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At the Louisiana Quality Foundation Award Ceremony June 5 at the Louisiana Governor's Mansion, four high-performing organizations received awards for their leadership, innovation and sustainability. LQF Vice President Ron Schulingkamp, Sc.D., presented the awards.

Louisiana Performance Excellence Award (LQF's highest level)

Our Lady of Lourdes was founded in 1949 by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady in Lafayette, Louisiana. It is a regional acute care medical center focused on the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The hospital employs more than 1,800 people and offers a medical staff of nearly 500 physician experts in 48 specialties. As a local healthcare leader, Lourdes provides a wide-ranging network of services including Centers of Excellence in the areas of Orthopedics and Stroke, a dedicated Heart Hospital and an advanced Robotics Surgery Program. The hospital is home to the only burn unit in Southwest Louisiana and a Commission on Cancer accredited oncology program.





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LPEA Level 2 Award

Natchitoches Regional Medical Center is the sole community health-care provider in Natchitoches Parish and provides collaborative services with our rural health partners in contiguous parishes. Since 1956, their mandate has been to address the unmet healthcare needs of their neighbors through their motto of Inspiring Excellence Everyday. As a proud affiliate of CHRISTUS Health, they have grown from our humble beginning as a small service district hospital serving Natchitoches in the 1950s expanding to become the state's largest rural integrated health system ensuring broad health-care access for primary care and walk-in clinics; specialty services such as award winning wound care center, pain management, women's healthcare, behavioral health services; cancer care, subspecialty and robotic surgery as well as long-term senior care and assisted living.

Their 830 associates form a team of champions dedicated to ensuring zero patient harm, positive outcomes, an exceptional patient experience, and strategic growth enabling the organization's long-term sustainability. As evidenced by their 2018 national designation as a Top 100 SafeCare, ranking 49th out of nearly 5,500 facilities throughout the country, Natchitoches Regional Medical Center is a vital health care link to the communities they serve throughout Natchitoches, Sabine, Winn and Red River Parishes in pursuit of zero patient harm and service excellence.





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LPEA Level 1 Awards

The Louisiana Public Health Institute, founded in 1997, is a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit and public health institute that translates evidence into strategy to optimize health ecosystems. Their work focuses on uncovering complementary connections across sectors to combine the social, economic, and human capital needed to align action for health. They champion health for people, within systems, and throughout communities because they envision a world where everyone has the opportunity to be healthy.





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Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge is one of the first specialty hospitals for women and infants. Since opening in 1968, it has welcomed more than 300,000 babies, making it one of the largest delivery services in the country and the largest in Louisiana. Additionally, Woman's operates the largest neonatal intensive care unit in the state and cares for infants who are extremely premature, are critically ill or require surgical intervention. The hospital is also recognized for its expertise in mammography as well as breast and gynecologic cancer care. As a private, nonprofit organization, all funds are reinvested into the hospital to continue Woman's mission to improve the health of women and infants through the latest technology, a highly qualified staff and critical community programs and services.

