

## Martinez joins LRMC

Lane Regional Medical Center welcomes J.J. Martinez, Au.D, CCC-A, F-AAA, who recently joined Selective Hearing, located at 6110 Main Street, Suite D, in Zachary.

Dr. Martinez will provide patients with hearing evaluations, custom assistive listening devices, auditory brainstem response testing, evaluation and treatment of vertigo, auditory processing disorder evaluations and the latest in Bluetooth technology.

Dr. Martinez served in the U.S. Marine Corps before receiving his bachelor degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2005 and his doctoral degree from LSU Health Sciences Center in 2010.

He completed internships at North Oaks Hospital, Tulane University Hospital and several audiology practices in the greater New Orleans area, as well as a year-long externship with a private practice in Hammond.

Dr. Martinez is a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and a member of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association. He is also a member of the Ponchatoula Rotary Club and recently accepted a position as Assistant Clinical Director of the Healthy Hearing discipline for the Special Olympics Louisiana.

He and his wife, Sarah, live in Ponchatoula and have one daughter, Slaone, who will soon be two years old.

Dr. Martinez will host a free "Ask the Doctor" lunch & learn session on Jan. 24 from noon to 1 p.m. at LRMC. The topic is: Recognizing and Overcoming Hearing Loss. To register for the session, or to make an appointment with Dr. Martinez, call (225) 243-6129 or (877) 358-6130.



Dr. J.J. Martinez

## Claiborne earns STAR Award

Alldremer Claiborne, a dietary cook in the Food & Nutritional Services department at Lane RMC, was recently honored with the STAR Award.

Thirteen employees at Lane were nominated by patients, family members, physicians and/or colleagues for The STAR Award for achieving excellence.

Claiborne has been employed at Lane for more than 25 years. She is responsible for various duties including planning and preparing patient meals and she also plans and prepares meals for all board dinners, medical staff dinners and hospital special events.

A native of Independence, Claiborne was raised in Port Hudson and graduated from Zachary High School. She and her husband, Stevenson, live in Baker. She has one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

She received a certificate, commending her for "Achieving Excellence, Every Person, Every Time." She also received a beautiful crystal sculpture, a Visa gift card and an extra vacation day.

The other STAR Award nominees were: Ruth Garner, Lab; Jackie Hamilton, Patient Financial Services; Kelley Jacobs, Food & Nutritional Services; Jason Landry, Surgery; Dawn Martin, Human Resources; Kristen Peel, Day Surgery; Renee Story, Endoscopy; Kasey Smith, Emergency Department; Karen Thomas, Environmental Services; Christal Washington, Rehab Services; Angelic Welborn, Second South; and Yarnell Wright, Food and Nutritional Services.



Alldremer Claiborne

## Pate named nursing home director

Kathy Pate, RN, has been named director of the nursing home at Lane RMC. She replaces Pam Haley, who is retiring after 20+ years of service at LRMC.

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