

» Turning the tassel

It's not everyday that a high school graduation ceremony is held in a hospital room. But since Glenda "Lynn" Morales, an 18-year-old student at Coulhoun High School in Port Lavaca, near Victoria, was unable to attend her commencement service on June 5, her school principal and classmates brought it to her.

On June 6, Lynn, dressed in cap and gown, walked across her hospital room, so to speak, to receive her hard earned diploma, surrounded by friends, family and caring staff in the Reeves Rehab Unit, 7th Floor.

Lynn was on her way home May 11, when another driver ran into her vehicle. She was flown to University Hospital, and has been recovering from a serious head injury and broken bones ever since.

More than ever she looks forward to attending college and pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse.

Lynn's mom, whose name is also Glenda, is thankful her daughter is alive and thrilled that she didn't have to miss graduation. "It just wouldn't be the same if she didn't graduate in the presence of the people she loves. She's been looking forward to graduation day all year long and has worked so hard at school."

Lynn hopes to return home this month and start nursing school in the Fall.



Glenda "Lynn" Morales



Glenda "Lynn" Morales receives her diploma from Coulhoun High School principal.

ProgressNOTES

EXEMPLARY PSYCHIATRY AWARD
Sally Taylor, M.D., psychiatrist, University Detention Services, was presented with the 2009 Exemplary Psychiatrist Award by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a national support group for persons with mental illness and their families. Dr. Taylor was nominated by the local San Antonio chapter. There were only two physicians from Texas who received this honor, including Dr. Taylor. The award was presented in San Francisco during the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting in May.

FAREWELL
Dr. Jim Legler, medical informatics officer, Information Services, University Hospital, is leaving University Health System (UHS). Dr. Legler has dedicated 15 years of service to UHS. A special farewell reception is scheduled for June 26 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Foundation Room, 3rd Floor, University Hospital. Dr. Legler plans to go back to practicing pediatric care. He will be greatly missed by all of his colleagues and friends.

RETIREMENT
Darlene Bunten, medical tech, chemical pathology department, is retiring on June 18 after 10 years of dedicated service to UHS. A retirement celebration is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Foundation Room, 3rd Floor, University Hospital.

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A Newsletter for Employees of University Health System

»»... When you need minor medical care

A new acute care clinic for University Health System (UHS) employees with minor illness or injury is now open Wednesday and Thursday mornings at University Hospital. The Get U Well Clinic is located in the Employee Health Clinic and open from 7:30 - 11 a.m. on these two mornings. Appointments are not needed.

Minor illnesses that might require minimal tests or a prescription can be treated, but not evaluations of ongoing illnesses. Illnesses or injuries that might require hospitalization or surgery cannot be seen either.

Employees treated in the Get U Well Clinic will pay a \$15 co-pay, as they do for all office visits on the University Family Care Plan. Employees not on the Family Care Plan can also use this clinic. The \$15 co-pay must be payroll deducted.

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»»... Celebrating our DAISY Award honoree



Jessie Welker

Our DAISY Award recipient for the month of May is Jessie Welker, RN, CMSRN, of the Hartman Surgical Pavilion, 12th Floor, University Hospital.

Jessie, a staff III nurse, personifies UHS' mission to provide a positive patient experience. She has always proven to be an asset to her unit by serving as an exceptional nurse to all patients and their families.

She is also a leader, mentor and friend to others working on her unit. Jessie is noted as a very giving person who always provides guidance and understanding in a very compassionate way.

Every day Jessie goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that her patients receive the best care possible. She's an excellent nurse and friend to each patient she cares for.

The Daisy Award is presented to an extraordinary UHS nurse each month.



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The "Groundhog Job Shadow Day" at University Hospital on May 14 was a tremendous success. The special event hosted by University Health System's Learning Resources Department, in collaboration with San Antonio Junior Achievement included a group of Edison High School students interested in learning more about health careers.

The students shadowed employees working in Physical Therapy, the Emergency Center, NICU, Radiology, PACU, OR, Telemetry and Information Services.



UHS vice president/chief information officer Bill Phillips with his job shadow student Sylvia Castro, from Edison High School.

After their shadowing experience, students and mentors were treated to lunch. Jean Setzer, VP, Strategic Planning, and Francine Crockett, VP, Supply Chain Management, both offered words of inspiration to students.

Sandra Villarreal, with Edison High School's *Communities In Schools* program was thrilled with all aspects of the event. "Thanks for organizing a great job shadow experience for the Edison students. My girls are still talking about the trip!"

As a result of the event, she says some of the students tell her they are now planning to pursue a career in nursing.

» It's all about our community



Ribbon-cutting ceremony. (From left to right) Oscar Ramirez, executive director, Avenida Guadalupe Association; Charles L. Kight, CFHP president/CEO; Isaac Cardenas, director, programs, American Indians of Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions; Gloria Kemper, member, CFHP Board of Directors; Dianna M. Burns, M.D., chair, CFHP Quality Improvement Committee.

Community First Health Plans (CFHP) celebrated the grand opening of its new Community Outreach Office with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony and children's fair last month.

Located in the west side of San Antonio, in Avenida Guadalupe, the office provides members the opportunity to meet with outreach staff who can assist with questions about their health plan benefits.

The office address is 1410 Guadalupe Street, Suite 222. If you have questions about the services offered at this location, please call 227-2347 or visit the Website at www.cfhp.com.

» Because your health comes first

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Before you sign in to the Get U Well Clinic, answer these questions:

- Do you have a temperature of over 103°?
- Are you pregnant?
- Do you have an immunocompromised condition?
- Are you wheezing or experiencing tightness in your chest?
- Do you have a stiff neck with severe pain?
- Are you feeling extremely ill and lethargic?

- Are you having chest pain?
 - Do you have severe abdominal pain?
- If you answered yes to any of these questions, you need to see your PCP, ExpressMed or the Emergency Center. These conditions are not treated in the Get U Well Clinic.

Some of the conditions the Get U Well Clinic can treat include:

- Allergies
- Athletes Foot
- Bladder Infections
- Bronchitis

- Ear Infections
- Mild Eye Infections
- Minor Burns
- Ringworm
- Shingles
- Sinus Infections
- Suture Removal
- Swimmer's Ear
- Throat Infections

If you have further questions about the Get U Well Clinic, please call ext. 8-1627.

»... Making miracle memories

The University Health System (UHS) Foundation 2009 Medical Miracles Gala, held May 7 at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel, was a huge success.

Thanks to Platinum Sponsor support from WellMed and the live auction, the gala netted a little over \$168,000.



Nicholas Velasquez

One of the most emotionally moving and unique aspects of this gala is hearing from the Medical Miracles Honoree.

This year's honoree was 8-year-old Nicholas Velasquez.

Nicholas and his family were hit by a drunk driver, going against traffic on 1604, in August of 2007. Nicholas suffered massive



Ronald Stewart, M.D., Trauma Medical Director, University Hospital, presents 8-year-old Nicholas Velasquez with the 2009 Medical Miracles Award, during the event on May 7.

injuries, and was rushed to University Hospital and spent months in the pediatric intensive care unit. Today he is back at school and walking.

Once again, KENS-TV 5 Medical Reporter Wendy Rigby served as mistress of ceremonies for the gala.

Proceeds will benefit Foundation projects and programs such as Nursing Scholarships, the Burned Children's Fund, Safety Seats and the Neonatal ICU, just to name a few. For more information, please call the UHS Foundation staff at 358-9860.

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The University Health System Foundation wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to the many individuals and organizations whose time and contributions made the gala such a tremendous success.

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