



## Gaudenzia breaks ground on new addiction treatment facility in Claymont

Gaudenzia, Inc. held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new Claymont facility, located at 4001 Philadelphia Pike in Claymont, DE, on October 16th at 12:30 p.m. This new treatment facility will house two addiction treatment and recovery programs: New Journey, a 16-bed residential treatment program for women and men with severe and persistent mental illness afflicted with drug/alcohol addiction, and the new Sober Living Housing program, which will provide 10 units of apartment housing to newly sober single women with children ages 10 and younger, who are in recovery from substance abuse.

Numerous government officials, community leaders, funders, and supporters came together to celebrate the groundbreaking. Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long noted, "We stand united . . . mental health and substance use disorder is a priority." Matt Meyer, New Castle County Executive said, "We are confronted with the greatest health crisis of our time. This building and the programs coming into it represents all of us coming together and saying that this issue matters."

The new building will allow Gaudenzia to provide a greater range of treatment options to women and men battling substance abuse, mental illness, and personal care issues, such as poor health and nutrition, within Delaware. To aid clients in their recovery, Gaudenzia will also provide Intensive Outpatient Program services at the Claymont Community Center, thus increasing the likelihood of recovery from substance addiction.

## Nanticoke physician network welcomes Shalini Verma, MD

The Nanticoke Physician Network is proud to welcome Shalini Verma, MD, to

its active medical staff. Dr. Verma specializes in nephrology, which involves the treatment of kidney diseases, glomerular disease, and kidney transplant and dialysis patients.



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Dr. Verma received her Doctor of Medicine from the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College at Aligarh University in Aligarh, India. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and her Fellowship in Nephrology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology and is fluent in English, Hindi and Urdu. Her professional affiliations include the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Nephrology, and the National Kidney Foundation.

## Morris Nichols Welcomes Four New Attorneys

Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tunnell LLP is pleased to welcome four new attorneys. The additions include three recent judicial clerks and one experienced bankruptcy lawyer.

"We are delighted to have four accomplished young lawyers join Morris Nichols," said hiring partner Eric S. Klinger-Wilensky. "Their contributions will advance the firm's strong reputation as a leader in Delaware law."

Joseph C. Barsalona II joins the Business Reorganization & Restructuring group. He focuses on in-court and out-of-court restructurings, distressed asset sales, and bankruptcy litigation. Prior to joining Morris Nichols, Joe was an associate in the bankruptcy and corporate restructuring department at

another prominent Delaware law firm and he served as a judicial law clerk in two federal bankruptcy courts.

Jeffrey J. Lyons joins the Intellectual Property Litigation group. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a law clerk to The Honorable Christopher J. Burke, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware.

Eric Moats joins the Business Reorganization & Restructuring group. Prior to joining Morris Nichols, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Kevin Gross of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and a law clerk to the Honorable Christopher J. Garrenger of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Corinne R. Moini joins the Corporate & Business Litigation group. Prior to joining the firm, she was a judicial law clerk to the Honorable William C. Carpenter, Jr. of the Delaware Superior Court.

## MORRIS NICHOLS ARSHT & TUNNELL

### Brian DiSabatino of EDiS recipient of Hometown Hero Award

As the head of a family business that has built dozens of churches, homes, office buildings and schools across the mid-Atlantic region, Brian DiSabatino learned early on the importance of hard work, community and service.

In recent years, that focus has expanded to another goal: ensuring America's veterans are given dignity and respect, as well as the help they need if life takes a turn for the worse.

In recognition of his efforts to assist veterans both locally and nationally, the Waste Masters Solutions Hometown Hero Award for 2018 will be given to DiSabatino in a ceremony before the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoff race at Dover International Speedway on Sunday, Oct. 7.

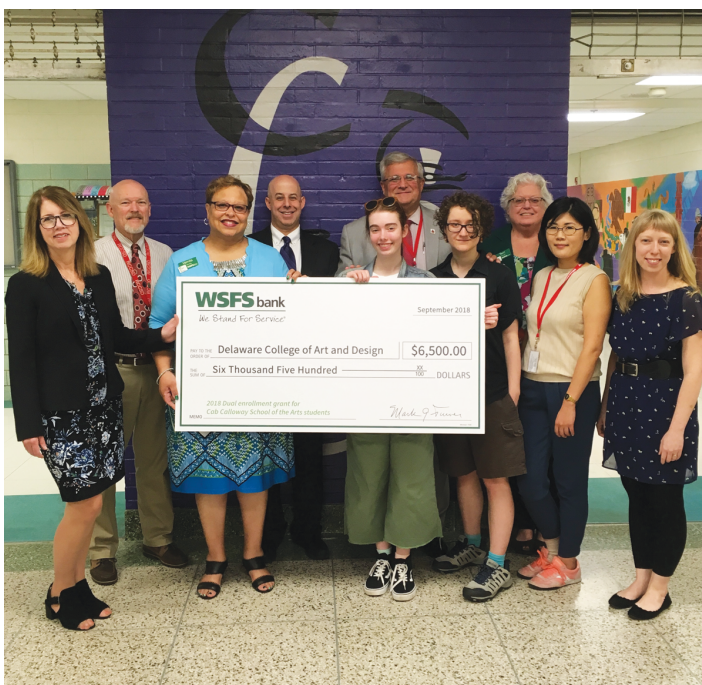


DiSabatino, 53, is the CEO of EDiS Company, a construction management firm based in Wilmington, Del. and West Chester, Pa. The firm was founded in 1908.

### Gregory P. Williams Elected Fellow of American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

Richards, Layton & Finger director Gregory P. Williams has been elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers (AAAL). Membership in the AAAL is by invitation only and is reserved for experienced appellate lawyers who have demonstrated the highest level of skill and integrity. Mr. Williams is one of only two lawyers in Delaware chosen as an AAAL Fellow.

Mr. Williams is widely recognized as one of Delaware's top corporate litigators. Primarily representing corporations, their directors and officers, and board committees, he has achieved many high-profile wins in the Delaware Court



### WSFS grant helping fund DCAD dual-credit program at Cab Calloway

A \$6,500 grant from WSFS Bank is helping to pay instructional costs of the dual-credit program recently launched by Delaware College of Art and Design at Cab Calloway School of the Arts.

Dual-credit – or dual-enrollment – programs allow high school students to take courses that count toward both their high school diplomas and their future college degrees. This saves students money on higher education expenses and helps them complete their associate's or bachelor's programs on time or even early.

DCAD, the Mid-Atlantic's only two-year professional art and design college, offers associate of fine arts degree programs in animation, fine arts, graphic design, illustration and photography on its downtown Wilmington campus. Also located in Wilmington, Cab is a magnet middle and high school for performing and visual arts students administered by the Red Clay Consolidated School District.



of Chancery and Delaware Supreme Court. Mr. Williams has successfully litigated complex corporate disputes for clients such as Dell, PetSmart, JPMorgan Chase, New York Stock Exchange, Monsanto, KKR, Barnes & Noble, and the directors of The Walt Disney Company.

## AARP in Delaware moves to new location

AARP Delaware has moved to a new office space in downtown Wilmington. The new office provides enhanced work space for volunteers and staff. All staff



phone numbers remain the same. You may also contact AARP Delaware at 866-227-7441 or at [aarpde@aarp.org](mailto:aarpde@aarp.org). AARP Delaware's new address is:

AARP Delaware  
222 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1630  
Wilmington, DE 19801

"We were fortunate to find such a well-suited space. I don't think we could have found a better location for our team. Our new location will help us continue to grow and develop to keep pace with our members' need," said Lucretia Young, AARP State Director.

## Volunteer fire companies save 760 extra lives with New Castle County-Greenhill Pharmacy Narcan partnership

New Castle County volunteer firefighters have saved 760 extra lives over the previous 12 months thanks to doses of Narcan on-hand through a partnership with the county government and area organizations combating opioid addiction, officials announced Monday.

"Heroin and opiate addiction is the public health crisis of our time, and first responders are at the front lines of this fight," said County Executive Matthew Meyer. "Our collaboration with County Council, Greenhill Pharmacy and atTACK addiction has provided fire companies with 760 doses of Narcan to give those who struggle with addiction a second chance at life. I'm proud that this partnership has helped save literally hundreds of lives across New Castle County. Those successful responses are a critical first step alongside new statewide efforts to move patients toward treatment and long-term recovery."

Narcan's associated cost is roughly



## Shoot for the stars complimentary basketball clinic impacts city youth

BPG|SPORTS, management organization of the 76ers Fieldhouse presented Shoot for the Stars, a complimentary basketball clinic for the inner-city youth of Wilmington, DE on Saturday, October 6, at Prices Run Park. The clinic provided a small sampling of the offerings and events that will be occurring at the new 76ers Fieldhouse once completed. Boys and girls ages 6-12 had the opportunity to learn basketball and life skills from Syracuse Alum and Two time State Champion Trevor Cooney, Director of Courts of the 76ers Fieldhouse.

Trevor thoroughly enjoys sharing his knowledge gained throughout his basketball career to children. "I am in a great position with a great organization, that is building this incredible facility. I am looking forward to passing along all that I have learned through sports to the youth in Wilmington. Basketball in general has done amazing things for me, allowing me to accomplish way more than I ever thought possible. This was all thanks to great support from family and coaches. I can't wait to give that same support back to the youth in this area."

Research proves introduction to sports at a young age has life-long positive effects and helps to build healthy communities. However, household income is the biggest driver of early participation of children. The BPG|SPORTS team hopes to change that here in the City of Wilmington by offering complimentary clinics and resources within the 76ers Fieldhouse.

\$100 a dose, which is highly restrictive for most volunteer companies. Thanks to a collaboration between the county government--which contributed between its administrative members and a grant fund a combined 19,400--and Wilmington's Greenhill pharmacy--whose owner Jay Patel donated \$3,000 and provided Narcan at a fraction of the cost--20 volunteer fire companies have claimed 760 of the available 800 doses to save lives.

### **Catholic Charities receives federal funding for Bayard House maternity program**

Catholic Charities, Inc., of the Diocese of Wilmington, has received a 3-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families. The \$200,000 per-year grant will support Catholic Charities Bayard House program, the only licensed residential maternity program in Delaware for homeless, pregnant and newly parenting adolescents and young women.

Funding will provide the supportive services necessary to successfully transition homeless, pregnant, and parenting youth (ages 16 to under 22) and their dependent children to self-sufficiency and well-being. The program's major goals are the delivery of a healthy baby and the creation of a stable household. Clients will succeed by acquiring stable housing, completing their education, gaining employment, and learning and implementing successful parenting and infant care skills.

"Catholic Charities is delighted to receive this funding," said Richelle A. Vible, Executive Director. "Homelessness for pregnant women puts two generations at risk. The Bayard House program has demon-



### **Delaware Transit Corporation Wins the APTA 2018 AdWheel Grand Prize Award for DART's Beach Bus Marketing Campaign**

The Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) has earned high honors in the marketing and communications world of the public transportation industry, winning the Grand Award for Campaigns to Increase Ridership from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) 2018 AdWheel Awards for its innovative DART Beach Bus campaign.

On September 24, representatives from DART accepted the award during the APTA Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition to the awards presentation, the winners participated in panel discussions examining the strategies and tactics that helped them achieve their goals.

The awards recognize APTA member public transportation systems for their outstanding marketing and communications efforts, which demonstrably benefit organization-wide strategic goals.

John Sisson, DTC CEO said, "It is such a great honor to receive this prestigious award in the public transit industry. We were elated with the Beach Bus launch and ridership results. From the marketing campaign to the new facilities, signage, planning and operation of the service, employees from all sections of the Corporation deserve credit for the successful Beach Bus season."

strated that with appropriate care and supportive services, we can effectively break the cycle of homelessness and abuse these young women have experienced and help them provide better lives for themselves and their children. The decision to fund this program with federal money is an affirmation of the Bayard House program's positive impact in our community."

### **Morris James Featured in the Mid Market Report for its Focus on Client Service**

Novel job titles like "chief value officer" and "client relationship manager" have increasingly become part of the Big Law lexicon, but it would be a mistake to assume only large firms are pouring more resources into managing client



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relationships, according to consultants and law firm professionals.

Zach Needles and Lizzy McLellan of American Lawyer Media discuss the increasing number of client service executive positions at midsize law firms in their article, “‘Client Value’ Roles are

All the Rage in Big Law, but Midsize Firms Are Quietly Taking Notes.”

Dawn Sheiker, who became Director of Client Relations for Morris James in Delaware in April 2018, said much of her role involves meeting with clients and getting feedback that she can then

use to formulate a plan of action with the attorneys at the firm.

“The idea with creating this new position was certainly to have a business developer in-house, but focusing in on the client experience,” Dawn said.

Dawn explained that the leadership of Morris James is equally invested in key client relationships as the relationship partners.

“There is a message being handed down [to the attorneys] that yes, these are your relationships, but you are part of this firm, and we need to make sure the firm is supporting that relationship,” Dawn continued. “The client doesn’t just have you; the client has the whole firm.”

## John Mark Zeberkiewicz Elected a Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel

Richards, Layton & Finger director John Mark Zeberkiewicz has been elected as a Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel. Membership in the college is by invitation only, following a rigorous selection process that evaluates the lawyers’ professional accomplishments as well as their contributions to the field of governance through speaking, writing, and thought leadership. Mr. Zeberkiewicz joins four Richards Layton directors previously elected to the American College of Governance Counsel: Catherine Dearlove, Mark Gentile, Gregory Varallo, who is a founding trustee of the college, and Gregory Williams.



## Wohlsen Celebrates Ribbon Cutting for New Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facility

Wohlsen Construction Company and Dätwyler Sealing Solutions recently celebrated the ribbon cutting for their new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility. Dätwyler, a 100-year-old Swiss-based company, will produce rubber closures for pharmaceutical businesses, such as caps, stoppers, and syringes in their new \$100 million facility in Middletown, Delaware. Dätwyler hopes to have the 193,000 - square-foot process facility and a 30,000 - square-foot office and lab fully operational by the end of the year with 120 employees.

The new facility contains custom process equipment that was developed and manufactured specifically for installation in the Middletown plant. The proprietary layout incorporates Good and Lean Manufacturing Practices to facilitate the effective production of Dätwyler’s high-quality specialty rubber closures. Located on the facility’s main floor are equipment, storage, and manufacturing spaces. Second-story mezzanines are suspended above, providing separate visitor and clean/technician corridors that overlook the process facility’s main floor. The north-west side of the building features the three-story office and laboratory to support the process facility.

Mr. Zeberkiewicz focuses his practice on transactional matters involving Delaware corporations, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and corporate finance. With a reputation for advancing innovation in corporate law, he also has been a driving force behind some of the most important Delaware corporate legislation in years.

## Navient named “Champion of Board Diversity”

Navient (Nasdaq: NAVI), a leading asset management and business processing services company, was among the greater Philadelphia-area companies recognized by the Forum of Executive Women as a “Champion of Board Diversity.” The award was

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presented yesterday to companies at the Forum’s annual breakfast, attended by more than 600 area female executives.

“It’s long past time for significant increases in diversity in the boardroom, in the C-suite and in elected office. It’s the right thing to do—and it’s the smart thing to do. Companies that embrace diversity and foster it in their leadership ranks are companies that see an increase in their bottom line,” said Margaret A. McCausland, president of The Forum of Executive Women.

The award recognizes companies that achieved board composition of at least 30 percent women. Navient is distinguished for reaching gender parity in the boardroom. Half of the 10-member board of directors are women.

## Morris Nichols Partner receives Justice Commitment Award

Derek C. Abbott was presented the Commitment Award at the 2018 Christopher W. White Distinguished Access to Justice Awards. The honor is given by the Delaware State Bar Association to a member of the Bar who has demonstrated a sterling commitment to pro bono work throughout his or her career by dedicating time and energy to the support and provision of legal services.

Derek is a partner at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, where he chairs the firm’s pro bono committee. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he has made the honor, leadership, and discipline that are the hallmarks of that institution the cornerstones of his professional career. His Delaware community activities



## Nickle donates \$5,240 to Delaware Veterans Trust Fund in honor of Veterans Day

Nickle Electrical Companies and its employees donated \$5,240 to the Friends of Delaware Veterans, Inc. to support the organization’s trust fund, which provides financial assistance to veterans for health care needs, housing support, educational and training programs, and other financial emergencies such as utility cut-offs and lack of food.

“I’m very proud of our employees for coming together and supporting such a great cause,” said Steve Dignan, Nickle Electrical president/CEO. “This is Nickle’s third consecutive year raising money for the veterans in our community and we hope to continue for many years to come.”

Nickle matched, dollar for dollar, what each employee contributed. Since beginning the campaign three years ago, the company and its employees have donated a total of \$13,870. The Friends of Delaware Veterans returns 100 percent of their proceeds to prescreened, honorably discharged Delaware veterans and their families in verified financial emergencies.



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are frequent and diverse ranging from assisting the Delaware Legal Services Community with fundraising activities, to serving as legal counsel for a variety of indigent clients through Delaware Volunteer Legal Services.

## Cover & Rossiter Announces Promotion of Andy Johnson

Cover & Rossiter is pleased to announce the promotion of Andy Johnson, CPA to Principal in the Tax Department. Since joining Cover & Rossiter in September 2008, Johnson has excelled on even the most complicated engagements because of his keen attention to detail and problem solving ability. He easily transitions from technical expert for the accounting staff to trusted adviser for his clients. Over the years, Johnson has also taken the lead in evaluating and implementing new software technologies.

Managing Director, Marie Holliday said, "Andy represents the future of the accounting industry - fully embracing where traditional accounting intersects with highly valued consulting and planning services."



## Catholic Charities to honor Major General Francis Vavala at 2019 Annual Tribute Dinner

Major General (Ret) Francis Vavala, Delaware's Former Adjutant General, will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

## Cross Talks Selected for the Penn State Brandywine Boost Program

The Penn State Brandywine Boost, a program of the Invent Penn State initiative, has selected Delaware State Chamber Member, Soraya (Morgan) Gutman, founder of Cross Talks, as a Boost Program Client for the 2018–2019 academic year. The Brandywine Boost program is under the direction of Dr. Margaret Bacheler, Ed.D., director of continuing education at Penn State Brandywine. Cross Talks was selected from applications submitted by small business owners and entrepreneurs for consideration. Bacheler presented the award to Soraya (Morgan) Gutman, CEO and president of Cross Talks on September 21.

"One goal of the Brandywine Boost program is to match campus strengths and available services to the specific needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners," notes Bacheler.



The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the award at the dinner to be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront.

The Award, created in 1989 in memory of Msgr. Thomas J. Reese, community activist and longtime director of Catholic Social Services, the forerunner of Catholic Charities, recognizes exemplary individuals who have demonstrated a deep commitment to promoting and restoring the well-being of people – Catholic Charities' mission.

"Major General Vavala has demonstrated his commitment to

community service throughout his military service career. His example is one that reflects the qualities of Monsignor Reese and his commitment to the most vulnerable," said Richelle A. Vible, Executive Director.

## Christiana Care Launches In-Hospital Concert Series

Live music will drift through the lobbies of Christiana Care Health System beginning on Oct. 30, when the health system launches its inaugural concert series at Christiana Hospital.

Known as Master Players @ Christiana Care (MPCC), the concerts are made possible through a partnership between Christiana Care and the Master Players Concert Series from the University of Delaware (UD).

"Music has long been associated



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with the healing arts,” said Drewry Nash Fennell, chief officer of Strategic Communication and Experience at Christiana Care. “From the surgeon who listens to their favorite music in the operating room, to the new mother who relies on her favorite playlist to ease the pains of labor, humans find a special power in music to comfort and heal.”

This innovative partnership aligns with Christiana Care’s commitment to delivering an exceptional experience to patients, their families, and its visitors.



## CHRISTIANA CARE HEALTH SYSTEM

Additionally, music can provide a respite to busy employees who serve their neighbors each day.

### WW&D Welcomes Three New Professional Staff

Wheeler Wolfenden and Dwares, CPAs is pleased to welcome Melissa

Navarro, CPA, Erica Poore, and Jessica Heger to its audit and tax practices.

Melissa Navarro, CPA has joined the firm as a manager. Navarro has 14 years of experience in public accounting. In addition, she held an executive-level finance role for eight years with a private company. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Delaware.

Erica Poore has been hired as a senior accountant. Poore has five years of public accounting experience. She earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Accounting from Wilmington University.

Jessica Heger has joined the firm as a staff accountant. Heger has three years of experience in public accounting. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Goldey-Beacom College. Heger is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Accounting from the same institution.



### Nanticoke health foundation’s annual golf tournament raises over \$113,000 for the Allen Cancer Center at Nanticoke memorial hospital

On September 20 and 21, Nanticoke Health Foundation held its 9th annual Ladies Day Golf Tournament and 32nd annual Open Day Golf Tournament. Over the two days, 240 golfers took to the course at Heritage Shores to enjoy the last few days of summer with sunshine and fun to raise money for a good cause. The theme for this year’s Ladies Day tournament was “Puttering in Paris”.

Proceeds from the tournament total over \$113,000 and will benefit Nanticoke Health Foundation which supports the Allen Cancer Center at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. The Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, combines a loving environment with quality care delivered by a team of compassionate experts. Nanticoke’s Cancer Care Center treats patients living in Sussex County and surrounding areas, allowing them to receive lifesaving cancer treatments in Seaford. As a result, the Nanticoke Cancer Care Center is once again expanding to meet the cancer needs of the community.



### Richards Layton Attorneys Named *Delaware Today* Top Lawyers

Nine Richards, Layton & Finger attorneys have been chosen as Top Lawyers in *Delaware Today* magazine’s annual list of the best lawyers in the state. Two Richards Layton lawyers, Mark Purpura and Sara Toner, were designated as Top Vote-Getters in their





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respective practice areas; Sara for the third year, Mark for the fourth. The firm attorneys chosen as Top Lawyers and their areas of practice are: Mark D. Collins – Bankruptcy/Business; Mark J. Gentile – Corporate Law; Robert J. Krapf – Real Estate; Mark A. Kurtz – Business/Commercial Law; Mark V. Purpura – Banking Law; W. Donald Sparks II – Trusts & Estates; Sara T. Toner – Real Estate; Robert W. Whetzel – Environmental Law; and Gregory P. Williams – Appellate.

## Roseman Elected President of CSC Incorporators Toastmasters Club

Cover & Rossiter's Luci Roseman was recently elected President of her local Toastmasters International club, CSC Incorporators Toastmasters Club. Joining Toastmasters International as part of her professional development plan has added tremendous value to her career at Cover & Rossiter, where she is currently a supervisor in the tax department. "I've taken on more of a leadership role with our newest staff members and have developed and presented various classes," Roseman said. "I'm constantly asking for feedback to continue to improve my communication and leadership skills," she added.

## Nanticoke first on Delmarva for new robotic technology for knee replacements

Nanticoke Health Services is the first hospital in Delaware and on the Delmarva Peninsula to offer Stryker's robotic-arm assisted knee replacement surgery with its new Mako System. This latest advancement in joint replacement surgery transforms the way total and partial knee replacements are performed.

Total knee replacements in the U.S. are expected to increase 673 percent by 2030(1). Stryker's advanced robotic technology enables trained orthopedic surgeons to have a more predictable surgical experience and increased accuracy.

"Mako is changing the way joint replacement surgeries are performed by providing each patient with a personalized surgical experience based on their specific diagnosis and anatomy," said Dr. William Doran, Nanticoke Orthopedic

Surgery. "Using a virtual 3D model, the Mako System allows me to create each patient's surgical plan before ever entering the operating room."

Nanticoke is proud to be first, not only in Sussex County but on the Delmarva Peninsula, to offer this advanced robotic technology. "This addition to our orthopedic service line further demonstrates our commitment to provide the community with outstanding healthcare," said Steve Rose, RN, MN, President and CEO of Nanticoke.



## Wohlsen Receives ENR MidAtlantic 2018 Best Project Award of Merit

Engineering News-Record (ENR) MidAtlantic presented Wohlsen Construction an Award of Merit in the 2018 Best Projects competition for the construction of the CSC® new Global Headquarters in Wilmington, DE.

Designed by NORR, the new headquarters consists of a four-story, 148,437-square-foot office overlooking a courtyard, a stand-alone 644-car parking garage, and acres upon acres of landscaped meadows and walking paths for employee and community enjoyment.

In order to keep this large-scale project on schedule and facilitate meaningful collaboration, the project team employed pull planning, Lean Construction practices, and ACAD GLUE to allow the various trades to work in BIM models simultaneously.

Winning projects are chosen based on a variety of achievements, including their ability to overcome challenges, effective safety practices, and high levels of construction quality and craftsmanship.