

nurse excellence

Heart Health Center Staff Nurse **Deona** has been honored with the North Oaks Nurse Excellence Award for February 2009.

In 1982, Deona began her career at North Oaks as a Nurse Tech in the Emergency Department and earned her bachelor's in nursing from Southeastern Louisiana University. She later earned her master's degree in nursing from Southeastern, and accepted her current position in 2004.

Heart Health Center Director Tammy Murphy, RN, shares, "Deona truly personifies excellence in nursing. She is a patient advocate who inspires patients, their families, her co-workers and physicians through her passion for personalized care. She is an asset to the nursing profession and demonstrates the highest level of dedication in the delivery of quality service."

Deona is a Hammond native and currently resides in Killian with her husband Philip. They have three children: Ashley, 21; Kelly, 19; and Dillon, 15. In her spare time, she enjoys vacations with her family, cooking, reading and video scrapbooking.



"I try to reassure and calm my patients' anxieties by sharing with them all the things I am doing to keep them safe during procedures. I am committed to helping them stay as comfortable as possible."
-Deona, RN



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