birth to 100 year olds. Being chosen for this award reinforces all the hard work and love I pour into my every day's work.

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**Kendra Smith, BSN, RNC-OB**

*BSA Nurse Manager Labor & Delivery and Postpartum - 14 years*

To be recognized among so many incredible nurses is very humbling. I do my job because I love what I do and I'm truly honored to be recognized.





**Teresa Smoot, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, CNE**

*WTAMU Instructor, Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner Program - 38 years*

It is such an honor to be able to represent the profession of nursing with this award. Without the grace of God and the many wonderful mentors who have supported and taught me throughout my career, I would not be where I am today. I am truly grateful.



**Gary Tabor, RN, BSN**

*BSA Staff RN/Relief charge nurse/Shift Supervisor at BSA Orthopaedics and Neurology - 20 years*

I am truly humbled to receive this honor. As a recipient I am but a reflection of those Great Nurses I have had the honor and privilege of working with. I thank God for placing me where He has for His purpose.



**Sourì Thephaphine, RN**

*BSA Charge Nurse - 27 years*

I'm grateful to be among the Top 25 Nurses. I would like to thank my directors and managers that have given me the opportunity to be in the role that I am in. Also want to thank the nurses and techs I have worked with over the years and Kelyn for nominating me.



**Brenda Lee Williams, APRN, CPNP-PC**

*NWTHS Women's and Children's Healthcare Center Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - 49 years*

This honor is an unbelievable surprise. To be nominated and given this honor is heartfelt. I love my job! My high standard of care is supported and made possible by my nurse, ancillary staff, peers, and supervising physician. To be recommended by my peers for this honor is heartfelt.



**Kristen Yoder, BSN, RN**

*Randall High School, Canyon ISD Health Science Technology Teacher - 14 years*

I have had many amazing nurses as mentors/educators in my life (including my mom). They poured their knowledge & compassion into me. I have been doing my best to do the same for my patients & now my students. It means so much to me to be recognized for that.

# 2023 PANHANDLE GREAT 25 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## ADN



**Rylee McKay**  
*Employed at BSA.  
Amarillo College*

**Ashley Palser**  
*Employed at BSA.  
Amarillo College*



## Traditional BSN



**Citlali Botello**  
*Employed at  
Twin Peaks.  
WTAMU*



**Emily Faith Lance**  
*Full time student and  
president of WTAMU  
student nursing association  
WTAMU*



**Jenny Trinh**  
*Full time student.  
TTUHSC*

## BSN SECOND DEGREE



**Taylor Renee Holguin**  
*Full time student.  
TTUHSC*

**Haley Jones**  
*Employed at  
Advanced Pain Care.  
WTAMU FNP*



## MSN



# 2022 & 2021 HONOREES PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



## 2022 Panhandle GREAT 25 Nurses

**Suzanne Anderson, RN** - Northwest Texas Healthcare System

**Mayra Barber, RN** - City of Amarillo Public Health Department

**Rhonda Billington, RN** - BSA

**Ashley Biskup, RN, BSN** - Emergency Room Travel Nurse

**Julia Burkhard, RN, BSN** - BSA

**Alice Conner, RN** - BSA

**Andrea DeLoach, MSN, RN, CEN, CPHQ** - Northwest Texas Healthcare System

**Priscilla Gann, MPAS, BSN, RN, PA-C, CNOR, CNAMB, CCRN** - Thomas E. Creek Department of Veteran Affairs

**Aaron Gann, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CNE** - Amarillo College Vocational Nursing

**Silvia Garbalena-Esparza, CNM, APRN, RNC-NIC** - Beyond Birth Midwifery and Birth Haven-Owner

**Ricardo Granados, RN, CEN, LP, NREMT-P** - Thomas E. Creek Department of Veteran Affairs and Hereford EMS

**Jill Haynes, RN, BSN** - Northwest Texas Healthcare System

**Allison Henry, RN, BSN, CIC** - Thomas E. Creek Department of Veteran Affairs

**Mary Irwin, BSN, RN** - Cook Children's Regional Specialty Clinic

**Holly Jeffreys, DNP APRN FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, CRHCP** - WTAMU, Rural Health Clinics in the Texas Panhandle.

**Polly Johnson, RN** - Family Medicine Center/Carexpress Canyon

**Lexi McAnally, RN, BSN** - Hansford County Hospital

**Teresa McClain, RN, BSN, CPHRM, LNC-CSp, CP** - Northwest Texas Healthcare System

**Jamie Milton, BSN, RNC-NIC** - BSA

**Teresa Moore, RN** - BSA

**Sheryl Mueller, MSN, MSED, RN** - Amarillo College Professor and Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program Director (retired 2014)

**Ashley Paetzold, RN** - BSA

**Jacinda Perez, RN-BC** - BSA

**Hazel Plexico, RN - BC** - BSA

**Melissa Smith, BSN, RN** - Amarillo Independent School District School, Heal the City

## 2021 Panhandle GREAT 25 Nurses

**Jessica Albracht, CCRN BSN, RN** - BSA Health System

**Eric Bose, BSN-CCRN, RRT-AACS ICU RN** - Department of Veterans Affairs

**Sharon Brewer, MSN, RN, CNE** - Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Nursing

**Dana Brookwalter, RN** - BSA Health System

**Devin Carpenter, RN** - Parmer Medical Center

**Brenda Chandler, BSN, RN, CPHON** - Texas Tech University Health Science Center, NWTSHS

**Ronda Crow, RN, BSN, MAM, CSRN** - Moore County Hospital District

**Treiva Daniels, MSN, RN** - Amarillo College

**Kristin De Los Santos, BSN, RN** - Deaf Smith County Hospital District

**Elizabeth Favela, BSN, RNC-NIC, CLC** - Coalition of Health Services

**Brenda Graham, BSN, RN** - BSA Health System

**Glenda Harris, MSN, RN, CNOR, CGRN** - BSA Health System

**Hong Hong, RN** - BSA Health System

**Theresa King, RN** - BSA Health System

**Cami Meason, BSN, RN** - BSA Health System

**Patricia Miranda, BSN, RN** - Amarillo Independent School District

**Jennifer Peters, BSN, RNC-OB** - BSA Health System

**Angela Phillips, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNN** - West Texas A&M University

**Kiki Ralston, CNO, RN, CPhT, CST** - Coon Memorial Hospital

**Amanda (Mandy) Richardson, SN, RN** - BSA Health System

**Sandy Richardson, RNC BSN, certified in Neonatal ICN** - BSA Health System

**John Schnatz, FNPC, MSN, BSN, ADN, CCRN** - Panhandle Surgical Group

**Shelly Seth, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, ACNP-BC, CCRNk, CNEcl, FCCS** - Texas Tech University

**Erika Soria, RN, BSN, CCRN** - Northwest Texas Healthcare System

**Sally Swan, BSN, RN, EMT** - Spearman ISD and Hansford County EMS

# 2019 & 2018 HONOREES PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



## 2019 Panhandle GREAT 25 Nurses

**Michelle Adkins, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Zanne Baxter, RN, MSCRN** – BSA Health System  
**Terri Bradford, BSN, RN** – City of Amarillo Public Health  
**Dr. Marietta Branson, DHSc, MSN, RNC** – WTAMU School of Nursing (ret.)  
**Kim Broom, BSN, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Jan Cannon, MSN, RN** – Amarillo College  
**Chelsey Castillo, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Stephanie Chestnut, BSN, RN, CCRN** – BSA Health System  
**Melinda Conway, BSN, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Traci Doss, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Jessica Hawley, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Leandra Henthorn, BSN, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Shelby Hill, BSN, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Lindsey Kinard, BSN, RN** – BSA Health System

**Jaimee Lovelady, APRN, FNP-C, MSN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Steve Marshall, RN, BS., CFRN, NREMT-P** – LifeStar Air Ambulance  
**Jamie Martin, BSN, RN** – Coon Memorial Hospital, Dalhart, Texas  
**Ryan Roberson, BSN, RN, CCRN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Leisa Robinson, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Yolaine Robinson, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Aaron Rowe, BSN, RN, ATCN** – Travel Nursing  
**Natalie Schettino, RN, RN-BC** – BSA Health System  
**Kathy Shipp, MSN, FNP, RN** – WTAMU School of Nursing  
**Rose Ann Smith, MSN, BSN, RN, NPC** – WTAMU School Nursing & Hospice of the Southwest  
**Cassandra Villa, BSN, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System

## 2018 Panhandle GREAT 25 Nurses

**Melanie Allen, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Beth Attebury, BSN, RN, RNC-OB, MBA-HCA** – Childress Regional Medical Center  
**Tony Badillo, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Adonna Ballard, MSN, RN** – Region 16 Education Service Center  
**John Blakley, BSN, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Sis Bond, RN** – Kindred Hospice  
**Christine Brewer, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Darla Caldwell, BSN, RN, CPPS** – BSA Health System  
**Abbie Cano, BSN, RN** – Borger Independent School District  
**Shirley Collins, BSN, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Lisa Formby, RN** – Hereford Independent School District  
**Machelle Funtek, RN, CCRN, CVN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System/Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Jay Griggs, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Angie Hamilton, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System

**Elizabeth Hammond, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Carolyn Hudson, MSN, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Verena Johnson, MSN, RN, CNE** – Amarillo College  
**Clint LaFever, BSN, RN, MHA** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Dustin Lambert, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, VA-BC** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Yessenia Longoria, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CCCTM** – Moore County Hospital District  
**Misti Moore, BSN, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Melissa Peavey, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Teri Quattlebaum, BSN, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Charlene Seale, DNP, RN, FNP-C, VA-BC** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Susan Stach, BSN, RN** – Region 16 Education Service Center  
**Jessica Welch, BSN, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Jean Whitehead, BSN, RN, MHA, EMT-B** – Amarillo Independent School District

# 2017 & 2016 HONOREES PANHANDLE GREAT 25 NURSES



## 2017 Panhandle GREAT 25 Nurses

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**Imagene Bradford, RN** – Retired RN  
**Robert Brown, RN** – Children's Home Healthcare  
**Belinda Gibson, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Michele Gorday, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Kylie Griffitt, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Jesus Hernandez, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Teresa Herrera, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Brent Hickmott, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Mary Holcomb, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Kristina Hudson, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Jana Kidd, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Marilyn May, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Lisa Miller, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Melissa Miller, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System

**Jennifer Moore, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Farley Naples, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Becky O'Neal, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Louise Osteen, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Crystal Ramos, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Glenda Sappington, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Candice Smith, RN** – Hereford Regional Medical Center  
**Leanna Tijerina, RN** – Amarillo VA Health Care System  
**Lisa Touma, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Michelle Wells, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**David Williams, RN** – BSA Health System

## 2016 Panhandle GREAT 25 Nurses

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**Kristi Baca, RN** – Coon Memorial Hospital  
**Susan Cooper Bailey, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Leslie Collier, RN** – Children's Home Health  
**Danielle Contreras, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Bettie Lou Burk Crouch, RN** – Hemphill County Hospital  
**Danneva Eddleman, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Deloris Ellibee, RN** – Moore County Hospital  
**Kelly Galloway, RN** – Coon Memorial Hospital  
**Nancy Patricia Griego, RN** – Herford Rural Clinic  
**Christopher Heath, RN** – Neighbors Emergency Center  
**Betty Henry, RN (retired)** – West Texas A&M University  
**Terrah Jamandron, RN** – Neighbors Emergency Center  
**Suzanna Jarrell, RN** – Ochiltree General Hospital

**Meri Killingsworth, RN** – Hereford Regional Medical Center  
**Dr. Valerie Kiper, DNP, RN, NEA-BC** – Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Nursing  
**Lesley Pierce, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Laura Reyher, MSN, RN** – West Texas A&M University  
**Kimberly Riddlespurger, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**John B. Sappington, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Kate Schaefer, RN** – Childress Regional Medical Center  
**Norma Pina Smith, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Bonnie Stull, RN** – Coon Memorial Hospital  
**Courtney Terrel, RN** – Northwest Texas Healthcare System  
**Carolyn Veteto, RN** – BSA Health System  
**Nora Wells, RN** – Moore County Hospital



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