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Mary Bartlett Bunge, PhD

2018 FINALISTS

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Reynald Jean, MD, MPH, MSN, AGPCNP-BC
 Ranu Jung, PhD
 Rodrigo Vianna, MD, PhD

NURSES

Rose Anderson, MSN, ARNP
 Cheryl Cottrell, MS-HSA, BSN, RN, NE-BC
 Bridget Pelaez, MA, BSN, RN, EMT-P

INDIVIDUALS OF MERIT

Jayne S. Malfitano
 Sanjay Razdan, MD
 John A. Rock, MD

ORGANIZATIONS/PROGRAMS

Routine HIV / Hepatitis C Screening and Linkage
 to Care Program at Homestead Hospital,
 Baptist Health South Florida

Jackson Health System

Debbie Institute at University of Miami
 Department of Pediatrics

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Daniel Lopez, CPL
 Julio Puentes
 Keith Tyson

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South Florida is becoming a global destination for top-quality health-care, and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has been at the forefront of the industry's evolution. Our 21st Annual Health Care Heroes celebration recognizes the leaders who have fueled that growth and continue

powering our best future. For more than two decades, Health Care Heroes has been the premier community gathering where our local stars are honored by top leaders from hospital systems, physician groups, managed care providers, biomedical innovators, goods and services suppliers, and other pillars of the healthcare economy.

There may be no industry changing as quickly, and no local economy better positioned to harness the power of that change. South Florida is also uniquely vulnerable to business and regulatory movement due to our unique population. That's why it's more important than ever for the healthcare leaders of Miami-Dade County to find common ground and work together in ways that benefit all our neighbors. That work starts with close, collaborative relationships that celebrate our shared success at events like Health Care Heroes.

At the 21st Annual Health Care Heroes luncheon we are honoring the achievements of physicians, nurses, researchers, institutions, volunteers, and others who have contributed to the health care delivery system and overall welfare of South Florida and its residents. We are excited to announce that AXA Advisors is the Chamber's partner in this program for the 21st consecutive year. Consistent partners like AXA are the foundation for us to strengthen and grow our healthcare community.

Every year the number and strength of our Health Care Heroes nominees grows, making it more difficult for judges to pick just one winner from the three finalists in each category. This is a testament to the relentless pursuit of excellence that defines this honor and, indeed, the mission of healthcare in South Florida and around the world.



Matthew I. Pinzur
Chairman, Healthcare Committee
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

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**AXA ADVISORS LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT**

MARY BARTLETT BUNGE, PhD
Former Christine E. Lynn Distinguished
Professor in Neuroscience;
Professor Emerita of Cell Biology,
Neurological Surgery, and Neurology
Doctor of Humane Science, honoris causa
The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller
School of Medicine



Dr. Mary Bartlett Bunge, PhD, retired in November 2017, following a brilliant career of more than four decades in which she and her late husband, Richard, became two of the world's most respected researchers in central nervous system regeneration. She spent the past 28 years working at The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, where her research focused on the Schwann cell—a type of cell that helps peripheral nerve fibers function—which she determined was a key to helping repair damaged spinal cords. Her work with Schwann cells led to numerous discoveries, and was central to The Miami Project's Phase 1 clinical trial that proved the safety of transplanting Schwann cells of recently paralyzed subjects into the site of their injuries. This work will serve as the foundation for future cell replacements and regeneration trials at The Miami Project. Dr. Bunge has also focused on educating and training the next generation of neuroscientists. She has mentored or advised 57 graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral students, many of whom now hold significant academic research positions at universities and institutions around the world. She is also a widely published scholar, having authored chapters in 48 academic books, and hundreds of juried or refereed journal articles, exhibitions and abstracts. Dr. Bunge has received many honors during her career, both for her work with spinal cord injuries and for her leadership in advancing the careers of women in neuroscience. The greatest honor of her career came in 2013 when she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine, an achievement reflecting the height of professional achievement and commitment to service in health and medicine.

"Dr. Mary Bartlett Bunge's research offers hope to patients worldwide with spinal cord injuries. Her work has been considered so valuable that the National Institutes of Health renewed her individual research grant for 45 years—an almost unmatched record of achievement."

Edward Abraham, MD, Executive Vice
President for Health Affairs
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Academic Officer, University of Miami
Miller, School of Medicine

The Florida Department of Health
in Miami-Dade County

Congratulates

Reynald Jean, MD, MPH, MSN, AGPCNP-BC
Director, Tuberculosis, Epidemiology, Disease Control
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Dr. Reynald Jean

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To be nominated for the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Health Care Heroes Award represents a commitment to excellence in one's field.

Jackson Health System proudly congratulates Rodrigo Vianna, MD, PhD, on this special achievement. As a leader in intestinal and multivisceral transplants, Dr. Vianna is an inspiration to us all.

Jackson Health System is honored to be a finalist, as we celebrate 100 years of serving our community. We salute all of this year's nominees and thank you for your dedication to improving the quality of health care in South Florida.



HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

**REYNALD JEAN, MD, MPH,
MSN, AGPCNP-BC**

Director,
Tuberculosis, Epidemiology, Disease
Control & Immunization Services
Florida Department of Health
in Miami-Dade County



"In July 2016, when the first locally acquired Zika case was identified, Dr. Reynald Jean did excellent work in leading the entire Zika response team for Miami-Dade County. His accomplishments were outstanding."

Lillian Rivera, RN, MSN, Ph.D.
Administrator/Health Officer
Florida Department of Health in
Miami-Dade County

Dr. Reynald Jean has been with the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County since 1989, where he has proven to be a dedicated physician, director and innovator, and an expert at developing and fostering effective collaboration with many public and private entities. Dr. Jean has spearheaded four successful HIV/AIDS initiatives and contributed to the development and implementation of tuberculosis prevention and control guidelines used by Miami-Dade County homeless shelters; under his leadership, the rate of TB in Miami-Dade has decreased from 6.3 in 2008 to 4.3 in 2016. In July 2016, when the first locally acquired Zika case was identified, Dr. Jean led the entire Zika response for Miami-Dade County, and was involved in the identification of every single case, working with local practitioners, hospitals, universities, laboratories, Mosquito Control and more. He coordinated testing among the major hospitals and public health laboratories, and developed and managed processes for Zika test results. He also put a system in place to ensure that inquiries were expedited efficiently. Dr. Jean also identified areas for improvement, including hiring additional epidemiologists to join the surveillance team. As a result of his innovative and collaborative accomplishments, DOH-Miami Dade is better prepared to face the future challenges of the Zika disease.

**RODRIGO VIANNA,
MD, PhD**

Medical Director of Transplant Services
Miami Transplant Institute, an affiliation
between Jackson Health System and
University of Miami Health System



Since 2013, Dr. Rodrigo Vianna has led the Miami Transplant Institute as the director and chief of liver, intestinal and multivisceral transplant. During his tenure, he has trained more than 100 doctors from different countries, several of whom have gone on to establish transplant programs in their own countries.

A pioneer in intestinal and multivisceral transplantation, he has revamped MTI's program, resulting in patients having shorter waiting times for an organ as well as better outcomes and survival rates. As a result, MTI's patient survival and volumes ranked as one of the highest in the nation.

Dr. Vianna has implemented new techniques and eliminated the extra process of performing an ostomy, as well as reduced surgical times, on average performing a multi-organ transplant in eight hours as opposed to the standard of 16 to 24 hours, and performing a liver transplant in three hours versus the previous standard of nine to 10 hours.

Under his leadership, MTI has also been participating in studies that focus on improving the outcomes of transplant patients, including living donor kidney program research, liver program research and lung program research.

"Dr. Rodrigo Vianna's passion and commitment to save lives has helped make the Miami Transplant Institute the third largest transplant center in the nation in volume. Directly or indirectly, he has helped save thousands of lives—and gives hope to so many others who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant."

Carlos A. Migoya
President and CEO
Jackson Health System

RANU JUNG, PHD

Wallace H. Coulter Eminent Scholars
Chair of Biomedical Engineering
Professor and Chair of the Department
of Biomedical Engineering
Florida International University



"Dr. Ranu Jung is at the cutting edge between engineering and neuroscience, developing devices that lead to scientific advances with clear pathways to clinical application."

Andrew Green
Program Director,
Strategic Initiatives
College of Engineering and
Computing
Biomedical Engineering
Florida International University

As professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Florida International University, Dr. Ranu Jung is a champion for innovation and entrepreneurship. She is especially interested in biohybrid systems that merge biologically inspired technologies with humans for recovery and restoration of lost function. She and her team developed the first wireless, implantable, neural interface system for restoring sensations to amputees, and received FDA approval to conduct a first-in-human trial of this investigational device. She is a holder of eight U.S. patents, four pending, and is the founder of a research and development company.

She is also a champion of improving the representation of women and under-represented minorities in engineering and computer science majors. As the interim dean of the College of Engineering and Computing, Dr. Jung started the Women of CEC Initiative geared to helping improve the recruitment, retention and graduation of women in engineering and computer science majors, and she has continued that effort as the biomedical engineering chair, and the chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

She is the past-president of the Organization for Computational Neurosciences.

NURSES

**ROSE ANDERSON,
MSN, ARNP**

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse
Practitioner
Camillus House—Project Lazarus



Rose Anderson has worked tirelessly to ensure that those from disenfranchised and often forgotten populations—the poor, homeless, orphans, undocumented immigrants, addicts, individuals living with HIV/AIDS—have access to quality and loving health care, regardless of their circumstances.

Her 38-year career, 35 of which were spent in Miami-Dade County, has included work terms in Kenya and Haiti, providing vital health care to orphans and adults living with HIV/AIDS. In her current role with Camillus' Project Lazarus, she offers health care to the on-the-street homeless.

A typical day for Ms. Anderson and her team is walking the streets to work with a caseload of approximately 20 on-street homeless at any given time, making sure that the chronically ill take their medication, stabilize and eventually enter safe and permanent housing.

Not many would willingly trek throughout the streets of Miami searching for a patient who is mentally ill, but every day, Ms. Anderson provides health care and support to those suffering with dignity and grace, ensuring that all who receive services are treated with love, respect and compassion.

She has helped to rethink how the chronically homeless and mentally ill are served and treated, and has directly helped to rehabilitate and house more than 300 clients over the years.

"Rose Anderson has dedicated her professional life and made it her personal mission to serve those in underserved communities, often foregoing higher pay for passion and a calling to help those in need."

Hilda M. Fernandez
CEO
Camillus House

Congratulations

2018 Health Care Heroes Award Finalists, including our very own:

Mary Bartlett Bunge, Ph.D. – AXA Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award recipient

Christine E. Lynn Distinguished Professor in Neuroscience
Professor of Cell Biology, Neurological Surgery, and Neurology
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Rodrigo Vianna, M.D., Ph.D. – Healthcare Professional finalist

Medical Director, Miami Transplant Institute, an affiliation between
Jackson Health System and University of Miami Health System

Jayne S. Malfitano – Individual of Merit finalist

President, Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation
Vice Chair, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Board of Governors
Member, University of Miami Board of Trustees
Co-Chair, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Visiting Committee

The Debbie Institute – Organization/Program finalist

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NURSES

**CHERYL COTTRELL,
MS-HSA, BSN, RN, NE-BC**
Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer,
Mariners Hospital and Fisherman's
Community Hospital
Baptist Health South Florida



"It's as if everything the long-time Key Largo resident has done in her life was in preparation for the challenge of Hurricane Irma. In her role as chief nursing officer at Mariners Hospital in Tavernier and Fisherman's Community Hospital in Marathon for Baptist Health South Florida, Cheryl kept patients first and foremost on her mind."

Joe Natoli
Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
Baptist Health South Florida

Cheryl Cottrell's selfless dedication was evident when she put the well-being of others before herself to quickly bring medical care back to two Florida Keys' hospitals after Hurricane Irma swept through the area on September 10, 2017.

The day after the storm, she boarded a helicopter with other hospital executives and flew over the Upper and Middle Keys to assess Mariners Hospital and Fisherman's Community Hospital. She was on the ground Sept. 11 to gear up Mariners Hospital—working with a minimal staff without air-conditioning to clean up water from overactive fire sprinklers, setting up fans to cool CT and X-ray machines, and teaching young nurses how to write on paper charts.

On Sept. 12, the hospital was able to treat walk-ins with storm-related injuries; three days later, it was up and running, able to treat all emergencies. Water damage prevented Fisherman's Hospital in Marathon from opening, so instead, Ms. Cottrell and her team worked alongside doctors in a mobile field hospital in the hospital parking lot amid debris.

The medical teams were able to treat patients and evacuate the more severe cases, providing top-level care with only basic equipment. To date, the field hospital has treated more than 2,100 patients.

**BRIDGET PELAEZ,
MA, BSN, RN, EMT-P**
Academy for International
Disaster Preparedness,
Florida International University Robert
Stempel College of Public Health
and Social Work



Bridget Pelaez is a licensed registered nurse, certified paramedic and emergency management coordinator for the FIU-FAST (Florida Advanced Surgical Transport) team. In August 2017 following the devastating floods in Texas, she deployed to Houston as a member of the National Disaster Response Medical System's Trauma Critical Care Team. She served as the team's deputy commander and nurse and was deployed for approximately two weeks treating flood survivors.

A day after that deployment ended, she was back in Florida responding to the state of emergency in response to Hurricane Irma, assisting the surge of medical patients at West Kendall Baptist Hospital. Despite arriving at 1 a.m., Ms. Pelaez and her team saw 92 patients by morning's end. Days later, she was off to the Florida Keys with a small team to set up a medical field hospital shelter for Baptist Health Mariners Hospital, which had been badly impacted by the hurricane.

A humanitarian health care practitioner, she has also served in Haiti treating survivors of the Haitian earthquake, running a clinic that served 125 survivors a day, and helping to rebuild an orphanage; and in 2018, she traveled to Guatemala as part of Continuing Promise 2018 to treat families and individuals with little or no health care.

"Bridget Pelaez's main passion and objective in life is serving as a public health disaster response professional."

Ruben D. Almaguer
Assistant Vice President Disaster Operations & Emergency Management/Executive Director
Florida International University

INDIVIDUALS OF MERIT

JAYNE S. MALFITANO
President, Harcourt M.
and Virginia W. Sylvester
Foundation; Member,
University of Miami Board of Trustees;
Vice Chair, Sylvester Comprehensive
Cancer Center Board of Overseers;
Chair, University of Miami School of Nursing
and Health Studies Visiting Committee



"Jayne Malfitano's leadership and longtime commitment have helped Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center—the only university-based cancer center in South Florida—transform cancer research and care."

Edward Abraham, MD
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs
CEO, UHealth—the University of Miami Health System
Dean and Chief Academic Officer,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

As president of the Harcourt M. and Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation, Jayne Malfitano has worked tirelessly to carry out the legacy her father began in 1986 when he pledged \$27.5 million to the University of Miami to build the cancer center in honor of his parents. Beginning with Sylvester at Deerfield Beach, Ms. Malfitano has pushed the expansion of the cancer center to satellite facilities throughout South Florida, bringing the most advanced academic cancer care to all corners of the center's diverse communities.

In December 2016, the sixth Sylvester satellite opened at The Lennar Foundation Medical Center on UM's Coral Gables campus. Ms. Malfitano has dedicated herself to the UM Board of Trustees, the Visiting Committee of the UM School of Nursing and Health Studies, and served as a director of The Children's Place at Home Safe. She is also a past president of the Junior League of Boca Raton and director of the Boca Raton Community Hospital Foundation.

Thanks to Ms. Malfitano and her sister, Laura Sylvester, the foundation's commitments to cancer research and care at the University of Miami have grown to nearly \$54 million, including a pledge of \$2.5 million to establish the W. Jarrard Goodwin, Jr., MD Endowed Chair in Head and Neck Oncology Surgery.

SANJAY RAZDAN, MD
Professor, Chairman and Founder,
International Robotic
Prostatectomy Institute;
Director, Urology Center of Excellence;
and Director, Robotic Urology,
MiVIP Center of Miami;
Director, Endourology and Robotic
Fellowship Program, Larkin Hospital;
President and Founder, Prostate Awareness
Research and Treatment (PART)



Dr. Sanjay Razdan is a practicing urologist based out of Doral, FL, who has dedicated his career to diagnosing and treating prostate cancer without compromising on functional outcomes. For the last 14 years, he has been treating patients with high-risk disease, often accepting patients who have been denied by other providers due to the sheer complexity of their cancers. He founded the nonprofit Prostate Cancer Awareness and Treatment (PART) organization in 2009 with the goal of offering monthly robotic prostatectomies to low-income and at-risk men with prostate cancer at no cost. Over the years, PART has been involved in local prostate cancer awareness and screening events, and through PART, Dr. Razdan has also performed cutting-edge research on how to improve functional outcomes after surgery, specifically on how to improve urinary continence and erectile function. Dr. Razdan has successfully conducted over 5,000 procedures, and in addition to helping all segments of the South Florida community, has opened his doors to international patients, especially those in Latin America. To further educate patients on prostate cancer risk factors, prevention, diagnosis and management, Dr. Razdan also authored the first textbook in the world covering the consequences of prostate cancer treatment and outlining the latest research in the field of robotic prostate surgery.

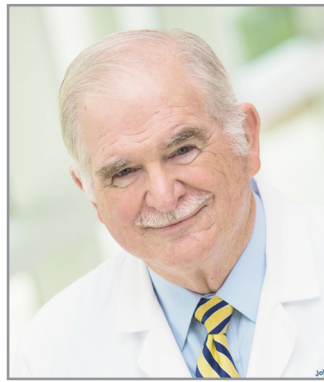
"Dr. Sanjay Razdan is an outstanding surgeon, a prolific researcher, a knowledgeable teacher, and a community activist and volunteer. We should all aspire to be as motivated and willing to serve our community as Dr. Razdan has been, then only can we effect change in the way health care is practiced and help the greatest number of patients."

Gloria Barbier
Principal, AXA-Advisors/
PCG/Private Client Group

INDIVIDUALS OF MERIT

JOHN A. ROCK, MD

Founding Dean and Senior Vice President
for Health Affairs,
Florida International University Herbert
Wertheim College of Medicine



In 2007, John A. Rock, MD, was appointed to serve as founding dean and senior vice president for health affairs at FIU's new college of medicine. His tremendous success in creating a quality medical education program at FIU is evident: Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOC) currently graduates approximately 120 medical students each year, and those students consistently perform higher than the national average on national standardized examinations and attend some of the most prestigious residency training programs in the nation.

During his tenure, Dr. Rock has embedded medical education into some of South Florida's most underserved communities through Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP, a novel outreach and education program that is mutually beneficial to medical student education and to the participating household members in the communities served. The program, recognized nationally and internationally, seeks to reduce or eliminate health disparities caused by social determinants like poverty, race and ethnicity, and geographic location while simultaneously training future health care providers to be cognizant of such disparities.

Focusing his attention on disaster resilience, Dr. Rock also forged a partnership between HWCOC and the Florida Advanced Surgical Team (FAST) to create FIU-FAST and ensure that South Florida is prepared to respond to natural or manmade disasters requiring rapid mobilization of a highly specialized medical response team.

"Dr. John Rock's performance as dean is exemplary, but his devotion to South Florida goes far beyond the scope of his job as dean. Through numerous outreach initiatives, service-learning programs and partnerships with bedrock institutions, Dr. Rock has created paths and built bridges that connect FIU students and faculty with some of the most underserved neighborhoods in the region—changing the ways in which health care is delivered in South Florida."

Claudia Puig
President and General Manager
of Local Media, Miami
Univision Communications, Inc.

ORGANIZATIONS/PROGRAMS

DEBBIE INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS



UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
MILLER SCHOOL
of MEDICINE

Debbie Institute at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics

The Debbie Institute (Debbie School) provides critically needed early intervention services for young children with disabilities throughout Miami-Dade County, regardless of each family's ability to pay. The school has a three-fold purpose—to research problems that impact children with special needs, provide training for university students, and offer services for children and their families.

The special needs of the pediatric populations served include visual and auditory impairments, developmental delays and other sensory integration and development challenges that typically result from autism spectrum disorders and special syndromes such as CHARGE, Down's, Fragile X, and cerebral palsy, among others.

Educational services are provided in fully inclusive classrooms where all children learn together in an environment that fosters independence and encourages each child to reach his or her own potential, while laying a strong foundation for lifelong success. Professional training and research projects are conducted in conjunction with various departments within the academic medical center in order to develop innovative methodologies to achieve successful outcomes, allowing students in these departments to acquire hands-on experience through exposure to a rich variety of sensory and developmental conditions.

"For over 40 years, through collaboration and research, the Debbie Institute has been a pioneer and community leader in training healthcare and educational professionals in the areas of early intervention, therapies and education."

Erika Pruss-Schmitz, MBA, MSW, RN
Executive VP/Chief Operations
Officer, Expat CPA

ORGANIZATIONS/PROGRAMS

ROUTINE HIV/HEPATITIS C SCREENING AND LINKAGE TO CARE PROGRAM AT HOMESTEAD HOSPITAL, BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA

An estimated 1.2 million Americans are living with HIV, and one out of five people with HIV do not know that they have it. The disease continues to spread, leading to about 56,000 new HIV infections each year. Unfortunately, Florida leads the nation, with Miami-Dade County ranking as the top county in the U.S. for new HIV infections. Homestead Hospital is leading the effort to interrupt the HIV epidemic in South Florida. The hospital implemented a routine HIV and Hepatitis C screening program in its emergency department (ED), and now all patients presenting to the ED in need of blood work receive an HIV and HCV test unless they decline.



"Led by nurse champions, the long-term impact of Homestead Hospital's program is incredible, saving lives, reducing health care costs and providing people the linkages to care they so desperately need."

Bill Duquette, CEO
Baptist Health South Florida—
Homestead Hospital

The program, an example of inter-professional teamwork, took a coalition of hospital and public health professionals and a significant investment of human and infrastructure resources to bring about such a systemic change. Homestead Hospital was the first hospital in Florida to implement routine HIV/HCV screening, and the program is now being replicated as a best practice at other Florida hospitals. Since implementing the program, the hospital has screened more than 20,000 patients and identified more than 200 HIV and nearly 600 HCV Ab positive individuals. Working in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Department of Health, linkage to care specialists is helping the individuals access medical care to reduce the spread of infection.

JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM



"Jackson Health System, which is proudly celebrating its centennial this year, is the crown jewel of Miami for providing a century of miracles to everyone in Miami-Dade County."

Joe Arriola
Chairman of the Public Health Trust
Board of Trustees
Jackson Health System

On June 25, 1918, the new Miami City Hospital opened its doors to the community in the midst of a deadly influenza epidemic. The opening of the 13-bed hospital marked the beginning of health care in Miami.

Over the last 100 years, Miami City Hospital has grown from a small hospital into Jackson Health System, one of the nation's largest, most comprehensive public health systems, known for its highly trained physicians and cutting-edge care. It has remained true to its mission—to provide a single, high standard of quality care for all the residents of Miami-Dade County, regardless of their ability to pay.

It has become a medical destination for patients from all over the world in need of highly specialized care, and includes one of the largest neonatal intensive care units in the nation; the Miami Transplant Institute; Ryder Trauma Center; and a Neurology & Neurosurgery Department of Excellence.

The only public health system in Miami-Dade County, in fiscal year 2016, it provided \$3.6 million in charity care. Jackson Health System reaches every corner of the county through clinics and health education programs, and helps to raise awareness of important wellness issues including heart health, diabetes, sexual assault awareness, burn safety, smoking cessation and more.

FIRST RESPONDERS

DANIEL LOPEZ, CPL

Medical Platoon
HHC, 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry
Regiment, 53rd Brigade Combat Team

While serving in civil support operations as a medic at a shelter during Hurricane Irma, Daniel Lopez medically treated an 18-month-old girl whose life was immediately compromised due to a pre-existing illness. Due to his quick thinking and decisive call to action, he was able to stabilize the child until she could be transported to a higher level of care, saving her life.

Throughout his roles as a 68W (Military Occupational Specialty) Combat Medic Specialist and as a registered nurse in his civilian career, CPL Lopez has not only demonstrated his knowledge, skills and abilities to perform his duties, but has done so with professionalism and the utmost respect for his patients.

He is highly respected by his peers and leaders, and is often called upon as a subject matter expert to provide aid and recommendations to soldiers' injuries or ailments. His assessments are always direct, quick and correct within the scope of his role and responsibilities. During a natural disaster in service of South Floridians, he demonstrated selfless service in performance of his duties, which resulted in saving a life.



"CPL Daniel Lopez represents all that is honorable in both his civilian nursing career and in military service. His actions were deemed to reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, the Florida Army National Guard and the state of Florida."

CPT William S. Noguera
Company Commander
Headquarters and Headquarters
Company, 1st Battalion, 124th
Infantry Regiment

KEITH TYSON

Vice President, Education,
Research and Outreach
Firefighter Cancer Support Network

Keith Tyson worked as a paramedic/firefighter for 34 years with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. Six months after retiring at the age of 55, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He sought and received medical attention and today is cancer-free, but in the process of researching his own situation, learned that firefighters had a much higher incidence of certain cancers than the general public. He began to work with other firefighters and fire departments to develop an educational program on cancer awareness and education. Today, that program is delivered through the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN), a national organization of firefighters who have had cancer and who volunteer to assist and mentor others. Because of his passion and research, Mr. Tyson was instrumental in developing partnerships with the University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center and also the Florida State Fire Marshal's office and other university research centers. He also helped to prepare the FCSN's 2013 White Paper entitled Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire Service, which has been recognized as one of the decade's most important documents on firefighter cancer. Because of his efforts, resources have now been allocated to examine the issues of firefighter cancer and to develop methods to reduce their cancer exposure.



"As a retired firefighter and cancer survivor, Keith Tyson might be expected to lead an entirely private life. He has chosen instead to spend his time and energy in service to the cause of fighting the epidemic of firefighter cancer."

Santiago Leon
Employee Benefits Consultant
SGL Insurance, Inc.

JULIO PUENTES

Firefighter/Paramedic
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department

On January 12, 2017, the crew of Ladder 17 was dispatched to an incident at a construction site. They were advised that the call involved the rescue of a submerged construction worker, a dive rescue emergency. The only diver on the unit, FF Julio Puentes, would be the key to this person's survival. Several attempts to rescue the worker by his coworkers had already failed, and bubbles from his underwater breathing equipment were no longer visible.

The dive was dangerous as it was a zero-visibility environment, forcing FF Puentes to conduct the rescue by feel. Being an unsecured excavation, the threat of a cave-in or trench wall collapse was a possibility and would be fatal.

With no back-up divers present, FF Puentes understood that he would be executing the rescue alone with limited chance of being rescued himself should he become trapped. After four minutes of searching, he found the victim, whose foot was wedged underneath a large rock. He freed the victim and resurfaced, and the man was removed from the water in respiratory arrest.

Rescue 28 began resuscitative efforts and successfully resuscitated the patient, who otherwise would not have survived.



"FF Julio Puentes displays the highest level of professionalism and dedication to the mission of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and the community we serve. With his selflessness and the willingness to sacrifice his safety under overwhelming odds, he defines the true nature of a hero and service above and beyond the call of duty."

Nicolas Morgado
Captain
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
Department

YOUTH VOLUNTEER RECIPIENT

MARITZA ALLEN-BROWN

Student Volunteer,
American Red Cross
Student,
Coral Reef Senior High School

Maritza Allen-Brown is currently a junior in the Health Science Academy at Coral Reef High School, where she is an active member of the school's chapter of HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and engages in service to the community, including making blankets for pediatric cancer clinics.

Outside of the Academy, she is being trained as a peer health educator, to provide peers with the information necessary to make educated decisions about their bodies. In this role, she will be giving monthly presentations to freshmen and helping to create an environment where health prevention and a healthy lifestyle are an essential part of the school's culture.

She is an activity coordinator for the Special Melodies program, which provides music therapy to students who are developmentally disabled. In this role, she coordinates the music therapy schedules, guest volunteers, and coordinates events with other clubs in school.

She is also a dedicated youth volunteer with the American Red Cross. During Hurricane Matthew, she participated in disaster preparedness activities as well as prepared shelters for those affected by the storm. Through this experience, she was named a co-manager of a local Red Cross shelter during Hurricane Irma.



"There are students who engage in community service because it is required for graduation, and then there are students who engage in community service because they are drawn to it. Maritza Allen-Brown is the latter. She is always willing to go the extra mile, wishing to leave the world a little better than she found it."

Jessica Cabrera-Sarduy
Health Science Academy
Lead Teacher
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