



2013 Health Care Champions' judging panel announced

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Alice Macomber has served as a medical assistant instructor at Keiser University for 14 years as well as numerous advisory boards.

PORT ST. LUCIE —Health Care Champions, sponsored by TD Bank is honored to announce this year's panel of distinguished judges. These individuals are elated to be participating in such a prestigious awards ceremony, recognizing those dedicated to improving the quality of care along the Treasure Coast.

Alice Macomber, a health care educator at Keiser University and the 2011 recipient of the Non-Physician's Excellence in Health Care Award will be returning to Health Care Champions for her second year of judging. Steven Salyer, CEO of Sebastian River Medical Center, will join Alice as a judge for the second consecutive year. Gary Cantrell, CEO at St. Lucie Medical Center, will be serving on the judge's panel for the fourth year in a row along with Jeffery Susi, CEO of Indian River Medical Center. JT Barnhart, VP and Chief Operating Officer at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute, is serving his first year on the judges panel along with Rob Lord, the Senior Vice

President at Martin Health Systems and Peter Gloggner, the Vice President and Chief of Human Resources at Jupiter Medical Center.

“Winning the Health Care Non-Physician’s Award in 2011 was an incredible experience and choosing the winners is a process that takes diligence, heart and a lot of thought to make the selection for the finalist,” explained Alice Macomber.

This distinguished panel of judges has multiple years of experience related to health care in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, North Palm Beach and Okeechobee counties. They are also recognized for the active roles they play in their communities whether it’s being a member of different boards, donating their time and talents to local community groups, or teaching and mentoring the youth about the importance of health care.

Some of the judges have received several highly respected awards through their leadership, such as Gary Cantrell. St. Lucie Medical Center has received a number of awards and recognition, for example they are recognized as a Distinguished Hospital, ranking in the top 5 percent of hospitals in the country for patient care.

The judges will come together in August to review the nominations, discuss top selections and vote on the winners for each of the seven categories. Finalists will be announced in Progress and Innovation Quarterly Report, publishing Monday, Aug. 26.