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Elaine Joyal, RN, Patient Care; and Barbara Saleeba, RN, Center for Rehabilitation, Memorial Hospital

Good day!

This week marks the unofficial start of summer season, with the week of July 4 being one of the most popular for vacation. For me, summer is all about cheering on the Red Sox, enjoying time on Cape Cod and having great get-togethers with family and friends. (I may have to “rethink” cheering on the Red Sox!)

What about you?

We asked a few folks from across Care New England what they liked best about summer. Here’s what you had to say.

“Working outside for a living, I can say it’s definitely not the heat, unless I’m spending time at the beach with my daughters. My favorite part of summer is the many family cookouts that allow you to take those much needed breaks from the busy work week and just relax, unwind and re-energize with the people you love.”

*Scott Parker, Head Groundskeeper
Butler Hospital*

“My favorite part of summer is eating family dinner outside on the deck.”

*Jessica Zira, Emergency Services/Providence Police Dept.
The Providence Center*

“The long days, and the beaches!”

*Bernice Perez, CSR Intake
VNA of Care New England*

“The living is easier! The kids aren’t in school, so they’re free to be themselves. It makes for a much less stressful day.”

*Linda Hunt, Administration
Women & Infants*

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“Black Raspberry Chocolate Chip frozen yogurt from the ice cream stand at the end of our street. It’s only open in the summer.”

*Sandra Coletta, Administration
EVP, Chief Operating Officer
Care New England*

“Every July we get on the earliest ferry over to Block Island near our anniversary date and spend the whole day on the beach, walking, shopping, and just being together. Then we take the last ferry back and watch the sun set. Just together doing nothing but holding hands and reconnecting.”

*Kathleen Savaria, Lab - Summitt
Phlebotomist, Outreach
Kent Hospital*

“Summer is a wonderful time of year to enjoy the longer days, the beauty of the world around us, the ocean that is a short distance away from all Rhode Islanders and of course Del’s lemonade, especially the watermelon flavor.”

*Elaine Joyal, RN, Patient Care; and Barbara Saleeba, RN, Center for Rehabilitation
Memorial Hospital*

“A big shady tree, a hammock, and a granddaughter playing with her dog jumping in and out of our swimming pool.”

*Peter Insana (on behalf of every other grandfather out there)
Revenue Cycle System Trainer
Butler Hospital*

“One of my favorite things to do in the summer: fishing for striped bass, and to remember the fact that a bad day of fishing is still a good day at the beach.”

*Dino Messina, Affinity Memorial Primary Care
Physician, Community
Kent Hospital*

“My favorite thing about summer is to go outside on my patio early on a Saturday or Sunday morning and enjoy the quiet solitude with a good cup of coffee!”

*John Torello, End User Services and Production Management
Care New England*

“The RI shore, the views and swimming.”

*Kathleen Pierce, Patient Care Services
VNA of Care New England*

“The sound of crickets and tree frogs! So much better than the sound of snow plows!”

*Arleen M. Carpenter, Risk Management
Care New England*

“Sitting on my back porch at night, listening to the wind blowing through the trees and the fountain splashing in my koi pond.”

*Mark Corsi, RN, PAS
Butler Hospital*

“My favorite part of summer is working in my flower garden.”

*Gail Larkin, Psychiatric Unit
Kent Hospital*

“My favorite part of summer is being able to spend time in my garden, watching all the flowers bloom and the vegetables grow. I love being outside in my garden.”

*Teresa Magina, Environmental Services
Memorial Hospital*

“I like to watch the lightening and hear the thunder on a rainy summer night.”

*Steven Brown, Information Services
Care New England*

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“The really cool way it heats up and gets really muggy here on the EAST Coast...”

*Bob Marks Nicholes, Wound Center
Kent Hospital*

“I enjoy relaxing long weekends”

*Arthur Thomas, Assistant Property Manager
The Providence Center*

“The wonderful produce! There’s nothing like freshly picked strawberries, green beans and fresh RI butter and sugar corn. I look forward to being able to grow my own Thai basil on my back porch.”

*Dee M. Moniz, Memory and Aging Program
Butler Hospital*

“My favorite part of summer is being outside: walking barefoot in the grass and on the beach, feeling the warmth of the sun and watching how it makes the garden grow! Thanks!”

*Cindi Zembo, RN, IBCLC, Mother/Baby Unit
Women & Infants*

“The weather - no snow! Also, being able to hang outside.”

*Jean Lowe, Finance
VNA of Care New England*

“The ping of a well-hit golf ball, seeing my dog run across the field down to the lake, a good summer read, littlenecks on the half shell, a glass of ice cold Riesling.”

*May Kernan, Marketing Communications
Care New England*

“Floating on the pontoon boat in Greenville, RI.”

*Lisa Pratt, Human Resources
Memorial Hospital*

“Summer in Southern New England and at WIH is my favorite time of the year. At WIH, it is our busiest time—where we get to make the biggest impact in terms of the patients and families we are privileged to serve. And everything outdoors this time of year is a true delight--particularly with family. It is where I like to be every chance I get.”

*Mark Marcantano, President and COO
Women & Infants*

“My favorite times of the summer consist of a few things: First, The Fourth of July celebration in Bristol, RI starts two weeks before the 4th and consists of soap box car races for kids, a concert every night on the water (where I get to see friends that I haven’t seen in a long time or since last year) and best of all the parade that is 229 years old this year. Second, my husband and I go for long rides on our motorcycle, sometimes alone, sometimes with friends and we get to see the United States. Third, going to the beach during the day and staying at night and having a fire right on the beach (roasting spider dogs and s’mores) with family and friends.”

*June Azzarone, Risk Management
Care New England*

“My favorite part of summer would be enjoying outdoor activities with my son after work. Having the time to enjoy the beautiful weather knowing that it won’t be dark until after 8:00 p.m.”

*Ana Gomes, Receptionist and Reimbursement
The Providence Center*

“Lobster rolls!”

*Judy Mancini, Finance
VNA of Care New England*

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"The beach...frozen margaritas...Block Island...iced coffee...barbeques...ice cold beer...flip flops...frozen daiquiris...backyard swimming pools...frozen pina coladas...Cape Cod/Martha's Vineyard...frozen margaritas."

*Daryl Holburn, Nursing Office
Memorial Hospital*

"I love a warm rain shower, especially to go for a nice jog – it feels so refreshing, it feels so liberating, it feels like being a kid! I also enjoy sitting in my beautiful made-for-summer yard, either with friends and a fire pit or alone where I find peace and serenity to take a moment to appreciate the many blessings in my life."

*Stephanie Regine, Marketing Communications
Care New England*

"My favorite part of summer has to be the warm weather. I enjoy being outdoors, trying out the different homemade ice cream shops and taking in all the green life. Hoping I make it to Block Island this summer and spend a day at Mohegan Bluffs. It's easy to forget our cruel winters when you spend a day at the beach."

*Daisy Garcia, Adolescent Partial Hospital Program
The Providence Center*

It's definitely clear that there are many great things about summer in New England. Make sure you take the time this season to enjoy!

Have a great week ahead - and a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Sincerely,

Dennis D. Keefe

Dennis D. Keefe
President and Chief Executive Officer



Butler researcher receives multiple recognitions

Butler Research Psychiatrist Kathryn Ridout, MD, PhD, is the recent recipient of an impressive trio of awards.

She was first awarded the Thrasher Research Fund Early Career Award, which will support her project titled, "Examining the mental and physical health sequelae of childhood maltreatment and psychiatric illness." The \$25,000 award will fund Dr. Ridout's project under the guidance of mentor Audrey Tyrka, MD, PhD, director of Research at Butler. Dr. Ridout's second award comes from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. The Pilot Research Award for General Psychiatry Resident provides \$15,000 to general psychiatry residents who have an interest in beginning a career in child and adolescent mental health research. The latest award Dr. Ridout has been recognized with is the 2015 National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Outstanding Resident Award. NIMH established this award in 1988 to recognize residents with outstanding research and academic potential. As a recipient of this award, Dr. Ridout will receive a certificate honoring selection as a NIMH Outstanding Resident Award recipient, an invitation to visit the NIH campus for a two-day award program, an opportunity to present a poster about her own research, and an invitation to NIMH Brain Camp – an intensive scientific retreat for psychiatry trainees to be held in spring 2016.



Annual residents' and fellows' graduation held at Memorial

Graduation day exercises were held on Friday, June 19 for residents and fellows completing their training at Memorial Hospital. President and COO Edward Schottland performed the dual role of congratulating the graduates and greeting the new residents and fellows coming to the hospital in their wake.

In the Family Medicine Department, Melissa Nothnagle, MD, residency program director; Fadya El Rayess, MD, MPH, associate program director; Anna Filip, MD, assistant program director; and Jeffrey Borkan, MD, PhD, physician-in-chief, Department of Family Medicine, announced the graduates and welcomed new residents.

Family medicine graduates included: Cara Berkowitz, MD, who will continue her training as an ER fellow at Maine General Hospital; Krissy Conner, MD, who will be starting a fellowship in hospice and palliative medicine at Brown University; Alexis Drutchas, MD, will be a family physician working in the inpatient and outpatient setting at Fenway Health Center in Boston, MA; Lauren Goddard, MD, is joining Jamestown Family Practice; Carmen Goojha, MD, will be teaching medical students in the Brown Doctoring Program; Jessica Huang, MD, will be joining a family medicine practice in Massachusetts; Jennifer Lu, DO, will move on to be a family physician based in Orange County, CA; Melissa Mackel, DO, is staying with Brown Family Medicine in the Sports Medicine Fellowship; Tania Menz, MD, will be joining a family medicine practice in Massachusetts; Daria Szkwarko, DO, will be starting in a global health, preventive medicine fellowship at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester, MA; Mark Turshen, MD, is co-owner/physician at Direct Doctors; Sara Watson, MD, will join the practice at Thundermist South County; and Erin Wisman, MD, is joining a federally qualified health center in Rhode Island.



Pictured in the front row, left to right, graduating family medicine residents: Carmen Goojha, MD; Alexis Drutchas, MD; Melissa Mackel, DO; Jennifer Lu, DO; Jessica Huang, MD; Erin Wisman, MD; and Mark Turshen, MD. Back row, left to right, Cara Berkowitz, MD; Kristina Conner, MD; Daria Szkwarko, DO; Lauren Goddard, MD; Sara Watson, MD; and Tania Menz, MD.

New family medicine residents, who will see patients in the Family Care Center under the supervision of staff physicians, are: April Barnum, DO; Theresa Clearman, MD; Nicole Gleyzer, DO; Chelsea Graham, DO; Ryan Heney, MD; Bridget Hottenstein, MD; Joshua Kahane, MD; Yardana Kaufman, MD; Jason Li, DO; Jennifer Rosenbaum, MD; David Stat, MD; Amanda Stermer, MD; and Brinton Woods, DO.

In the Internal Medicine Division, the following physicians graduated and moved on in their careers: Maxwell Afari, MD, will continue his training with a cardiology fellowship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital/Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, MA; Rasha Alqadi, MD, will continue his training with a rheumatology fellowship at Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence, RI; Mohammad Ashkiani, MD, will take a hospitalist position at Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH; Adil Bhutta, MD, will move on to a hospitalist position at Yale-New Haven Hospital, CT; Thomas Guerrero, MD will continue his training with a hematology/oncology fellowship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital/Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, MA; Mobeen Rehman, MD will move on to a cardiology fellowship at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, MI; Mohammed Salhab, MD, will move on to a hematology/oncology fellowship at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA; Hammad Shafqat, MD will continue his training with a hematology/oncology fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; Rajesh Shrestha, MD, will take a hospitalist position at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI; and Takehide Umeda, MD, will move on to a pulmonary/critical care medicine fellowship at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth, MN.



Pictured in the front row, left to right, graduating Internal Medicine residents, Mobeen Rehman, MD, Maxwell Afari, MD and Mohammad Ashkiani, MD. Back row, left to right, Takehide Umeda, MD, Thomas Guerrero, MD, Mohammed Salhab, MD, Rasha Alqadi, MD, Hammad Shafqat, MD, Rajesh Shrestha, MD and Adil Bhutta.

Graduates received their plaques from Eleanor Summerhill, MD, residency program director; Dino Messina, MD, PhD, associate program director; Joseph Diaz, MD, physician-in-chief, Department of Medicine; Sabrina Witherby, MD, and Sajid Saraf, MD, both assistant program directors and Salaheldin Elhamamsy, MD, assistant program director for Continuity Practice.

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The graduates made way for a new class of internal medicine residents, who began a three-year program that includes education and patient interaction under the supervision of experienced doctors. They are Feras Al Shami, MD; Muhammad Ehtisham, MD; Amr ElMeligy, MD; Mohammad Khan, MD; Humnah Khudayar, MD; Alexander Morales, MD; Anaïs Ovalle, MD; M. Vanessa Sazani, MD; Osama Siddique, MD; and Ali Zia, MD.

Courtney Glenn, DPM, and Andrew Knudsen, DPM, both graduated from the Podiatric Medicine and Surgical Residency Program. Dr. Glenn will be relocating to Georgia and Dr. Knudsen will be relocating to North Dakota.

Ashley Lakin, DO; Matthew Malek, MD; and Julia Oat-Judge, MD, all graduated from the Maternal Child Health Fellowship Program. Amity Rubeor, DO, graduated from the Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. Andrea Miele, PhD, graduated from the Neuropsychology Program.

Kent Hospital's fifth class of resident physicians honored at graduation ceremony

Kent Hospital recently celebrated the graduation of its fifth class of residents who have completed the Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs. The graduation ceremony took place Thursday, June 18, at Quiddnessett Country Club.

"I would like to congratulate all of our GME residents on their graduation. Their hard work and dedication is clearly visible by this impressive achievement," said Michael Dacey, MD, MS, FACP, president and COO; Kent Hospital. "I would like to wish these physicians well as they embark on this exciting time both personally and professionally."

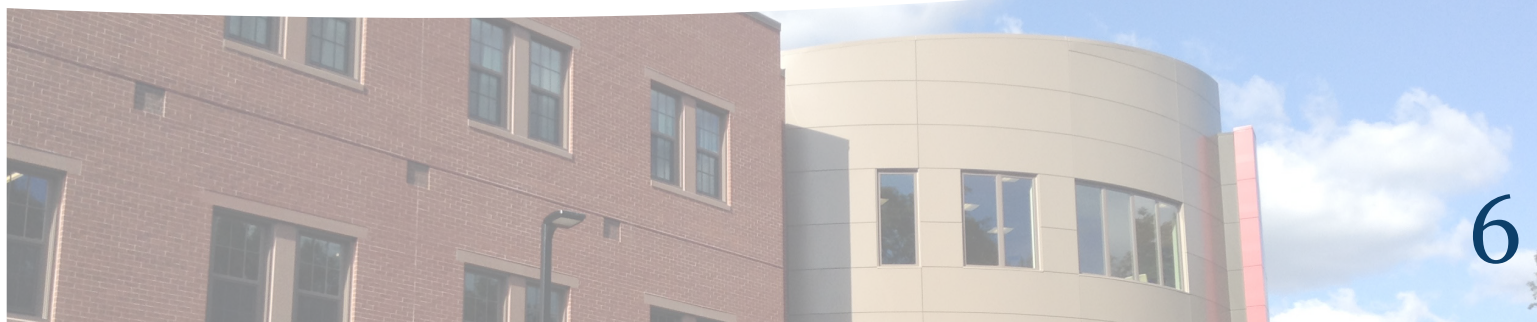
"Graduate medical education at Kent continues to grow and gain national recognition," said Joseph Spinale, DO, FACC, senior vice president, chief medical officer and director of medical education at Kent. "Our program at Kent continues to grow as we welcome in a new class of students and wish our graduates all the success they deserve. Each year we continue to grow and build our program as we prepare these physicians for a successful career."



The graduates, who comprise the fifth graduating class, include: Love Daoud, DO, emergency medicine; Anthony DePalma, DO, emergency medicine; Elysia Mallon, DO, emergency medicine; Kelly McDonough, DO, emergency medicine; Vincent Varamo, DO, emergency medicine; Khatija Zahiruddin, DO, emergency medicine; Amanda Beretta, DO, family medicine; C. Tyler Vogt, DO, family medicine; Chelsea Michaud, DO, internal medicine; Danica Buzniak, DO, internal medicine; and Todd May, DO, internal medicine.

Love Daoud, DO, is from Manalapan, NJ, and graduated from Western University/ College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. She will be moving to Honolulu HI, to work at Kaiser Moanalua Medical Center as an emergency medicine physician. Anthony DePalma, DO, is from Toms River, NJ, and a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA; he will be moving to Connecticut to work at MidState Medical Center, Meriden, CT. Elysia Mallon, DO, is from Flower Mound, TX, and is a graduate of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Bradenton, FL; she will be joining TeamHealth to work at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount, NC. Kelly McDonough, DO, is from Weymouth, MA, and attended the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and will be working at Carney Hospital, Boston, MA. Vincent Varamo, DO, is from Lawrenceville, GA, and is a graduate of Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. He will continue his career at Kent Hospital. Khatija Zahiruddin, DO, is from Jersey City, NJ, and a graduate of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Following graduation, she will enter the ultrasound fellowship at the University of Massachusetts.

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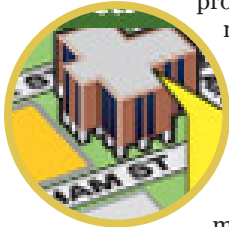
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Amanda Beretta, DO, is from Indian Springs Village, AL, and attended Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Lauderdale, FL. She completed a traditional rotating internship in Danville Regional Medical Center, Danville, VA, and also trained at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX. Following graduation she will be moving to Killeen, TX, to work at Baylor Scott and White Medical. C. Tyler Vogt, DO, Belmont, MA, graduated from University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. He will be relocating to New Hampshire to work at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.


Chelsea Michaud, DO, of Portsmouth, NH, graduated from University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine and will be starting an allergy and immunology fellowship at UH Regional Hospitals in Cleveland, OH. Danica Buzniak, DO, is from Phoenix, AZ, and graduated from Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. She will be staying on at Kent Hospital following graduation. Todd May, DO, is from Cheshire, CT, and a graduate of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, NY. Following graduation, he will return to Kent as a fellow in the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Fellowship.

W&I urogynecology service relocates to improved space

Women & Infants' Division of Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery, with clinical services provided through the Center for Women's Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, has moved to the 5th floor of the Bay Tower Medical Center, 101 Plain Street, Providence. The new location features additional exam rooms and consultation rooms to maximize patient privacy, as well as plenty of convenient parking. The Division is also welcoming Nicole Korbly, MD, to their team of providers – which also includes Drs. Cassandra Carberry, B. Star Hampton, Deborah Myers (director), Charles Rardin, Vivian Sung and Kyle Wohlrab, as well as Leah Moynihan, NP. Dr. Korbly is a familiar face to many at Women & Infants, as she completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology and fellowship in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery at Women & Infants/The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.



HealthTouch recognizes employees for years of service

On Tuesday June 16, 2015, HealthTouch held their Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner. The evening event was a celebration of HealthTouch employees and their commitment to private duty home care services. Their dedication to providing quality care at home allows patients to live more confidently and independently in their community. Service awards were presented to those employees who had reached milestones of one, five and 10+ years of service in their employment at HealthTouch. 



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