



**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Palmetto Gold Celebration**  
**100 South Carolina Nurses Honored for Excellence**

**Columbia, S.C.** – Palmetto Gold is pleased to honor 100 registered nurses across the state of South Carolina who are receiving the prestigious Palmetto Gold award for nursing this year. This accolade celebrates nurses who exemplify excellence in nursing practice and commitment to the nursing profession.

Each year, nurses are selected for Palmetto Gold through a nomination and selection process that includes nurses from across South Carolina in a variety of practice settings. Each recipient promotes and advances the nursing profession in a positive way; displays exceptional caring and commitment to patients, families, student nurses and colleagues; demonstrates leadership; assists others in growth and development; and promotes the profession of nursing through civic and community activities. The nurses are recognized at an annual gala. To date, 2,100 nurses have received this award.

Stacy Collier, the chair of Palmetto Gold, says, "In celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> year of acknowledging Registered Nurses in South Carolina, we are delighted to recognize this year's 100 outstanding nurses. Their unwavering commitment to the profession and those they serve is truly inspirational."

Importantly, Palmetto Gold supports the future of nursing by using proceeds from the gala to provide nursing scholarships to registered nurse undergraduate programs in South Carolina. Palmetto Gold awarded the first scholarships in 2003. In 2008, Palmetto Gold created the Renetta Loquist Graduate Nursing Scholarship in honor of a member of the original Palmetto Gold committee and a leader in nursing in South Carolina. Palmetto Gold has now awarded more than \$525,800 in nursing scholarships.

Palmetto Gold began in 2002 when a coalition of nurse leaders in South Carolina formed a statewide nursing recognition program that would showcase the valuable contributions nurses make to patient care and would raise money to provide scholarships.

This year's Palmetto Gold gala is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 in Columbia.

A full list of this year's honorees is attached.

For more information about Palmetto Gold, visit [SCPalmettoGold.org](http://SCPalmettoGold.org).

## **Congratulations to the 2024 Palmetto Gold Recipients**

### **AnMed Cannon**

Sarah Valdivia Herron

### **Beaufort Memorial Hospital**

Jaime Cuff  
Kevin Kremer

### **Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center**

Ginger Yengel  
Jennifer Jones  
Karen Butler  
Laurie Jones  
Storm Beasley

### **Cherokee Medical Center**

Christina Estes  
Jaurie Russell  
Jennifer Smith  
Wendi McLemore

### **Clemson University School of Nursing**

Casey Hopkins  
Leslie Ravan

### **CM Tucker Stone Pavilion**

Lashonda Mayfield

### **Colleton Medical Center**

Rebecca Hayden

### **Columbia VA Health Care System**

Carolyn Birchmore  
La Tonya White  
Linda Branham Kirkland  
Mildred T. Evans  
Misty Davis

### **G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital**

Alma Thaggard-Singleton  
Renia Davis  
Stephanie E. Averette

### **HCA Healthcare | South Atlantic Division**

Shara Rhodes

### **HopeHealth**

Ashley Arrington  
Christine Gordon  
Dana Jones

### **Lexington Medical Center**

Jay Hamm

### **McLeod Health – Corporate**

Kristen Miller

### **McLeod Health Dillon**

Bambi Flowers  
Crystal Arnette  
Jennifer Rogers  
Joni Butler  
Kasey Bustamante  
Leanne Allard

### **McLeod Health Loris**

Eric Johnson  
Jennifer Lawson

### **McLeod Outpatient Surgery Center**

Morgan Gray

### **McLeod Regional Medical Center**

Caleb Loveless  
Nicole Spencer  
Pamela Worthy  
William Hobbs, Jr.

### **Medical University of South Carolina**

Andrew Bacon  
Jennifer Hajj  
Kaiden Rigdon  
Stefanie Keegan

### **Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing**

Kathleen Lindell  
Sarah Miller  
Simone Chinnis

### **MUSC Health Black River Medical Center**

Mary Lois Huggins  
Meggin Miller

### **MUSC Health Florence Medical Center**

Monica Moses  
Renetha Staggers

### **Pelham Medical Center**

Michelle Flowers

**Prisma Health Baptist Easley Hospital**

Ashley Albert  
Chris Bowers  
Jennifer Davis  
Taquella Young

**Prisma Health Baptist Parkridge**

Hsin Hsuan (Sophia) Fleming  
Leigh Anna Chambers

**Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital**

Cameka Jackson  
Cassie Mueller  
Sarah Miles

**Prisma Health Heart Hospital**

Jamie S. Hepps

**Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital**

Amanda Bennett

**Prisma Health Oconee Memorial Hospital**

Diana McIntyre  
Kayla Witthoef  
Keila Pilgrim  
Kristin Gonzalez  
Tracie Smith

**Prisma Health Richland Hospital**

Lynn Wellman  
Richard Lee

**Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center**

Jennifer Neville

**Roper Hospital**

Allyson Colvin  
Austin Bren  
Donnel Jones

**Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital**

Christina Black  
Susan Alvarado

**Roper St. Francis Healthcare**

Marissa Jamarik

**S.C. Community Faith Nurses Association**

**LifeSprings Consulting Group, LLC**

Marisette Hasan

**S.C. DHEC Central Office**

Lauren T. Mitchell

**S.C. DHEC Lowcountry**

Cardwell Melissa  
Elizabeth Teague  
Jessica Altman  
Tammy Gottshalk  
Tracey Yazvac

**S.C. DHEC Upstate**

Jordan Laird

**Self-Regional Healthcare**

Anthony Richards  
Brandi Strickland  
Samantha Beauford

**Spartanburg Medical Center, Church Street Campus**

Brittany Cole  
Shelly McMillan

**Spartanburg Medical Center, Mary Black Campus**

Shanetta Johnson

**Tidelands Health**

Ashley Pritchett  
Samantha Montague-Smith

**University of South Carolina Aiken**

Mary Gaffney

**University of South Carolina College of Nursing**

Cynthia Corbett  
Dwayne Alleyne  
Lori Lynn Vick

