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### HALIFAX REGIONAL HONORS NURSES

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (August 18, 2010)** --Halifax Regional has awarded Nursing Excellence awards to five Registered Nurses at the Medical Center.

“These five nurses have demonstrated a commitment to patients and other nurses and shown their integrity and accountability in how they carry out their daily responsibilities,” said Karen Daniels, RN, vice president of nursing. “They reflect the quality of the entire staff of nurses at Halifax Regional.”

- Jane Holt, RN, a staff nurse in the Intensive Care unit;
- Kim Lodoto, RN, a staff nurse in the medical-surgical unit;
- Sarah Massey, RN, a staff nurse in the medical-surgical unit;
- Tracy Olesnevich, RN, a supervisor in the Intensive Care unit; and
- Darlene Williams, RN, administrative director of clinical effectiveness.

These nurses were selected from 42 nominations from nurses, physicians and patients, based on how nurses demonstrate they fulfill the “Patients First” mission and the national nursing theme of “Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow.” A nurse from another community and a patient then scored the nominations.

Holt, who lives in Weldon and has 23 years experience at Halifax Regional, was described as a nurse who shares information with other nurses and is active in committees of the Medical Center and in charitable organizations and her church. She orients new nurses and “presents a positive outlook about Halifax Regional and the nursing unit.” In addition, Holt is “a role model who demonstrates kindness to others.”

Lodoto is a Littleton resident who has worked at Halifax Regional 10 years. She was described as “reliable, dependable and pursues new tasks given to her with vim and vigor,” according to her nomination. “When it comes to providing high quality care for her patients, this nurses leaves no stone unturned.” She also “uses whatever resources are available to help assist families of patients and make their stay more comfortable.”

Massey has 6 years experience at Halifax Regional and lives in Roanoke Rapids. She completed the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing while working at Halifax Regional. She “always presents herself in a diplomatic manner to represent the nursing profession and to foster teamwork among the staff, physician, patients, families and visitors.”

Olesnevich is a Roanoke Rapids resident who has worked at the Medical Center for 11 years. She works with students and new nurses at the Medical Center, “providing a nurturing environment that stimulates interest in nursing and learning.” She has proven leadership experience and “makes a noticeable difference when she assumes the role of team leader.”

Williams, a resident of Halifax, has been a nurse at Halifax Regional for 20 years. She was recognized for her administration of nursing regulations, staff education and her willingness to assist in nursing service when there is high patient volume. “She is passionate about her work, no matter what the task may be.”

“These nurses exemplify the entire staff,” said Daniels. “Our nurses provide excellent nursing care and put our patients first.” Halifax Regional employs approximately 285 registered nurses.

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#### **About Halifax Regional**

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit [www.halifaxregional.us](http://www.halifaxregional.us).