

GBH Environmental Services team recognized nationally as Department of the Year

The Environmental Services (EVS) team at Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital (GBH) was recently honored for being one of the best in the country. The team members received national recognition for their work and were named the Environmental Services Department of the Year by the Association for the Health Care Environment (AHE).

"The EVS team at GBH has been doing tremendous work for years. Last year, they came in second place for the department of the year award," explained Michael Brown, director of Hospitality Services.

"Receiving the award this year solidifies their resilience. Their work every day is the cornerstone of our department and continues to help provide patients with the best possible outcomes. The credit for this recognition truly represents all GBH EVS frontline technicians."

The AHE award signifies contributions made by an environmental services department to the overall patient experience and achieving a healthcare organization's mission. One of the areas that made a particular impact on the AHE is



EVS team at Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital

the GBH team's attention to continued best practices in discharge turnaround times, automated communication through TigerConnect and implementation of quality improvement initiatives based on the Hospital-Qualified Patient Experience of Care survey.

The AHE honors facilities yearly in these three categories:

- 1 to 249 beds
- 250 to 499 beds
- 500 plus beds

This is the fourth time in six years that a Geisinger EVS team has won a department of the year award.

Geisinger Medical Center received last year's award for hospitals with 500+ beds; and GBH received last year's silver award for hospitals with 1 to 249 beds. Geisinger Community Medical Center has won the award twice previously in the 250 to 499-bed field.

"Our staff takes pride in offering excellent patient care in a clean and friendly environment – and our EVS team is a big part of that,"

said Mike Morgan, administrative director of GBH. "This recognition highlights the care and dedication with which they do their work every day. We're grateful to have each one of them on our team and thankful to them for keeping our hospital safe and clean."



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