

2017 MEDISTAR AWARDS



Kentucky Health Career Center

- Responds to needs in the healthcare workforce and has partnered with employers and community organizations on such programs as an Acute Care Nurse Aide training program and a Hispanic Job Fair for immigrants and refugees.
- The KHCC is a place where employers can join forces – collaboratively rather than competitively—to promote healthcare careers. For job seekers, the KHCC demystifies healthcare occupations for new job seekers, expanding the diversity of applicants.
- Since January 2016, 268 individuals who accessed services at the KHCC were placed into healthcare jobs at an average wage of \$18.02 per hour.

The A.O. Sullivan Award for Excellence in Education



Robert Edwards UK HealthCare

- Serving for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services (CHFS), Rob advocated for better healthcare for Kentuckians and ensured that efforts were made to see this through.
- Rob also serves as the lead for the Government Affairs and Policy Team where he advocates on behalf of UK HealthCare and its patients including the underserved populations it serves.
- During the 2017 legislative session, Rob spent time in Frankfort advocating for House Bill 333, related to opioid addiction and Schedule II drug prescriptions.

The Centerstone Healthcare Advocacy Award



Signature HealthCARE

- Signature has embraced new to the healthcare marketplace technology, VirtueSense, allowing physical therapists to pinpoint metrics down to the centimeter and better empowering patients during rehabilitation.
- Person-directed care is a culture and mindset that everyone embraces to provide better clinical outcomes and quality of life initiatives.
- A person-centered care approach results in better medication management and decreased hospitalizations.

The Bluegrass Care Navigators Aging Care Award



Ralph Alvarado, MD, State Senator

Serves in the Kentucky General Assembly as a State Senator and is also a practicing physician. Ralph has championed various pieces of medical legislation watching them become law, such as:

- 2016 Senate Bill 17: Protects current physician licensing process in Kentucky.
- 2017 Senate Bill 4: Establishment of medical review panels to screen out frivolous medical lawsuits in Kentucky. First true advancement of medical tort reform in Kentucky in 20 years.
- 2016 Senate Bill 20: Establishes an appeals process for all providers participating in Medicaid with Managed Care Organizations.

The Physician of the Year Award



Inscope Medical

- The Inscope Direct and Video laryngoscopes both integrate controllable suction in a novel, proprietary manner that overcomes the challenges experienced by previous attempts to develop a suction laryngoscope.
- The Inscope Direct and Video laryngoscopes reduce patient risks and clinician training requirements while improving patient outcomes in emergent intubations.
- The Inscope laryngoscopes' low price point meets cost requirements for routine intubation environments (pre-surgery), while also providing greater protection from unexpectedly difficult intubations than currently available laryngoscopes.

The Kentucky Life Sciences Council Healthcare Innovation Award



Mark Carter Passport Health Plan

- Announced in April that Passport would be purchasing a 20-acre site along West Broadway that will be developed into a Health and Well-Being Campus, anchored by a new headquarters for Passport.
- Presence will allow engagement with many members from a holistic approach and may be the largest investment in West Louisville in over 50 years.
- The West Louisville project shows young leaders what's possible if they defy convention and take calculated risks.

The Bingham Greenebaum Doll Leadership in Healthcare Award



Elizabeth Edghill Family Health Centers

- Managing Refugee and Immigrant Services at Family Health Centers allows Liz to advocate for some of the newest and most vulnerable neighbors – ensuring they have the language access and care coordination resources they need.
- Developed the FHC's most recent health literacy initiative, "Know Your Healthcare," a community health education class. Topics include being part of your healthcare team; levels of care – the right place at the right time; health insurance basics; and a changing healthcare system.
- Convinced FHC's leadership to approve a new Community Health Worker (CHW) position earlier this year, then wrote and received the AKHCAN CHW Workforce Development Incentive grant to start the program.

The Dickinson Wright Nurse of the Year Award

