



Denasia Smith

I am nominating Denasia because she has overcome many barriers to reach her success. She is a hard worker who assists in making sure patients are taken care of. She always strives to be on time and completes her duties in a timely manner.

–Deborah McDavid

Amberlee Maloney

Amberlee is always on time and helps set up the OR first thing in the morning. She always picks her next cases and is gowned up, ready to set up her back table to keep the room moving along. She is knowledgeable about the supplies and pans needed and how to keep the day moving smoothly to avoid delays in the OR. Whenever I work with her, the day moves smoothly and our turnover times are kept short due to her excellent time management and efficiency.

Thank you, Amber, for all your hard work; it is noticed by the team each day! –Ariel Booth

Rachel Soto

Rachel is very efficient in the busy [operating] room. She helps us by bringing mesh on the way back from SPD with the cart. She knows the layout of the back of OR 8 and has helped me find supplies many times. I appreciate you very much, Rachel!!! – Sanae Turner

Tsering Choedon

Tsering is a real star surgical technologist. She is very easy to work with and has her table together efficiently and promptly. I always know my day will run smoothly when Tsering is in the room. What a pleasure to work with!

– Neil Deighan

Danielle Bickers

She has exemplary work ethics; she is dependable, productive, and passionate about her role. She's a valuable part of the team, and her technical proficiency and good time management make the workflow more efficient, delivering the utmost care to our patients and uplifting the team's morale. Danielle, it's always a pleasure working with you. Thank you for all that you do; you are much appreciated. –JM Macalalay

Krista Duesler

Even though Krista has not been a surgical tech for very long, she is an extremely quick learner. She has picked up efficiency and time management skills very quickly. She also has great critical thinking skills, which allow her to anticipate the needs of the surgeons and maximize efficiency and time management. Krista has been a wonderful addition to our team! –Amanda Etterling

Allen Prewitt

Allen is very efficient at his job. I look up to him for how well he performs, and he is someone you aspire to be like because of his expertise. Whenever he is in the room, you know you're going to have a smooth and fast case because everything will be ready. There is no second thought to nominating this person. –Benedicto Mangente

Karrah Brooks

Karrah joined us as a faculty member and clinical coordinator in February with our ST program. She simply amazes me! She entered in the middle of a semester, just as a clinical rotation was beginning, eager to share her knowledge and love of surgery. Anyone who has ever transitioned into education knows how challenging this can be. To make it even more challenging, she started during a year with an accreditation site visit. WOW!!! She has never appeared overwhelmed or miserable and has not run out the door yet! We were lucky to get her from the local OR, where she had been working for over 16 years as a practicing CST and 5 years as a CSFA.

In her personal life, she is a mother (and stepmom) of 4 busy and successful young adults, a wife, a soccer mom, a dedicated community member, and a great friend. She manages all these aspects of her busy life, while also learning how to teach, managing clinical sites, and navigating the program accreditation process. Despite the time it takes away from helping her onboard and get started, she has remained organized, efficient, effective, and positive. Her dedication has inspired me to do better and never complain!

–Amy Broussard

Miranda Pasquarette

Miranda is an amazing CST! She is very proficient in our surgical cases and continues to take on challenging roles. She is knowledgeable and uses her skills from previous experiences to assist with any gaps we might have. She is also very quick to adapt to the needs of each case and excels at anticipating our surgeons' needs. Miranda is detail-oriented and strives for excellence and accuracy while assisting during cases. She is a great co-worker and team player as well. It is always a pleasure working with her in the ORs.

–Eniola Okudolo

Taylor Furcolowe

Taylor Furcolowe goes above and beyond to ensure that her case cart is ready and that all supplies needed for the case are on her backtable. She is focused and efficient. She has been instrumental in supporting our new surgeons and is relied on by the team for her knowledge. Although Taylor is a new technologist, she performs her duties with great care and precision.

–Heidi Francis

Latonya Hagans

LA has taught me so much as a preceptor and in finding solutions to day-to-day problems. Her knowledge is unmatched, and I feel like I have only retained a small portion of what she knows as second nature. There are so many instruments and techniques that I didn't even know existed, which she has either educated me on or taught me, for which I am very thankful. Latonya works tirelessly at her job and refuses to take a vacation or even a day off, despite how well-deserved it is. I strive to be more like her, and I believe that someone who is so admired by almost every employee in our business is truly rare and deserving of recognition.

–Michael Gurley