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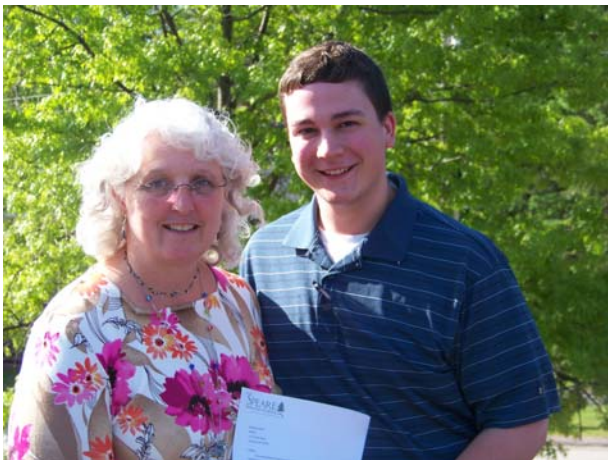
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## Speare Memorial Hospital Names 2010 LNA of the Year

PLYMOUTH, N.H.--- Robert “Bob” Clay, Jr., of Campton has been named Speare Memorial Hospital’s Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) of the year, and is a candidate for recognition as the New Hampshire LNA of the year on June 3 at the state house in Concord.



Clay was hired four years ago as an emergency room tech, soon after graduating from Plymouth Regional High School and its Health Occupations Program as an LNA. Working in the Emergency Department he is seen as a team player providing caring support to the patients and nursing staff and able to complete the multitude of other task required for his position. Clay has also trained into the health unit clerk role and covers shifts on the Medical Surgical floor when in needed.

As his supervisor and nominator, Nurse Director of the Emergency Department Debra Thompson, RN, CEN states, “As a patient advocate he is in tune to changes in patient conditions, reports them immediately to nursing and offers a kind and gentle manner that easily reduces the stress associated with being in an Emergency Department. Robert actively participates in staff meetings, department initiatives and has served on committees interviewing potential employees.”

She continues, “The nurse directors were so impressed with his manner and patient care that when asked to supply names for the Patient & Family Centered Committee, Robert was immediately thought of for membership; this only speaks volumes for how nursing leadership sees Roberts’s performance and potential.”

Clay was very overwhelmed by being named SMH’s LNA of the year saying, “Words can’t describe how I feel. I was very surprised and it is nice to be recognized for something I love doing. And I love being at Speare.”

Currently enrolled at New Hampshire Technical Institute, Clay hopes to enter the nursing program next year. Adds Thompson, “Truly based on the way in which he currently practices, he will be an asset to the profession of nursing.”

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