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NICOLE SCARLOTTA RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD

ALBANY, N.Y. – Nicole Scarlotta, MDS Coordinator at Slate Valley Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Granville, NY has received the 2021 Registered Nurse of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

Nicole Scarlotta has worked at Slate Valley Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing since 2012 and has excelled beyond expectations in her tenure. Nicole began as a new graduate nurse in the position of charge nurse. A year later she was promoted to Unit Manager and a year after that, MDS Coordinator. Those have been her formal titles, but her role at the facility is so much more. She is an intelligent nurse, quick learner and natural leader. The respect the staff has for her is impressive. In addition to being a very proficient MDS Coordinator, she took over the responsibilities of keeping up with PPDs, providing new employee orientation on PPE, handwashing, and infection control; assisted with scheduling; stayed many evenings to complete a med pass or admit a new resident; swabbed residents and employees for COVID; helped pass trays at meal times; and screened employees on weekends. The breadth of her influence at our facility during this pandemic is truly inspirational.

“Nicole has used all of her skills, knowledge and leadership abilities to propel our facility to one of excellence” said Janice Doughman, administrator of Slate Valley Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. “We are proud that she has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSHFA/NYSCAL.”

The Employee Recognition Awards honor individuals for their outstanding contributions to skilled nursing facilities. They are awarded in the categories of Registered Nurse of the Year, Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year, Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year; Manager of the Year and Heart and Hands Award. Winners receive an engraved trophy and were honored on April 29th during the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Virtual Annual Conference.

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The New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL) is a member-driven association of providers of long term care services, caring for individuals of all ages in proprietary, not-for-profit, and government-sponsored skilled nursing, post-acute, rehab, adult care and assisted living communities across the state of New York. NYSHFA/NYSCAL is dedicated to assisting its members in achieving excellence in the provision of efficient and effective quality long term care services through leadership, professional development and active involvement in the shaping of public policy.