



Heart of Health Care Award Recipients

2026

Jon Boarchard, Minneola Healthcare, Minneola
Lori Dennis, Smith County Memorial Hospital, Smith Center
Wendel Ellis, DO, Greeley County Health Services, Tribune
Crissa Foley, Patterson Health Center, Anthony
Jacob Perryman, McPherson Center for Health, McPherson
Chelsea Shupe Holton Community Hospital, Holton

2025

Rebecca Fink, AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, Shawnee Mission
Kevin Oehme, Ascension Via Christi Hospital Manhattan, Manhattan
Jose Renteria, Phillips County Health System, Phillipsburg
Janie Schmidt, Greeley County Health Services, Tribune
Mike Stallbaumer, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca
Christi Zimmerman, Saint Luke's South Hospital, Overland Park

2024

Adam Galindo, APRN, Newman Regional Health, Emporia
Nathan Jameson, RN, Girard Medical Center, Girard
Holly Peters, Coffey Health System, Burlington
Doug Rich, AdventHealth Ottawa, Ottawa
Allan Thomas, Ascension Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc., Wichita

Rising Star Honorees

Nicole Baum, RN, Holton Community Hospital, Holton
Patricia Fuller, Kiowa County Memorial Hospital, Greensburg
Jake Govert, Greeley County Health Center, Tribune

2023

Joni Deters, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca
Kristi Roush, Holton Community Hospital, Holton
Whitney Winder, Smith County Memorial Hospital, Smith Center

2022

Laura Cooksey, Gove County Medical Center, Quinter
Laurie Janzing, NMC Health, Newton
Sarah Kramer, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca
Marty Reed, Ascension Via Christi Hospital Manhattan, Inc., Manhattan

2021

*Missey Hampel, Ascension Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc., Wichita
Heather Hyler, Wilson Medical Center, Neodesha
Kathryn McMillen, St. Luke Hospital and Living Center, Marion
Jo Neill, Coffey County Hospital Burlington*

2020

*Lynda Cross, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca
Paula Miller, The University of Kansas Health System, Kansas City
Toby Page, Coffey Health System, Burlington
Janelle Williamson, LMH Health, Lawrence*

2019

*Tewodros Addisse, MD, Stormont Vail Health, Topeka
Charity Clark, Ascension Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc., Wichita
Kelly Davidson, Coffey County Hospital, Burlington*

2018

*Pete Chooncharoen, The University of Kansas Health System –
St. Francis Campus, Topeka
Aaron Hurst, Newton Medical Center, Newton*

2017

*Tamara Altman, RN, Wichita County Health Center, Leoti
Patrick Parker, LMH Health, Lawrence
Heather Porter, Newton Medical Center, Newton*

2016

*Vicki Caywood, Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Hutchinson
Jolleen Palmer, Coffey County Hospital, Burlington*

2015

*Tammy Bird, Meade District Hospital/Artesian Valley Health System, Meade
Lisa Harrelson, RN, Wesley Healthcare, Wichita*