

WESLEY WOODS SENIOR LIVING



EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2019

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HIGHLIGHTS

NEWNAN CONTINUES TO WORK SAFELY!

NEWNAN recently completed 270 days with No Lost Time Injuries! The following employees won prizes:

Juliet Mhlanga - \$150
Rosita Daniel - \$125
Diamond Price-Kay - \$100
Ashley Dabney - \$75
Kennedy Kemp - \$50

Prizes are in the form of a gift card. Let's get to 300 days!

WELCOME DECEMBERS HIRES TO WESLEY WOODS!

ANDRZEJ SWIATEK
Newnan - Assisted Living

ROXIE TUCKER
Newnan - Assisted Living

CRYSTAL UZOH
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

TCHELYNDA WIMBERLY
SJ Towers - Assisted Living

JACQUELINE WILKINS
Newnan - Housekeeping

LINDA MACK
Talmg Ter - Dining

KENNEDY KEMP
Newnan - Dining

CHUVONYA FRAZIER
Newnan - Housekeeping

RICHARD AQUINO
Talmg Ter - Dining



May I work where you work?

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Wesley Woods is being reviewed by Great Place to Work® and if we are certified, we are eligible for Fortune Magazine's Best Workplaces lists. This opportunity is a great honor and will help Wesley Woods market itself and continue to attract the best and brightest talent in the industry. Please help Wesley Woods shine.

TAKE
Survey open Jan. 21
through Feb 4. **THE**
SURVEY

THERE ARE PRIZES!

The community with the highest participation gets a pizza lunch and a drawing for a gift card.

Be on the look out for a link to the survey in your email.

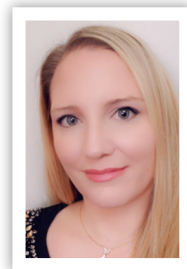
Our Mission: To help people age with grace

Our Vision: To be a leader in senior living housing, services, information, education and research support

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*Promotions at ST. JOHN TOWERS***CONGRATULATIONS AMANDA MERSHON
—NEW ADMINISTRATOR**

With more than 10 years of marketing and management experience, Amanda Mershon joined the WESLEY WOODS team in 2016. Since joining the team, ST. JOHN TOWERS has become 'Best of Augusta' and increased occupancy to its current 95%.



Prior to accepting her role at ST. JOHN TOWERS, Amanda served as the marketing manager and customer relations department head at Xytex Corporation International. While there, she re-branded the company, pioneered a social media platform (XYconnects) and led the company in a profit gain of 20%.

Amanda is an Augusta native. She received her bachelor's degree in communications from Augusta State University, now Augusta University, and is currently enrolled in their MBA program.

She enjoys dividing her free time between community service, painting, biking, and most importantly, time with her husband and daughter. Amanda aspires to build her career and education not only to forward herself and Wesley Woods, but to set an example for her daughter. Her experience, creativity, and resourcefulness have and will continue to aid St. John Towers as she moves forward in her role of Administrator.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MELISA SIELA
—NEW MARKETING MANAGER**

Melisa Siela joined the WESLEY WOODS team in June of 2016. Since joining the team, ST. JOHN TOWERS occupancy has increased from 88% to 97% with full pending reservations and a waitlist.

Prior to accepting her role at ST. JOHN TOWERS, Melisa served as the marketing coordinator at Xytex Cryo International. While there, she increased social media interactions, pioneered a social media platform and assisted in developing and implementing marketing and advertising campaigns.

Melisa is originally from Southern California but has spent almost an equal amount of time between California and Georgia. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of La Verne in La Verne, CA.

Melisa has 2 daughters: Ayanna (14) and Cambria (3). When not at work, you can find her cheering on her eldest daughter's school band, working on house upgrades, cooking and hanging out around the pool teaching her youngest to swim.

**KUDOS CORNER—
DOVE AWARD WINNERS
FOR DECEMBER****BRANAN LODGE, Kelly Pickard**

Submitted by Terry Barcroft, for doing an amazing job setting up a comfortable meeting space that helped facilitate a good meeting for out-of-town team members.

**WESLEY WOODS TOWERS,
Kizzy Dennis**

Submitted by resident Donna Leslie, for Kizzie's work in Personal Care. Kizzie is a wonder worker. She does it all by herself and she still smiles.

BRANAN TOWERS, Darryl Maloid

Submitted by Brandon Ball, for coming in over the holidays to address an emergency facilities situation.

AHET, Tony Ward

Submitted by Gladys Clay-Butts, for taking down all the Christmas decorations by himself in a timely manner.

**WESLEY WOODS CORPORATE,
Samantha Eaves**

Submitted by Terry Barcroft for coordinating and thinking up such fun games at the holiday party.

ST. JOHN TOWERS, David Sims

Submitted by Marilyn Slusher, for cleaning the public bathroom when housekeeping was unavailable.

**WESLEY WOODS OF NEWNAN,
Vickie Jackson**

Submitted by Sheron Stevenson, for doing the personal laundry for a sick resident who normally did the laundry for his wife.

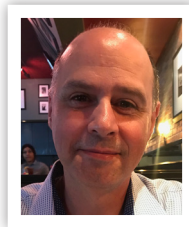
**LANIER GARDENS-
TALMAGE TERRACE, Comfort Ofori**

Submitted by Resident Jackie Herndon, for helping her to stay healthy by providing a face mask when her neighbors are sick with the flu. Thanks!"

NOTEWORTHY

Welcome Chaplain Rick Nevard to ST. JOHN TOWERS

Chaplain Rick Nevard has just become the full-time chaplain at ST JOHNS TOWERS in Augusta, GA. Rick comes to us with 35 years of ministry experience, including youth ministry, group home, military, hospital, hospice and senior pastor.



Rick was born in New Jersey and grew up in New Smyrna Beach, FL. Chaplain Rick comes to us from PruittHealth Hospice in Aiken, SC, where he served as their chaplain for the last three years, caring for patients across South Carolina. Prior to that, Rick did his chaplain residency at the VA in Augusta, GA, where he completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education. Upon moving to Augusta, Rick retired from the US Army, where he also served as chaplain. Chaplain Rick currently serves two churches on the North Georgia UMC Conference in South Augusta: Cokesbury UMC and Barton Chapel UMC. In his “spare time” he loves to cook, barbecue and work in the yard. Chaplain Nevard and his wife, Christi, have been married 34 years and have three sons: Trey (27), Zachary (22) and Jonathan (20).



THE CHAPLAIN CORNER

From Karen Kagiyama, Director of Pastoral Care

I found some wisdom from one of my favorite spiritual writers, Henri Nouwen: “If I cannot find God in the middle of my work—where my concerns and worries, pains and joys are—it does not make much sense to find Him in the hours set free at the periphery of my life.” (from *Creative Ministry*) Another spiritual writer, Brother Lawrence, talked about “practicing the presence of God” throughout our day in each small task and moment. Through my time in ministry, the wisdom of an early mentor who told me, when I complained about getting interrupted, “Karen, ministry happens in the interruptions” reminds me that God is always most present in our messes, our dilemmas, the realities of our every day lives. We might seek God on the mountain or in the desert, but we will always find God right where we are now. May the *nowness* of the Divine Presence be made known to you this day as you do what you do.

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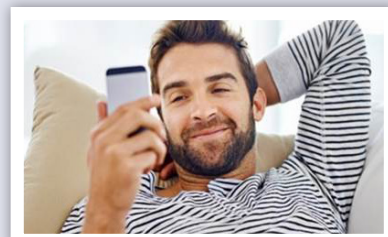
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Employee Service Dates for January

1/5/1998
SOPHIA BALLARD
Newnan - Nursing Care

1/19/1998
KELLY THACKSTON
SJ Towers - Activities

1/3/2000
DENISE SMITH-MOORE
WW Corporate Admin

1/5/2003
LAQUANDRA HILL
Newnan - Assisted Living

1/19/2003
DEBORAH CASTLEBERRY
Talmg Ter - Dining

1/19/2007
CAROLYN HUNTER
B Lodge - Administration

1/28/2008
PEARL WELLS
Talmg Ter - Dining

1/22/2009
LINDA MCGEE
Newnan - Administration

1/27/2010
RICKEY EBERHART
SJ Towers - Dining

1/17/2012
ROBIN BLAIR
B Lodge - Administration

1/30/2012
GUS SHEPPARD
SJ Towers - Dining

1/23/2014
CYNTHIA BLOSSOMGAME
Newnan - Assisted Living

1/27/2014
DONNA CONNER
SJ Towers - Administration

1/5/2015
ALICE CANTE
WW Towers - Housekeeping

1/4/2016
JENNIE DEESE
WW Towers - Administration

1/14/2016
COMFORT OFORI
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

1/3/2017
SANGITA SHRESTHA
WW Towers - Assisted Living

1/25/2017
CONSUELO HILLESHEIM
Newnan - Activities

1/31/2017
FATU HOWARD
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

1/10/2018
MAACHA DESAVIEU
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

Employee Birthdays for January

1/3
ALFRED GRIFFIN JR
WW Towers - Transportation

1/4
NANCY JONES
Newnan - Dining

1/6
CHRISTIE TARVER
WW Towers - Security

1/6
JANIE PEPPERS
Newnan - Housekeeping

1/7
JANINE WINBUSH
WW Towers - Security

1/8
LATOYA GAINES
WW Towers - Dining

1/9
SHEILA DUMAS
Newnan - Dining

1/10
DEBORAH JOHNSON
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

1/13
BRIDGET COLTON
Newnan - Assisted Living

1/15
KENNETH WRIGHT
B Lodge - Plant Oper & Main

1/17
BARBARA AARON
WW Towers - Assisted Living

1/17
VALERIE CRUM
WW Towers - Administration

1/20
ERIC WRIGHT
Newnan - Plant Oper & Maintenance

1/21
DEJA KENDALL
Newnan - Dining

1/21
KIERA POPE
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

1/21
CATHY ESPINOSA
Talmg Ter - Housekeeping

1/22
UGANDA WEAVER
SJ Towers - Assisted Living

1/24
MIESHA JORDAN
AHET - Administration

1/24
LISA HELM
Newnan - Nursing Care

1/25
TORREY HEARD
Talmg Ter - Dining

1/26
ALICE BOOKER
WW Towers - Dining

1/27
RICHARD AQUINO
Lanier Grdn - Plant Oper & Maintenance

1/27
CONSUELO HILLESHEIM
Newnan - Activities

1/27
SACORA KENDRICK
Newnan - Dining

1/28
SHARLEEN BAKER
WW Towers - Assisted Living

Employee Birthdays for February

2/11
JAQUAES CLARK
WW Towers - Plant Oper & Maintenance

2/12
VIOLA KEY
Newnan - Housekeeping

2/13
VANESSA COLBERT
Talmg Ter - Dining

2/16
DESTINY BROWN
Newnan - Dining

2/18
DONNA CONNER
SJ Towers - Administration

2/20
MELISA SIELA
SJ Towers - Marketing

2/21
VIRGINIA BADGER
Talmg Ter - Assisted Living

2/24
HARRIETTE GLOVER
Newnan - Nursing Care

2/25
DAVID SIMS
SJ Towers - Plan Oper & Maintenance

2/26
GLADYS CLAY-BUTTS
AHET - Administration

2/28
KENNETH JONES
B Lodge - Plant Oper & Maintenance

2/28
COLLEEN CAMERON
Newnan - Nursing Care

2/29
ASHLEY DABNEY
Newnan - Dining

Payroll Reminder: Be sure to check your pay check each pay period for accuracy. This would include PTO balances, overtime, benefit deductions, shift differentials, etc. If you do not know how to review your paycheck, ask your supervisor or contact HR.