



Hanger Announces Recipients of Newly-Established James Edward Hanger Awards of Excellence

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Austin, Texas, March 6, 2012 – At Hanger’s Annual Education Fair and National Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, in conjunction with the launch of Hanger’s new brand, the company debuted the new James Edward Hanger Awards of Excellence. The newly-established awards are the highest honors awarded across all of Hanger and include the following six categories: Collaboration, Customer Service, Clinical Excellence, Leadership, Pioneering Innovation, and Strategic Flexibility.

“We are excited to unveil the James Edward Hanger Awards of Excellence as they celebrate and honor our company’s most talented individuals and teams,” said Hanger CEO Thomas F. Kirk. “Each of the award recipients make valuable contributions to Hanger’s continuing success and are very deserving of this esteemed honor.”

The winners of the 2011 James Edward Hanger Awards of Excellence are as follows:

1. **Collaboration:** Hanger’s Mergers and Acquisitions Team, consisting of Mike Schlesinger, Craig Wright, Robert Rock, Margaret Boren, and Jeff Martin, was the recipient in the *Collaboration* category. They were recognized for their work across multiple business units within the company to promote the greater success of Hanger.
2. **Customer Service:** For consistently demonstrating an unwavering commitment to Hanger’s core value of “unsurpassed customer satisfaction”, Randy Richardson was the recipient in the *Customer Service* category. Richardson was acknowledged for his development and execution of Hanger’s Amputee Rehabilitation Program, a unique program for wounded, retired soldiers. As a result of his efforts, retired soldiers from all over the world fly to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for world-renowned care and a complete prosthetic experience.
3. **Clinical Excellence:** The *Clinical Excellence* category had two recipients – Brian Heckathorn, CPO from Easton, Massachusetts and Matthew Luetke, CPO from Kansas City, Kansas. Both continually deliver superior patient outcomes to a diverse range of patient types and conditions, as evidenced through patient and physician satisfaction, positive outcomes, and exemplary feedback within the organization and community.
4. **Leadership:** Kevin Carroll, MS, CP, FAAOP received the award in the *Leadership* category for continually demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities and inspiring others to surpass extraordinary goals while adhering to Hanger’s core value of “shared success”. Carroll was recognized for his exemplary contributions and dedication to Hanger and its patients as a productive researcher, a compassionate clinician, a visionary thinker, a generous contributor, a skilled educator, and a natural leader.
5. **Pioneering Innovation:** Hanger’s AmpuShield Team, consisting of Steve Miller, CPO, Mike Duston, CP, John Rheinstein, CP, FAAOP, Anthony Potter, Shonn Goodwin, Stacey Whiteside, CO, Al Maciunas, CPO, FAAOP, Lori Pipinich, CP, and Wallis Farraday, LP, CP, was recognized with the award for the *Pioneering Innovation* category. They were given the honor for their entrepreneurial talents which have achieved significant clinical and business outcomes through an approach that embraces Hanger’s core value of “creativity and innovation”. Specifically, the team was recognized for its development of the AmpuShield program, a system that puts forth a coordinated approach for early identification of new amputees, expedited care, innovative protective devices, and unsurpassed follow-up care.
6. **Strategic Flexibility:** The award in the *Strategic Flexibility* category was given to two recipients, Dan Rupp and Antony Ricketts, for readily adapting to change and challenges with remarkable flexibility that has created new solutions and opportunities for the company. Rupp was honored for his collaborative and innovative work across multiple departments within Hanger business unit Innovative Neurotronics. Ricketts was recognized for his work as chief financial officer of Hanger business unit Accelerated Care Plus (ACP).

The James Edward Hanger Awards of Excellence recipients were honored with restricted stock awards and recognition at the Hanger Gala held on February 3, 2012.

About Hanger – Founded in 1861 by the first amputee of the Civil War, Hanger (NYSE: HGR), headquartered in Austin, Texas, is the world’s premier provider of services and products that enhance human physical capability. Hanger provides orthotic and prosthetic patient care services, distributes O&P devices and components and provides therapeutic solutions to the broader post-acute market. After a six-month celebration of its 150th anniversary, on February 1, 2012 Hanger unveiled a comprehensive new brand identity to position the company for the future. Subject to shareholder approval at the Company’s annual shareholder meeting in May 2012, the new brand includes renaming the parent company from Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc. to “Hanger”, and referring to the patient care business as “Hanger Clinic” (formerly Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics). For more information on Hanger and the new brand, visit www.hanger.com.

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