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LOCAL RESIDENTS NOMINATED FOR NURSING AWARDS

TUPELO, Miss.— Several Prentiss County residents are nominees for North Mississippi Medical Center's Excellence in Nursing Awards. The awards ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the BancorpSouth Conference Center, Hilton Garden Inn in Tupelo.

Pam Clark, RN, of Booneville, is nominated for the Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award. Clark is a charge nurse in Labor and Delivery at NMMC Women's Hospital, where she has worked for 22 years. She received her associate's degree in nursing from Northeast Mississippi Community College and is certified in inpatient obstetrics.

She and her husband Billy have two daughters – Amy Harris and Amber Janzen. She teaches a class to Allied Health students at Prentiss County Vo-Tech, is a church camp nurse and teaches an emergency obstetrics class to emergency medical technician students at NEMCC. She is a member of East Booneville Baptist Church.

Amanda Foster, RN, of Baldwin, is nominated for the RN Excellence Award. Foster is a nurse on the NMMC pediatric unit, where she has worked for nine years. She and her husband Stephen have three children – 7-year-old Kaitlyn, 4-year-old Connor and 2-year-old Ethan. The family attends Casey Creek Baptist Church, where Foster helps with the youth group.

Alicia Hinton, nurse practitioner, of Booneville, is nominated for the Excellence in Advanced Practice Award. She works as a nurse practitioner in the glycemic control department at NMMC's Diabetes Treatment Center. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of North Alabama. She went on to receive a master's degree as an adult health specialist and her nurse practitioner training from the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

She and her husband Mark have two children – Baylor and Grace. The family attends Saltillo First United Methodist Church. Hinton also volunteers for the Tupelo Children's Mansion and at the Good Samaritan Free Clinic providing diabetes clinics.

Kathy Holley, CLPN, of Booneville, is nominated for the CLPN/LPN Excellence Award. Holley works on 4 South on the Neurology/Orthopedic units. She has been employed by NMMC for 30 years. Holley and her husband Joel have two adult daughters – Melissa and Amy.

Claudia Scarborough, RN, of Booneville, is nominated for the Outcomes Improvement Excellence Award. Scarborough serves as quality assessment manager for NMMC Home Health. She has worked at NMMC for 19 years, also serving as outcomes manager and staff nurse for Home Health, and as a staff nurse on 6 South. She received her associate's degree in nursing from NEMCC and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Mississippi University for Women. In 2003, she was trained at Emory University as a Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse.

She and her husband David have two adult daughters – Mary and Jennifer, and are members of Booneville Church of Christ.

Melissa Thornton, RN, of Marietta, is nominated for the Outcomes Improvement Excellence Award. Thornton serves as a case manager at NMMC, where she has been employed for 22 years. She has also worked in Home Health in many capacities.

She and her husband Tim have two sons – 19-year-old Matt and 14-year-old Tyler. The family attends Little Creek Baptist Church.

The NMMC Excellence in Nursing Awards recognize and reward members of the NMMC nursing staff who exemplify standards of excellence.