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***ATSPA Recognizes Trauma Prevention Leaders in PA***

**Mechanicsburg, Pa.** – The American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division (ATSPA) held the 2023 Recognition Awards Presentation today. Each year, ATSPA recognizes physicians, nurses, EMTs, first responders and civilians who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in the trauma prevention and treatment field. This year, the presentation was held as part of the 2023 ATSPA Annual Conference at Kalahari Resorts & Conferences, in Pocono Manor, PA.

“The sacrifice and commitment exhibited by our awardees always amazes us.” said Krista Brands, ATSPA CEO. “They give so much for their communities and deserve to be recognized for their efforts.”

The *H. Arnold Muller, MD, Emergency Medicine Resident Scholarship Award* is given to an emergency medicine resident in PA, who displays the highest standards in professionalism and patient interaction, areas in which Dr. Muller excelled.

The 2023 recipients are:

* Memu-Iye Kamara, DO, from Reading Hospital - Tower Health, in Reading, Berks County
* Mohit Kochar, DO, from UPMC Harrisburg, in Harrisburg, Dauphin County
* Megan Schlegelmilich, DO, from Crozer Chester Medical Center, in Upland, Delaware County
* Daniel Spector, DO, from Einstein Medical Center, in East Norriton, Montgomery County
* Ashley Woodrow, DO, from St. Luke's University Health Network-Anderson Campus, in Easton, Northampton County

The *Barbara Esposito Excellence in Trauma Nursing Award* is given to a trauma staff nurse who has displayed excellence in any one of the following areas: clinical expertise, leadership, research, education, prevention, outreach and patient advocacy. The 2023 recipient is Amy Froese, BSN, RN, CEN, CCRN, TCRN, from Geisinger Community Medical Center, in Scranton, Lackawanna County.

The *First Responder Call to Action Award* is given to a first responder, a first responder agency or group of agencies who has (have) gone above and beyond the call of duty in response to a trauma incident. The honoree(s) exemplifies the goals of the ATSPA in preventing needless injury and death by his/her (their) quick actions. The 2023 recipient is Wakefield EMS, located in Peach Bottom, Lancaster County.

The *Trauma Prevention Recognition Award* is given to an individual or community group who goes above and beyond in committing to trauma prevention programming. The 2023 recipient is Sunny Goodyear, MSN, RN, CCRN, from Penn State Holy Spirit Hospital, in Camp Hill, Cumberland County.

The American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division (ATSPA) is a non-profit organization committed to injury prevention and mitigation through education, intervention, and advocacy. Our work includes providing presentations and educational materials on many traumatic injury prevention topics, including senior fall prevention, bike safety, farm safety and much more.

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Pictures of the awardees and presentation are available upon request.