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A king of hearts

Anthony King, MD, shares a lifetime of learning to help congestive heart failure patients

His office walls are adorned with pictures of family members, pets, impressionistic paintings, and patient thank you cards, along with scores of heart care degrees and board certifications, especially in his area of specialty—cardiology and congestive heart failure.

Like his office walls, Anthony King, MD, cardiologist, Borgess Heart Institute, is happy to share his connections, interests and his lifetime of continuing medical learning in the pursuit of patient care excellence.

“Congestive heart failure (CHF) patients share their lives with me and my outstanding team,” said Dr. King, Medical Director, Borgess Congestive Heart Failure Clinic. “Each patient is facing a serious condition with life and death consequences. We share what we are learning every day about new and perhaps not-so-new CHF treatment plan options.”

Sharing during American Heart and Black History Month

Dr. King doesn’t regularly share his educational and personal background with others, but he chose to do so during February, which is both American Heart and Black History Month.

Dr. King’s learning journey began in his home state of North Carolina.

“When I was very young, my mother could no longer take care of me or my siblings,” Dr. King said. “The county human resources department was going to ‘place’ me until my grandmother stepped forward to welcome me and my brother and sister into her life.

“She raised us in such a loving manner that I can never thank her enough.”

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With guidance from his grandmother, Dr. King achieved well in grade school and middle school. Because of his academic prowess, his grandmother approved of a subsequent placement that further transformed Dr. King’s life.

“I went to a prep school called ‘A Better Chance of Andover, Massachusetts,’” Dr. King said. “Better Chance, Inc., is a national non-profit whose mission is to substantially increase the number of well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in America. It identifies, recruits, and refers qualified highly-motivated students to outstanding secondary schools, which provides scholarships to help them excel in college.

“I was introduced to dormitory life, live-in resident directors, study-hour supervision, tutoring, host families and more. It was an excellent life-changing learning experience.”

Dartmouth College and Medical School

Dr. King learned more at Dartmouth College as an undergraduate. It’s there that he chose his medical profession. He wanted to give back to others by earning a medical degree at Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine.

Post-graduate clinical training (internship, residency and cardiology fellowship) was completed at Harlem Hospital Center in New York, a 272-bed public, municipally owned teaching hospital affiliated with Columbia University. For many years, he was director of the hospital’s cardiac catheterization lab.

Learning continued when Dr. King joined the Heart Center for Excellence team of cardiologists at Borgess Medical Center in 1993. He earned multiple board certifications in cardiology subspecialties like echocardiology and nuclear cardiology.

One board certification remains especially important to Dr. King. He is the only southwest Michigan cardiologist who is certified in advanced heart failure and also certified in hypertension.

“As the medical director of the Borgess Heart Failure Clinic, I wanted to make sure my knowledge remains up to date,” Dr. King said. “For example, we must know all of the aspects of hypertension to help our patients, because hypertension is the second most common cause of heart failure, as well as a major risk factor for coronary artery disease.”

“My well-trained, compassionate team members share a passion for excelling in the offering of personalized care for all,” Dr. King said. “We suggest treatments customized for each congestive heart failure patient.

“Perhaps just as important,” Dr. King added, “we empathize with our patients, because we have all faced daunting challenges in life.”

Borgess Health United Way Campaign prize winners

Borgess Health has concluded a successful United Way campaign. Contributors to the United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region campaign surpassed the 2015 goal with $323,072.76 in donations. The campaign included 784 Borgess donors, an increase of 141 donors over last year.

Congratulations are also extended to associates who received door prizes. The top door prize winners are:

| Katie Grohman | Visa $200 Gift Card |
| Maria Morales | Visa $200 Gift Card |
| Linda Kopp | Visa $100 Gift Card |
| Francisco Saldivar | Visa $100 Gift Card |
| Patricia Hover | Meijer $100 Gift Card |
| Lauri Stuck | Meijer $100 Gift Card |

THANK YOU from the Jusick family to all who donated to the United Way Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser. Over $1,000 in proceeds were donated in Morgan Jusick’s memory to Michigan Gift of Life through a gift to the United Way. We cannot thank you enough. Words can hardly express our sincere appreciation for this wonderful gift. Michigan Gift of Life was special to Morgan as she was always helping people. This is one way to keep her memory alive in our lives. This is a very difficult time, but we want you to know how special Borgess is and the people who work here are.

Thank you again, Nancy, Kevin and Kyle Jusick.
Honoring

Borgess Exceptional Performers

Borgess Health has a multitude of truly exceptional associates whose daily calling is to connect with patients, visitors and fellow colleagues to foster an environment for better healing.

A select group of these outstanding associates was honored with Service Excellence, Star Performer and Values in Action awards on Thursday, December 10, 2015, during an Exceptional Performer Awards reception held at the Lawrence Education Center Auditorium.

Service Excellence

Paula Agdanowski Surgery Scheduler Borgess Women’s Health
Kevin Dedoe Nurse Practitioner Critical Care Services
Keith DeVisser, RN Nurse Staffing General Lab
Rita Gilmer Lab Assistant Total Quality Management
Blair Goheen Clinical Informatics Spec. Total Quality Management
Edward Orloff Physical Therapist Borgess Spine
Erin Ruckert Human Resource Director Borgess Gardens

Star Performer

Jessica Cook Clinical Informatics Spec. Total Quality Management
Meagan Dolfman PCA Cardiology Unit
Susan Mastenbrook Nurse Practitioner Critical Care Services
Joe McLean PCA Emergency & Trauma Center
Heather Moore Clinical Manager Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital
Jenna Najacht Medical Lab Technician General Lab
Consuelo Salazar Production Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital
Jean Valdes Respiratory Therapist Borgess Women’s Health-Plainwell
Robert Winter, MD Physician Purchasing
Kim Yost Inventory Coordinator

Values in Action

Robin Ashmus Clinical Nurse Educator Nurse Education
Marcio Curvelo MD Premier Radiology
Nan Meyers Clinical Nurse Spec. Case Management
Tonya Rogers RN Cardiac Cath Labs

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale

February 18 & 19
7:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
BMC Cafeteria

Proceeds support the Borgess Women’s Health mammography program.

Blood drive February 22 at Lawrence Education Center

Michigan Blood will offer an opportunity for Borgess associates to donate blood from noon to 5 p.m., Monday, February 22, in the Lawrence Education Center Auditorium at Borgess Medical Center.

Rose Mass and Lecture—Sunday, March 6, Detroit

The 17th Annual Rose Mass and Lecture will take place Sunday, March 6 at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. Guest Lecturer Dr. Dan O’Brien, Senior Vice President, Ethics, Discernment and Church Relations, Ascension Health, will speak on “The Biblical and historical roots of the Catholic Healing Ministry.” The Rose Mass takes place at 10 a.m., a reception/light brunch follows at 11 a.m., and the Rose Lecture begins at noon. The educational activity meets the criteria for a maximum of (1.0) AMA PRA Category I Credit.

For further information, contact Michael Hovey at hovey.michael@aod.org or (313) 237.4678.

Standard Precautions and Fire Safety Modules must be completed by February 29

Every Borgess Health associate and contract associate must complete FY16 Standard Precautions and FY16 Fire Safety modules by Monday, February 29. Both modules are available on associate’s “To Do” list when signing up to myLearning.

If you’ve forgotten your sign-on or password, please contact the Help Desk at 226.5386.

Free Income Tax Preparation and Electronic Filing services is provided by IRS-certified community volunteers for individuals and families with household income of up to $54,000 in 2015. Dial 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment, or go online to goodwillswmi.org for more information. This is a service of the Kalamazoo County Tax Counseling Initiative (TCI) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.
Call Linda for stationary, envelopes and business cards

Every department needs stationary, envelopes or business cards some time or another. Now every department in need should direct such requests to Linda Veldt, Accounts Payable Specialist, Borgess Health.

“We’re streamlining our multi-color printing process to be more efficient and consistent,” said Linda. “By grouping this type of printing and sending to large vendors, we will save money without sacrificing quality.”

For stationary, envelope and business card printing needs, contact Linda at 226.5960 or Linda.Veldt@borgess.com.

Bill and Ron offer quick and efficient printing options

Is your department in need of printing? Do you have a tight budget? Is your deadline soon? Do you want to work with someone who thoroughly knows the Borgess Health Ministry?

The Borgess Print Shop may be the place to go.

“Fellow printer Ron Mcfeters and I have helped Borgess Health associates for 30 years,” said Bill Jackson, Borgess Print Shop. “We take pride in our work, and we can save time and money in the completion of black and white printing projects.”

The Borgess Print Shop is located adjacent to the storeroom in the lower level of Borgess Medical Center.

“In addition to printing machines, we have binders, cutters, drills and the expertise to make the finished product look professional,” Bill said.

The Wow Factor

“When associates enter the Borgess Print Shop for the first time, they often say ‘Wow!’ because they didn’t realize such a comprehensive service was available,” Bill said. “We also often hear ‘Wow!’ when they receive their job.”

The Borgess Print Shop produces and stores most 8.5-by-11 and 11-by-17 Borgess business forms and pads of all shapes and sizes. They can print on light- or heavy-weight paper and complete most jobs in three-to-seven working days. The Print Shop personally delivers to Borgess Medical Center sites and via courier to all Borgess Health locations.

The Borgess Print Shop can be contacted by calling 226.8363 or by submitting a request to printshop@borgess.com.