

Admitting

Congratulations to **Tracy Harris**, admitting clerk, who has been selected as a recipient of the Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence from Nassau Community College. The award honors students who have demonstrated an ability to excel in academia while performing well in athletics, leadership, career achievement, community service or the performing arts.

Development

Best wishes to **Georgette Toulis**, administrative secretary, on her engagement to Frank D'Andraia on January 24. A spring 2010 wedding is planned.

Pharmacy/Home Care

Welcome to new pharmacy technician, **Donna Casey**. Congratulations to **Geri DeLucie, R.N.**, home care long-term coordinator, and her husband, **Ed DeLucie**, administrative director of pharmacy and respiratory care, on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren, to Mitchell Ribera on March 21.

Radiology

Congratulations to radiology technicians **Sylvia Laborne** on the birth of her son, Chase, on January 14, and **Trisha Mikes** on the birth of her son, Connor, on December 28.



Analia Zenny, R.N., per diem nurse, left, is Home Care's Employee of the Quarter. She was recognized for outstanding clinical service and compassionate care. Nancy Helenek, R.N., administrative director of the care continuum, looks on.

Correction:

The December 2008 issue of *Intercom* failed to identify the instructor of South Nassau's ESL course in a photo caption. Claire Joseph, medical librarian, was the instructor. *Intercom* regrets the omission.

South Nassau Asthma Management Program Builds Momentum

Interest in South Nassau's Asthma Management Program is growing. The program was one of 20 finalists in New York-Presbyterian Health Care System's Quality Review last year and received kudos at Long Island Health Network's annual symposium this year.

Recently, The Asthma Coalition of Long Island asked Lynn Bert, R.N., nurse manager of Pediatrics, and staff nurse Trisha Santaniello, R.N., coordinators of the project, to deliver a presentation on the program at the organization's annual meeting.

The program aims to decrease the rate of asthma-related Emergency Room visits and hospital re-admissions for asthma through asthma-trigger education, in-home assessments and home environmental management.

At the conclusion of the pilot project last year, missed school days among study participants dropped 89.7 percent, Emergency Room visits for asthma declined 92.3 percent and hospital admission rates for asthma plunged 95.45 percent.



Lynn Bert, R.N., nurse manager of Pediatrics, left, and Tricia Santaniello, R.N., recently presented South Nassau's pediatric asthma management program to the Asthma Coalition of Long Island.