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Davenport, Jones receive state-wide nursing honors

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Pardee Hospital nurses Sally Davenport, RN, MSN, CNAA, and Lynn Jones, RN, OCN, were recently selected by their peers from across the state as part of the Great 100 Nurses for 2006.

The Great 100 (www.great100.org) is a grassroots peer recognition organization honoring the nursing profession in North Carolina. The organization annually acknowledges 100 North Carolina nurses who demonstrate excellence in practice and commitment to their profession, and contributes scholarships funds for registered nurse education.

With more than 26 years of nursing experience, Davenport became vice president of nursing at Pardee in August 2004. She involved staff nurses in revamping an internal recognition and promotion system into a program that staff find motivating, fair and rewarding. Davenport was recognized for her ability to mentor nurses in leadership roles while creating a team focused on patient/family care excellence, nurse satisfaction, physician satisfaction and organizational collegiality.

“How fortunate we are to have a leader who is held in such high esteem that she is recognized in this most significant way at the state level,” said Jon Schurmeier, President/ CEO of Pardee Hospital. “We are grateful that Sally Davenport is part of this organization and pleased that she is being honored for her powerful talent.”

Jones was described in her nomination form as “a dynamic, knowledgeable, skilled, and caring professional who delivers exceptional patient care.” She is highly respected by physicians for her expertise in patient care and communication skills. As an oncology-certified nurse who works with patients compromised by cancer, chemo and radiation therapy, she was recognized for exemplifying unselfish commitment, daily patient attention and creative ideas for change. Her professionalism and respect for privacy, along with a proud sense of ownership in Pardee Hospital and her profession, helped Jones earn this well-deserved honor.

Davenport and Jones will be honored during the Great 100 Black-Tie Gala on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Koury Convention Center in the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel, Four Seasons in Greensboro, N.C.

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a sports therapy and rehabilitation facility on Thompson Street, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. Pardee is a recipient of the 2006 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, placing the hospital among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the U.S. for quality of care. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

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