

## **RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK RECOGNITIONS**

United States President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first Respiratory Care Week dedicated to honoring respiratory therapists in 1982. Originally November 7 through November 13, 1982, but was later moved to the last full week in October.

During the COVID 19 Pandemic, the CSRC began a recognition program of selecting an RCP of the Year and an RT Department of Excellence from each of the 6 Regions. Solicitation for nominations begins in August and the Membership Committee makes selections based upon the information presented by October 1.

Awardees are notified with a request for a brief bio about themselves and a picture, suitable for publication. RCPs of the Year receive a 1-year free CSRC membership, trophy, certificate and a \$50 gift card. RT Departments of Excellence receive a "Heroes Work Here" banner, a certificate and a meal for the staff after RT week is over. Each day during RC Week, on a daily basis, CSRC publishes by region on social media and the *Pneuesbrief* newsletter, the recipients for the year.

2022		RCPS OF THE YEAR	RT DEPARTMENTS OF EXCELLENCE
	NCR	Tiffany Pratt	Enloe Medical Center
	GBAR	Brian Daniels	Sutter Solano Medical Center
	CCR	Danielle Flores	St. Agnes Medical Center
	SCR	John Avila	UCLA Healthcare
	IER	Heather Paradee	Providence St. Mary Hospital
	SDR	Evelyn Ramirez	Alana Healthcare
2021		RCPS OF THE YEAR	RT DEPARTMENTS OF EXCELLENCE
	NCR	Brian Smith	Kaiser Permente South Sacramento Medical Center
	GBAR	Ricardo Guzman	San Ramon Regional Medical Center
	CCR	Bridgette Lamere	Sutter Tracy Community Hospital
	SCR	Kaina Gomard	Huntington Memorial Hospital
	IER	Kristin Vernocke	Crafton Hills College
	SDR	Jorene Nicolas	Rady Children's Hospital
2020		RCPS OF THE YEAR	RT DEPARTMENTS OF EXCELLENCE
	NCR	Jolene Burgess	U.C. Davis Medical Center
	GBAR	Paul Barraza	Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System
	CCR	Delmy Bedolla	Valley Children's Hospital
	SCR	Chris Buelna	Antelope Valley Hospital
	IER	Abdullah Alismail	Rancho Springs Medical Center
	SDR	Gary Phelps	Sharp Grossmont Hospital