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FOUR HALIFAX REGIONAL EMPLOYEES EARN MASTERS' DEGREES

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC. (November 18, 2010)—Four employees of Halifax Regional recently have earned Master's degrees.

They are Bruce Robistow, administrative director of Clinical and Support Operations; Wanda Catt, manager of the lab; Lolita Magnaye, RN, clinical supervisor of the Progressive Care Unit, and Eric Rinehart, administrative director of Materials Management and Support Services.

"These individuals have demonstrated initiative and perseverance in making the extra time it takes to achieve a graduate degree while maintaining their jobs and family responsibilities," said Will Mahone, president of Halifax Regional. "All four employees are dedicated to providing our patients the finest care available."

A native of upstate New York, Robistow has lived in North Carolina since 1976. He earned a master's degree in Public Health from UNC at Chapel Hill. He said he sought the degree for professional and personal growth. He also holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Management for Mount Olive College and an Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York. Robistow is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

"A master's degree provides the essential knowledge and skills to formulate information, evaluate data, and to make sound decisions," he said.

Catt is a native of Roanoke Rapids and joined Halifax Regional 16 years ago. "I love learning," she says. "From an early age, the importance of education was stressed to me by my parents. I hope I never stop learning."

Her master's degree is in Public Health from UNC at Chapel Hill. She also has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from North Carolina Wesleyan College and an associate's degree in Laboratory Technology from Halifax Community College.

"Earning my master's degree has helped me develop my managerial skills and to gain knowledge of our healthcare system," Catt says. "The degree is giving

me the leadership skills necessary to prepare for and make the most of the ever-changing healthcare system in America.”

Lolita B. Magnaye, RN, MSN is a native of the Philippines and has worked at Halifax Regional 17 years. She has an associate’s degree from Far Eastern University and a bachelor’s degree in Nursing from St. Judge College.

“What drove me to work for my graduate degree are the changes and challenges of nursing,” she said. “I would like to explore more knowledge and nursing skills for my career advancement and job fulfillment.”

Magnaye earned her master’s degree in Nursing from the University of Phoenix. “The master’s degree provides me with the background, strong skills and advanced training to deliver high quality nursing care in specialized areas such as the progressive care unit.”

Rinehart is a native of Norfolk, Virginia and spent 14 years in the Air Force. He came to Halifax Regional four years ago.

“The driving force to pursue my master’s degree was to prepare myself for additional responsibility,” Rinehart said. Both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees are from the University of Phoenix.

“My master’s studies provided me a wide breadth of management and leadership theory and practical knowledge that improve my decision-making skills, personnel management skills and approach to operations that are helping me improve morale, operations and our financial health,” added Rinehart.

Approximately 30 of the 32 member management team at Halifax Regional have graduate degrees. “This is a high figure which makes a major statement about the dedication our employees have to providing the best possible healthcare,” said Mahone.

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