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Carol Young

Carol R. Young, PhD, directs research in order to obtain the American Nurses Association's Magnet Recognition Program at Memorial Herman Memorial City Hospital in Houston, where she also serves as a neonatal nurse. In more than 30 years with the hospital, Carol has held a number of patient care, teaching and management positions. Her most recent position, directing research that will lead to improved patient outcomes, came as she completed her PhD in organization and management from Capella University. Carol also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Houston, and a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Houston Baptist University.

Carol took up marathon running at the same time she began her PhD studies and has completed 12 marathons and many shorter races in the United States and abroad. She earned her personal best time in November 2005 in Seattle, soon after her 59th birthday. She runs proudly in shorts and shoes emblazoned with the colors of the Texas state flag.

Research and running came together in Carol's Capella dissertation, which explored the relationship between physical activity to job stress and burnout in neonatal nurses in Texas.

Jon Lamphier

Jon Lamphier grew up in Hendersonville, NC. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of North Carolina at Asheville for one semester, until his money ran out. Mr. Lamphier enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served for six years as an Arabic linguist, including deployments to the Middle East and service with the National Security Agency.

Mr. Lamphier left the Marine Corps in early 2001, and worked as a technology consultant with a variety of businesses both small and large. Frequent travel and family life made a traditional degree impossible for Mr. Lamphier, but he found an opportunity with Kaplan University, a regionally-accredited online institution that made it possible for him to go to school and still fulfill his job and family responsibilities. Mr. Lamphier graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems in July 2003.

In August 2003, Mr. Lamphier matriculated at Fordham University School of Law, where he is currently completing his final semester. He plans to take the New York State bar exam in July, and has accepted an offer to join Ernst & Young as a Senior Associate advising clients on mergers and acquisitions. Additionally, Mr. Lamphier has begun work on an MBA, which he plans to complete in Spring 2007.

Jerry Davis

Jerry Davis the Director, Information Assurance for the US Department of Education and the Department's Chief Information Security Officer. Jerry's role is to oversee all aspects of computer security for the Department to include the development and implementation of IT security policy and procedures, deliver IT security awareness training, provide an incident response capability and generate IT security solutions and services to the Department's constituents. Jerry's team provides protection for over 500 million dollars in annual IT investments.

Jerry previous served as the Manager, Wide Area Network Security Architecture for the District of Columbia and served as a security consult with several Fortune 500 consulting firms. Jerry also held a staff position with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for several years. He holds a masters degree in network security from a National Security Agency (NSA) Center of Excellence in Information Assurance and a bachelors of science in business with a concentration in IT security from Western Governors University. Jerry is currently an MBA student concentrating on Economic Crimes and Fraud Management.