

LIM AND LaRock TOP WINNERS



*Mary Denton Award Winner
Mildrima Lim*

She is described as one who has two defining characteristics: “Her ability to make you feel special and her tremendous work ethic.”

She is Mildrima Lim, the director of nursing at Life Care Center of Yuma, Ariz., and the 2013 winner of the Mary Denton Award, the highest honor a nurse in Life Care can receive. It was announced at the annual meeting of directors of nursing in Cleveland last week. Lim was unable to attend because of health issues, but joined the ceremony via Skype.

“Each and every day, Mildrima strives to ensure that our patients are given the compassionate care they deserve,” said Jeff Pittard, executive director. “Mildrima just makes you feel important. She has a very personal connection with the staff and does an extraordinary job in bringing out the best in each one.”

Recipient of the Company-Wide Director of Nursing of the Year Award is Nancy LaRock from Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton, Mass. She was hailed for leading the nursing department to achieving three deficiency-free state inspections and maintaining a culture of excellence at the facility that enabled the center to achieve five-star status for the past several years.

Other winners included:

Division Directors of Nursing of the Year – Carol Slupianek, Life Care Center of Elkhorn, Neb., Central Division; Tammy Hiott, Life Care Center of Charleston, S.C., Eastern Division; Kelly Silva, Hale Anuenue Restorative Care Center in Hilo, Hawaii, Mountain States Division; Mary Ellen Forster, Life Care Center of the North Shore in Lynn, Mass., Northeast Division; Joan Maca, Life Care Center of McMinnville, Ore., Northwest Division; Wendy Kelley, Life Care Center of Punta Gorda, Fla., Southeast Division; and Lindsay Sanchez, Life Care Center of Bountiful, Utah, Southwest Division.



*Company-Wide Director
of Nursing of the Year Award
Winner Nancy LaRock*

Joint Commission Initial Accreditation – Amber Bray, Life Care Center of Crossville, Tenn.

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Deficiency-Free Surveys in Nursing – Jenell Burger, Life Care Center of LaGrange, Ind.; Tammy Hiott, Life Care Center of Charleston, S.C.; Virginia Robertson, Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate, Mass.; Tina Correia, Evergreen House Health Center in East Providence, R.I.; Patricia Sherman (in absentia), Life Care Center of West Bridgewater, Mass.; Jamie Livchak, Life Care Center of Elyria, Ohio; Liza Alvarado (in absentia), Mayfair Village Nursing Care Center in Columbus, Ohio; Mary Ellen Forster, Life Care Center of the North Shore in Lynn, Mass.; Kristen Rush, Life Care Center of Kennewick, Wash.; and John Sitienei, Life Care Center of Plano, Texas.

All of these winners show, by administration of their skills in a spirit of compassion, the heart of our mission. We congratulate them all.

– Beecher Hunter