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Abilene State Supported Living Center

OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

AbSSLC News

Abilene SSLC

Week of April 1st, 2024

Cleaning Products

It's important to know that **only** chemicals or cleaners purchased by the State can be used on campus. At no time, can you bring items from home or that you purchase yourself.



The chemicals we use on campus have been approved for use and are ones that have Safety Data Sheets available.

If there is a certain product you would like to recommend, please let us know – just don't bring it with you!

HSCS Award Nominees – AbSSLC

Congratulations to all of the HSCS Award Nominees from AbSSLC! Again this year we had an amazing list of staff from all across campus that were nominated.

Creative Environment of the Year

AbSSLC Maintenance Department

DSP of the Year

Angela Scott
Ashley Loftis
Cheyenne Ramirez
Christie Williams
Janie Brown
Kimble Knight
Terry Moore

SSLC Individual Spirit Award

Amanda English
Amy Gleaton
Josie West
Kim Rankin
Kayleigh Johnson
Kellie Mathis
Patricia Robinson
Sarah Chavarria
Yoana Jimenez
Adam Berry

Leading with Heart Award

Ashley Hill
Brittany New
Kalana Allen
Kaleigh Johnson
Lecrisa Govan
Marie Castillo
Jessica Garcia

Most Involved Employee of the Year

David Payne
Leslie Nielsen
Mark Burgess

Nurse of the Year

Angel Ramos
Carrisa Mason
Casandra Dennis
Hailey Mitchell
Jessica De La Cruz
Krystal Arnold
Rebecca Corley
Shannon Hopkins
Emily Wilkerson

Program Innovation of the Year

Phyllis Grubb
Tandy Aldridge
Vocational Services
**Chaplain Mike Horton and
Volunteer Jeanne-Mari Horton**

Together We Shine Award

Amy Gleaton
Barbara Marrow-Hale
Kalana Allen
Penny Newton
Shelia Doolittle
Susan Kilpatrick
Suzanne Sargent
Will McFarland
Celeste Grascel

Unsung Hero of the Year

Dannie Sims
Jeff Goza
Russell Thompson
Shelia Nance
Jimmy Betcher

The winners for each category (shown in **bold**) were submitted to State Office for statewide consideration!

Shout Outs!

I just need to say that I appreciate the **Behavior Coaches** soooo much! Having on-call with limited coaching support right now makes me grateful when we have their assistance, they do so much for us!

Just wanted to share **Kristin Breseman** and **Dannie Simms** are greatly appreciated for their behavior guidance, work, and communication. It takes the whole team to make sure all the individuals are safe and taken care of and both Kristin and Dannie go to the home regularly to ensure staff are aware of responsibilities and to help. During IDT discussions Kristin and Dannie come with ideas to help resolve issues and are willing to try new things to overcome the struggles. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I would like to Give a shout out to the **6-2** and **2-10** teams at 6710 Circle Dr. They have been doing a phenomenal job with their residents, including new residents in giving them structure to their day and following their plans! Great job y'all!

I would like to send a Shout Out to the **Day Programs (Recreation, Activity Centers, and Vocational Services)**! I have the honor of working with all three areas. They have experienced many changes in the past several months. Many of their employees have gone to work at the homes. The staff that left to work at homes are greatly missed at the Day Programs. Thank you for all you did at Recreation and Activity Centers! I am super excited to see what each of the Day Programs will bring to the campus in the near future!!

I just want to give a BIG Shout Out to the **FCT&D instructors** they did an excellent job with Tier 1. I have learned so much.

I wanted to give a shoutout to **Stacia Ellison**, one of the counselors for the facility. In addition to her regular duties, Stacia has agreed to perform testing and write a lengthy report updating the Determination of Intellectual Disability (DID) for the individuals who have recently turned 18. Without her assistance, the individual would be required to sit for a lengthy session with an unfamiliar contractor at an outside location which would likely be rather challenging for most of the people who call AbSSLC home. Stacia's work helps establish an adult disability date for the person, which in turn ensures they continue to receive benefits from both Social Security and Medicaid for their lifetime.

Big shoutout to **6760 Circle Drive!** This home is run smoothly and all the staff work together to cover all the shifts. Every time I visit the home it is VERY clean; The cleanest and most organized home I've come across. They go above and beyond to meet their residents needs as well as providing active treatment and getting the ladies engaged.

Shout out to **6450 Plum Staff** and **Shelia Doolittle!** I was very impressed with the friendly & knowledgeable staff and how clean and organized it was during my recent visit to the home.

Thanks to all who came out to Celebrate 120 years...and still going strong with us on Tuesday, 3/26! And THANK YOU to the FANTASTIC people (ALL 7 of them 😊) who showed up to celebrate with us during the 5:30am-6:30am party! Thank you **VSC** for the cake, ice cream, punch and water!

Thank YOU, **Vicki Boland** (Env Services) for always being willing to show up bright and early to make sure everything is perfect and help out any way you can! You're THE best and we are so thankful for YOU and appreciate YOU so much!!

Thank YOU **Cindy & PJ** for always being willing to go "all in" on everything we do (from dress up to early morning/late at night) and always showing up and shining bright with smiles and great attitudes!

Thank you, **Mike & Jeanne Mari Horton, AbSSLC Choir, and Recreation** for a fun and beautiful Easter Service and for reminding us THE reason for the season!



AbSSLC celebrated our 120th Anniversary on March 4th!

Let's Shout Out and recognize others!

Photo Explosion!



Carol Carter, LVN
celebrates 40 Years!

(l to r), Linda Hinshaw, Jessica Moore,
Carol Carter, Melanie Choate



Cindy Bowman shows off 45
years of Service!

(l to r) David Daniel, Cindy Bowman,
Linda Hinshaw



Most Involved Employee of the Year
(l to r) Mark Burgess, Linda Hinshaw, Jeff Goza



Terry Moore
DSP of the Year

(l to r) Linda Hinshaw, Terry Moore, David Daniel



Adam Berry
SSILC Individual Spirit Award

(l to r) David Daniel, Adam Berry,
Linda Hinshaw



Celeste Graschel
Together We Shine
(l to r) Traycl Gandee,
Celeste Graschel, Linda Hinshaw



Mike Horton & Jeanne-Mari Horton
Program Innovation of the Year
(l to r) Shae Butts, Mike Horton, Linda Hinshaw
Not pictured – Jeanne-Mari Horton



Jimmy Betcher
Unsung Hero of the Year
(l to r) Jimmy Betcher, Linda Hinshaw,
Jeff Goza



Emily Wilkinson
Nurse of the Year
(l to r) Linda Hinshaw, Emily Wilkinson,
Jessica More