November Department News

- Last Friday, Roanoke Rehab Social Workers and Therapeutic Arts Team dressed up like their boss, Jon Mrnak. Included in the picture are Jon, Shelby Wynn, Kassidy Earehart, Hillary Greer, Tonierose Alicea and Katie Conoboy.

Brieanne Hamm, Therapist, St. Albans, won the St. Albans Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Her pumpkin was also entered in the CNRV 2nd Annual Pumpkin Contest. Great job, Brieanne!

- Sabrina Mason joined the MH Therapy team at St. Albans. She had previously worked at the Pulaski Lewis Gale Psychiatric facility. Welcome, Sabrina!

- Please welcome two new locum physicians to St. Albans - Dr. Maria Liquete is a Locum from Weatherby. She resides in TN and has worked on both inpatient units and consult services in TN, VA, NY and NC and Dr. Celia Trotta is from IRIS and is providing telepsychiatry services for inpatient and eventually for outpatient at NRV. She resides in Boca Raton, FL.

- Please join our team in welcoming Rick Whitt as our new care coordinator - located on the first floor of the Rehab Building, serving patients in our office-based opioid treatment (OBOT) program. Rick brings a wealth of experience in case management to this position; he has shared patients with us in the past several years, so he may be a familiar name to you! Feel free to introduce yourself virtually (his email is rjwhitt@carilionclinic.org).
- **Lesa Meadows, HAA**, joins Rehab Ambulatory on November 9. Welcome, Lesa!
- **Dr. Badr Ratnakaran** has been selected for the 2021 American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT) Nyapati Rao and Francis Lu International Medical Graduate (IMG) Fellowship Award.
- **Dr. Kemi Bankole** has accepted the part time position of Chief Diversity Officer for VTCSOM starting in January. While retaining her roles in Psychiatry as a clinician and Director of the Geropsychiatry Fellowship, Dr. Bankole will be helping to support our medical school’s expanding diversity and inclusion initiatives. Congratulations Kemi!
- **Jennifer Amateis, Roanoke Ambulatory**, will be celebrating her 1st year anniversary in December. Thank you, Jennifer, for your teamwork!
- Please welcome **Komal Dobaria, nurse manager for CNRV Psychiatry, to our team**. Komal will spend the next couple of weeks meeting staff and adjusting to her role. We are excited to have her on our team.

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- **Byron Lawson, Intermediate Care and Psychiatric Technician, Inpatient Psychiatry**, also served on the USNS Comfort in its mission (Operation Gotham) to New York City, where he worked in outpatient mental health rounding on all units and departments on all shifts to assess the crew’s well-being. He was a resource for anything they may need. Sailors had a 48-hour notice to report to the ship for duty, so there was little time to mentally prepare. "I worked in an outpatient mental health capacity to solve and de-escalate crew members on the floor, so we could help to decrease the need for them to require outpatient mental health services," says Byron. "This was essentially like having Carilion EAP come directly to frontline workers--offering them on-the-spot services."