



DENVER HEALTH'S WEEKLY 411

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Recognizing Denver Health's Values Award winners



Denver Health's annual **Values Awards**, held last Friday at the Rita Bass auditorium, showcased some of our health care system's best individuals and teams in the areas of **Respect, Belonging, Transparency and Accountability**. Most of the Values Awards winners were able to attend the ceremony, receive a certificate and get a photo with **CEO Donna Lynne**, who introduced each winner and spoke about their incredible work. A slideshow of the winners at the ceremony [is available here](#).



For this special edition of the 411, we're highlighting the two winners of the Living the Values Award, previously the "True North" Award. **Dulce Villalpando** (pictured), a medical assistant at the Westwood Family Health Center, "is always respectful of patients, regardless of their socioeconomic background," according to those who work with her. "She is always smiling, and patients feel comfortable with her. She is very competent, very organized and very conscientious of Denver Health's values. Dulce has taken it upon herself to decorate our MA stations around holidays and seasons and does so largely at her own expense. She does this to improve morale among the team and to provide a fun atmosphere for our patients and their children. It has made a noticeable difference to our team, and we are so grateful to have her with us."



The **Denver CARES team** (pictured) "provides care to some of the most vulnerable clients who are coming in at their absolute worst, and they manage to do so with the utmost care, compassion and grace. This team exemplifies all the values in everything they do because they are providing service to a population that is often shunned from much of society. The team strives to meet clients exactly where they are when they arrive and treats them equally, regardless of their circumstances."

Congratulations and thank you to Dulce, Denver CARES and all the other Values Awards winners, who are listed below and will be featured in 411s throughout the coming year.

RESPECT

Cynthia Reyes Bailon, care navigator in the Comprehensive Care Center; **Aaron Martinez**, medical assistant at Sam Sandos Westside Family Health Center; **Yolando Amaro**, custodian for Environmental Services; and the **Patient Information team** on the main campus.

BELONGING

Heather Selko, clerk at Behavioral Health; **Julio Martinez Coronado**, campaign manager for Marketing and Communications; **Erika Ochoa Salas**, CNA for Admissions and Discharge; and the **Denver STAR Program**, Denver Health Paramedic Division.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Annieste Lemond, senior director of compensation for Human Resources; **Emma Paras**, emergency manager for Emergency Preparedness; **Cecilia Rice-Peterson**, RN at Sam Sandos Westside Family Health Center; and the **Core Laboratory** in Pavilion A.

TRANSPARENCY

Kimberly Vestal, senior HRIS analyst for Human Resources; **Kathleen Lester**, associate nurse manager for the NurseLine; **Natalie Nicholson**, associate chief nursing officer for Nursing Management; and **Tonie Moore and Tai Few**, co-chairs of the DEI Council.

Thousands attend employee BBQ for Days of Celebration finale

Denver Health thanks the thousands of employees who took part in last week's Days of Celebration, which culminated Friday with an employee BBQ, tables with swag showcasing various departments, a DJ and a photo booth. And a huge thanks to the **Days of Celebration Planning Committee**, participating Denver Health departments and all of our volunteers for making this year's festivities not only possible, but so special. [Click here to view more photos](#) from the BBQ. We'll be back Thursday with another edition of the 411.



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