

JUNE 2026

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# Congratulations, Graduating Residents

Recognizing the Class of 2026!

## Garnet Health Named Business of the Year

Garnet Health was recognized as the Business of the Year at the BOCES Annual Partnership Breakfast, in acknowledgment of its ongoing support of BOCES C-Tech (Career and Technical Education) students.

The award recognizes Garnet Health's role in providing education and career exploration for approximately 300 BOCES C-Tech students across multiple areas of the health system. Garnet Health hosted students in a variety of departments, including Pharmacy and Cardiology as well as Garnet Health Doctors Urgent Care and physician offices, helping students gain valuable exposure to healthcare careers and real-world learning experiences.

The following staff members were recognized for going above and beyond in supporting BOCES students during their clinicals this year:

Matthew Ashley, RN, Cardiology Nursing	Dominique Nole, Cardiology Tech, EKG
Arlene Benitez-Rosario, LPN, Goshen Urgent Care	Mayra Perkowski, MA, GHD General Surgery
Jenny Bloomer, Lead Pharmacy Tech, Pharmacy	Mali Romero Marin, MA, GHD Primary Care
Vlora Gocoj, MA, GHD Neurology	Jessica Santos, Cardiology Tech, EKG
Kristin Gonzalez, LPN, GHD Pulmonary	Michelle Velez, Cardiology Tech, EKG

## Car Seat Safety Event

On Saturday, June 6, Garnet Health partnered with New York State Troop F, the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Orange County Traffic Safety to provide free car seat and booster seat inspections by certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians for parents and caregivers. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make this event a success!



The following were also acknowledged for facilitating:

Scott Bush	Angela Lucchese
Kastilia Cruceta	Margaret McCullough
Elizabeth DiDomenico-Conklin	Dina Norman
Amanda Goldstein	Amy Russell-Parliman

## Free Mammogram Event

Garnet Health provided free mammogram screenings to eligible uninsured and underinsured individuals during the Free Mammogram Screening Event held on May 30. This event helped increase access to potentially lifesaving breast cancer screenings and emphasized the importance of early detection. Through programs like this, Garnet Health remains committed to reducing barriers to care and improving the health and well-being of our community.



*Pictured left to right: Delilah Socci, Community Health Manager of Garnet Health; Debbie Jennings, Breast Center Coordinator; and Casey Petronella, Resident Physician*

## Celebrates May Employees of the Month

# BEE AWARDS



### Sarah Dirie, RN

Emergency Department, Harris Campus,  
Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills

Sarah always goes above and beyond to support both patients and colleagues. As a Charge Nurse and Preceptor, she is always willing to assist with policies, protocols and patient care needs, while maintaining positive interactions with patients. Sarah has also volunteered to participate in DNV surveys, confidently representing the organization and answering any questions with accuracy and professionalism.

**Congratulations, Sarah, and thank you for all you do to support your team and patients!**



### Jane Dever

Facilities Management Coordinator  
Garnet Health Medical Center

Jane was recognized for her positive attitude and consistent willingness to step in and help wherever needed. She plays a key role in coordinating the small but important details that keep multiple teams moving forward on projects. She is attentive to every request and takes care to ensure each is addressed thoroughly and effectively.

**Congratulations, Jane, and thank you for your positivity, dedication and the support you provide every day!**



The Employee of the Month program is also known as the Being Exceptional Every Day (BEE) Award, and Being Exceptional Every day takes dedication, loyalty and commitment. To nominate an employee, physician, volunteer or team/department, visit the intranet page, scroll down and click on the BEE Award icon.

## Get Emergency Notifications Directly from Garnet Health on Your Phone

### Stay Informed. Stay Safe.

When unexpected situations arise, getting the right information quickly matters. Our Emergency Notification System provides updates and clear instructions during significant events to help you respond safely and protect our patients.

### Why Sign Up?

To receive timely notifications about incidents, safety guidance and operational updates directly on your mobile device.



### How to Subscribe:

- Scan the QR code.
- Enter your information and click subscribe.
- On the second page, select Emergency Preparedness and click update.
- Save **58339** in your contacts (e.g., "Garnet Health Alert") so that you recognize alerts instantly.

Staying informed is key to keeping yourself, your colleagues, our patients and our environment safe.

**Take a minute today and sign up.**

## Mental Health Awareness Month Bake Sale

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills hosted a bake sale May 29, with all proceeds supporting art initiatives for the Harris Campus Behavioral Health Unit. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!





# Congratulations to our 2026 Graduate Residents!

Congratulations to all **38 Garnet Health Medical Center residents** who graduated on June 12, 2026, at Villa Venezia in Middletown, NY. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in your residency journey and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Special thanks to our incredible Graduate Medical Education staff and faculty for your commitment and dedication to the program. And, to our keynote speaker, Assembly Member Paula Kay, we appreciate your time in addressing the 2026 graduating class.



Garnet Health GME Faculty, Board Members and Paula Kay



*Pictured left to right: Designated Institutional Official Ryan Punsalan, MD, FACP, FHM and Excellence in Education Above and Beyond Preceptor of the Year Award Recipient John Ferguson, MD*



*Pictured left to right: Excellence in Education Above and Beyond Nursing Award Recipient Dalia Reyes, BSN and Designated Institutional Official Ryan Punsalan, MD, FACP, FHM*



*Leroy C. Floyd, MD, CPE, FACP, FHM, Chief Clinical Transformation Officer, Garnet Health, addresses the crowd.*



*Dr. Ryan Punsalan, MD, FACP, FHM, Designated Institutional Official for Garnet Health, offers words of encouragement to the graduating class.*



*Residents make their entrance at the graduation ceremony.*



*Chief Academic Officer Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Harlem/Middletown/Montana.*

*Internal Medicine Program Graduate and Resident Teacher of the Year Award Recipient Samad Rahman, MD and Kenneth Steier, DO, MBA, MHA, MGH Executive Dean and*

## 2026 Graduates

- Yunus Ahmadi, MD, Psychiatry
- Kabir Al-Tariq, MD, Transitional Year
- Godly Alcindor, DO, Family Medicine
- Haala Babar, DO, Emergency Medicine
- Kaylin Back, DO, Transitional Year
- Brittany Borto, DO, General Surgery
- Qais Dawod, MD, Internal Medicine
- Troy Elders, MD, Emergency Medicine
- Ghussan Ghanem, MD, Internal Medicine
- Tri Hoang, MD, Transitional Year
- Emmanuel Ilori, M.B.Ch.B., Psychiatry
- Patrick Ji, DO, Transitional Year
- Fereshteh Khorshidi, MD, Transitional Year
- Jonathan Kolb, DO, Transitional Year
- Alexander Lee, DO, General Surgery
- Ryan Lee, MD, Transitional Year
- Kelsey Lee-Tarca, MD, Psychiatry
- Therese Limbana, DO, Transitional Year
- Hannah Mathew, MBBS, Internal Medicine
- Abdullah Mayan, DO, Internal Medicine
- Stephanie Ellaine Mazo, MD, Internal Medicine
- Fadi Moaikel, DO, Transitional Year
- Hebah Najib, DO, Internal Medicine
- Andrew Paramo, DO, Emergency Medicine
- Gauri Patel, DO, Transitional Year
- Krunal Patel, DO, Internal Medicine
- Shiv Patel, DO, Family Medicine
- Casey Petronella, DO, Family Medicine
- Alexandria Jean Quinere, DO, Family Medicine
- Samad Rahman, MD, Internal Medicine
- Anna Riordan, MD, Emergency Medicine
- Muhammet Saglam, MD, Internal Medicine
- Mofi Sasore, MD, Internal Medicine
- Nasar Shah, MBBS, Internal Medicine
- Gurpreet Singh, DO, General Surgery
- Dominick Svrcek, DO, Transitional Year
- Khanh Tran, MD, Emergency Medicine
- Neval Uyar, MD, Transitional Year



Emergency Medicine



Family Medicine



General Surgery



Internal Medicine



Psychiatry



Transitional Year

# April Perfect Attendance Winner!



At Garnet Health, we deeply appreciate our team members who show up every day to keep our organization running smoothly and to support one another. That's why we're proud to offer a great **Perfect Attendance Incentive Program!**

Congratulations to our **April 2026 Perfect Attendance winner, Giselle Ochoa Santos**, Patient Service Associate, Garnet Health Doctors, Specialty Practices Front Desk in Middletown. Giselle was awarded \$1,585 for achieving perfect attendance in March's monthly incentive program!

Garnet Health's Attendance Incentive Program provides all full- and part-time employees the opportunity to earn extra cash for perfect attendance. Each month, \$1 per employee who had perfect attendance the month prior will be added to an incentive pot. By random drawing, 50% of the monthly pot will be awarded to one of the employees who had perfect attendance. The remaining 50% will be contributed to the annual prize for those with perfect attendance throughout 2026.



Maintain perfect attendance throughout 2026 for a chance to win a growing **POT OF GOLD!** Through April 2026, the annual pot of gold is up to



## SYMLR WORKFORCE MOBILE APP

### Shift Trade Can Help You Achieve Perfect Attendance!

Are you part of our clinical staff? If so, have you heard about the Symplr app? This tool makes shift trading simple, helping you avoid unscheduled absences and stay eligible for the monthly Perfect Attendance Award. Scan the QR code to get started today!

**DOWNLOAD FROM THE APP STORE**



# Da Vinci Robot Demo

Garnet Health Medical Center recently hosted a Da Vinci 5 (DV5) Robotic Surgery demonstration for physicians, clinical staff, leadership, and community members. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the latest advancements in robotic-assisted surgery through hands-on demonstrations and learn how the technology can enhance patient care.

The event reflects Garnet Health's ongoing commitment to serving the community by exploring the most advanced treatment options available.



## SHARPS Disposal

**Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills, Harris Campus** is accepting **used sharps** for disposal, free of charge.

Used sharps must be properly placed in **puncture proof containers** such as sharps containers, laundry detergent bottles or bleach bottles. Screw-on caps are to be tightly secured and bottles are to be marked with "**Contains Sharps**".

Drop-offs will be accepted from **8:00 am - 8:00 pm, 7 days a week.**

**No appointment required.**



### Drop-off Location

**68 Harris-Bushville Road  
Harris, NY 12742  
845-333-8870**

*Enter main lobby and report to security.*

## Out and About Supporting Senior Wellness

Garnet Health participated in the 14th Annual Orange County Office for the Aging Senior Health & Fitness Day on May 27. During the event, the team provided free Know Your Numbers health screenings, including blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose checks, helping seniors better understand and take charge of their health. Thank you to the Office for the Aging for hosting this wonderful event focused on wellness, prevention and healthy aging!



*Pictured left to right: Jennifer Malinchak, Jeanette Maysonet-Myles, Delilah Socci, Rebecca Orman, Nikki Gawronski and Jemima Debras*

## Making Healthful Decisions Conference

On Friday, June 5, Community Health Manager Delilah Socci attended the 27th Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference, where leaders and professionals gathered to explore resilience, connection and community well-being. The event highlighted the importance of collaboration and shared experiences in creating healthier, more connected communities.



*Pictured left to right: Delilah Socci, Dr. Scott Peters, Dr. Julika Von Stackelberg and Jennifer Malinchak*

## Good Catch and Great Save Awards

We're proud to recognize **Nicole Jehlen**, Dosimetrist, who was recently honored with a Great Save Award for identifying a discrepancy during a treatment planning process. Her attention to detail helped ensure the appropriate course of care was maintained.

**Thank you, Nicole, for your dedication to providing quality care and ensuring patient safety!**



Shout out to **Paula Tully**, Pharmacist, who was recently honored with a Good Catch Award for identifying a potential safety concern and bringing it forward. Her commitment to patient safety reflects the high standards of pharmacy practice.

**Thank you, Paula, for your vigilance and attention to detail!**



Congratulations to **Janet Burzon**, Nurse Assistant, who was recently honored with a Good Catch Award for recognizing a concerning condition in a patient. She promptly brought it to the care team's attention, allowing for timely evaluation and intervention.

**Thank you, Janet, for your attentiveness and for exemplifying high reliability in patient care!**



**Good Catch** occurs when someone's corrective action and/or timely intervention prevents an incident or medical error.

**Great Save** happens when someone's immediate action keeps a patient safe during an event.

The Patient Safety Subcommittee judges the nominees. For more information about the Good Catch Award, email Vice President, Quality/Patient Safety Officer Mary Ellen Crittenden at [mcrittenden@garnethealth.org](mailto:mcrittenden@garnethealth.org).



# Sporting Clay Tournament

Thank you to all who made Garnet Health Foundation's Annual Sporting Clays Tournament a success, especially the Sporting Clays Tournament Committee! This exciting and impactful fundraiser supports the Garnet Health Foundation Fund. Participants enjoyed a dynamic experience shooting clay targets from multiple stations. The event plays a vital role in the Foundation's ongoing fundraising efforts.



## Congratulations to our tournament winners:

**High gun female:**  
**Jene Shafer**

**High gun male:**  
**Matt Wigglesworth**

**High gun team:**  
**Glen Spey Rod and Gun Club**





*Pictured left to right: Chris Costello, Natasha Girard, Maria Curran and Dan Conroy*

## Recognizing Extraordinary Nurses: DAISY Awards

### **Dan Conroy, RN Garnet Health Medical Center**

Dan is being recognized for his resilience and leadership during a winter storm. While helping lead his unit during a blizzard, Dan offered support to his colleagues and instilled confidence in a team member facing a challenging assignment, all while providing quality patient care.

### **Chris Costello, RN Garnet Health Medical Center**

Chris is an administrator who is always willing to jump in and help those around him. During multiple high-stress situations, he stepped in to ensure patient safety while providing a steady, reassuring presence for both patients and his team. Situations that might feel overwhelming are more manageable because his team knows Chris will always be there, not just as a leader, but as a teammate.

### **Maria Curran, RN Garnet Health Medical Center**

Maria exemplifies compassion and patient-centered care. While supporting a patient who had a life-altering injury, she consistently demonstrated empathy, encouragement and unwavering support. Maria continued to visit the patient during her breaks to provide comfort. These thoughtful gestures not only uplifted the patient but also brought reassurance to their family during a difficult time.

### **Natasha Girard, RN Garnet Health Medical Center**

Natasha went above and beyond for a patient who underwent an intense procedure, ensuring they felt comfortable and confident that they would receive excellent care. The patient has expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Natasha's compassion and attentiveness throughout their experience.

To nominate a nurse at any of our Garnet Health locations, please visit [garnethealth.org/about-us/nursing-excellence/nominate-nurse](http://garnethealth.org/about-us/nursing-excellence/nominate-nurse).

#### **About the DAISY Foundation:**

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at age 33 from complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP). The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Honorees receive a certificate of commemoration; a hand-carved sculpture called A Healer's Touch; and Cinnabon® cinnamon rolls, one of Patrick's favorites.

## QUALITY CORNER

# Culture of Safety: From Feedback to Action

At Garnet Health, safety is the foundation of everything we do. Each year, our Culture of Safety Survey provides insight into how our workforce experiences teamwork, communication, leadership support and our shared commitment to preventing harm.

In total, 1,277 employees participated in the 2026 survey, offering feedback that helps us celebrate our strengths and identify opportunities to grow. Using the AHRQ Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture, we benchmarked our results against both national and regional averages.

This year's results reaffirm what makes Garnet Health special. Staff consistently reported strengths in reporting patient safety events, communication openness, teamwork and communication about errors. These findings reflect an environment where employees feel empowered to speak up, support one another and learn from events before harm reaches our patients.

The survey also guides our next steps. Opportunities related to handoffs and information exchange remind us that reliable communication remains essential to safe, coordinated care. Through targeted action plans, frontline engagement, leadership rounding and continued investment in high-reliability principles, we will build on our successes and address areas for improvement.

Most importantly, the survey demonstrates that safety is everyone's responsibility. Every concern raised, near miss reported and improvement implemented strengthens our culture and advances our journey toward zero preventable harm.

Together, we are transforming feedback into action and creating a safer future for our patients, our community and one another.

# Food Farmacy

 Garnet Health 

## We Need Your Help!

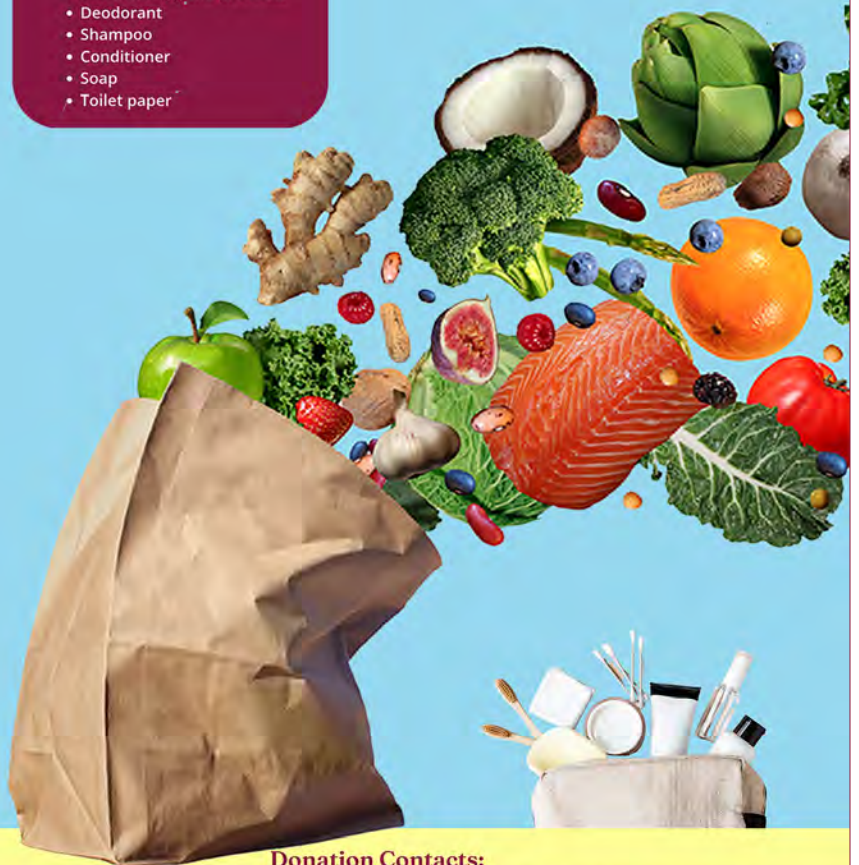
Across the system, our Food Farmacy has provided food to inpatients and outpatients who have been screened as food insecure.

Garnet Health's Food Farmacy Program is an official member of the Hudson Valley Regional Food Bank and has received over 5,000+ pounds of food to support the growing demand.

However, the Food Bank cannot always provide personal care items, bottled water, toiletries, etc.

### Please consider the donation of:

- Cases of 16oz bottled water
- Feminine hygiene products
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Toilet paper



### Donation Contacts:

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**Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills**  
Jodi Goodman | 845-333-8785  
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For more information, please contact: **Delilah Socci** at [dsocci@garnethealth.org](mailto:dsocci@garnethealth.org)

# Garnet Health Medical Center July Auxiliary Vendor Sales

Want to shop and do some good at the same time? Throughout July, we're welcoming vendors to showcase their merchandise. A percentage of vendor sales will support the Garnet Health Medical Center Auxiliary, a group of community volunteers dedicated to enhancing patient programs and services at the hospital. All vendors will be located in the lobby of the ground-floor level unless otherwise noted.

## July Vendor Dates



7/2 Ott'rageous Cookie Co.

7/3 Carol's Handmade Designs

7/7 Northern Medical

7/9 A Stylish Bling

7/10 Scentsy Candles

7/13 Northern Medical

7/16 Cookie Creations

7/20 Northern Medical

7/23 Teddies Jewelry

7/27 Ott'rageous Cookie Co.

7/28 Northern Medical

7/30 J's Divine Jewelzz

7/31 Farmhouse Sourdough Bagels



## 2026 Annual Education Is NOW OPEN

**Deadline to complete is  
September 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

Any employee hired AFTER January 1, 2025, is exempt. Please refer to policy #SM-002-0060 regarding failure to complete.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Wellness Wednesday | July 8

### Wellness Fair – UV Awareness Month

Garnet Health Medical Center  
Conference Center Lobby

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stop by the Conference Center Lobby to connect with this month's featured participants:

- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Schweiger Dermatology

## Thoughtful Thursday | July 9

Mediation and Mindfulness with Danielle Moser,  
Orange County Department of Health,  
Community Health Outreach

Garnet Health Medical Center  
Conference Room #7

Each session will have six to eight spots.

Available times:

- 10:15 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 11:45 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m.



To sign up, please email  
[VolunteerResourceDept@garnethealth.org](mailto:VolunteerResourceDept@garnethealth.org).

## New York Life Representative | July 14

Garnet Health Medical Center  
Conference Center Lobby

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Gems Newsletter

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