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**TODAY'S TOP STORIES**

**Awards honor area's top achievers in health care**

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Fourteen individuals and an imaging system technology have been selected as recipients of Rochester Business Journal 2009 Health Care Achievement Awards.

The awards are slated to be presented at a March 19 luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Rochester. The event will spotlight individuals and groups whose contributions to local—and, in some cases, international—health care mark them as outstanding in the eyes of their colleagues, patients and supervisors.

The recipients were chosen from among nominations made by community members, who supplied biographies, testimonials and other supporting background information to the Health Care Achievement Awards committee.

Individuals and groups are eligible for consideration in five categories: innovation, volunteer, management, nurse and physician.

This year's honorees are the seventh group to receive the Health Care Achievement Awards. They are:

**Innovation:**

Robert McCann, chief of medicine at Highland Hospital; Benjamin Miller, associate professor of dermatology at the University of Rochester Medical Center; and the Carestream DRX-1 System at Carestream Health Inc.

**Volunteer:**

Josephine Whang, Chronic Kidney Disease Conference coordinator for the National Kidney Foundation Serving Upstate N.Y.; Louis Papa, partner in the Olsan Medical Group and a weekly volunteer with St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center; and Bob Kane, a teacher at the Harley School who developed and teaches a hospice volunteering curriculum for Harley students.

**Management:**

Holly Barone, senior operations administrator for Eastman Dental Center at URM; Nancy Tourje, administrator for Blossom View: A Nursing Rehabilitation Center; and Dianne Cooney Miner, dean of the Wegmans School of Nursing at St. John Fisher College.



**Nurse:**

Anna Lambert, associate director of cardiovascular nursing at URMC; Barb Schrage, advanced practice nurse at Highland Hospital; and Margaret Ecklund, advanced practice nurse at Rochester General Hospital.

**Physician:**

Eric Birken, otolaryngologist at Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic; Stamatia Destounis radiologist at Elizabeth Wende Breast Care LLC; and Leway Chen, a cardiologist and director of the program in heart failure and transplantation at URMC.

The awards are co-sponsored by Preferred Care, Roberts Wesleyan College and Rotenberg & Co. LLP.

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