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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**The Laurels Develops Leaders, Supports Team Growth**

Toledo, Ohio – May 5, 2018 – May is often a month of graduations and new career pursuits giving qualified professionals a chance to step into exciting opportunities! It's no different this month at The Laurels of Toledo where the team had many chances to celebrate, as many clinical professionals took the next step in their careers, advancing their degrees and pursuing paths of education that are leading to wonderful things ahead!

Darkela Earl was promoted from State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) to Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) after passing her state board exams. Daphne Katafiasz and Kelly Gartee both graduated from LPN to Registered Nurse (RN) programs and are now just waiting to take their state board exam (NCLEX).

The Director of Nursing, Keryn Werdehoff, RN, BSN, had the distinct honor of welcoming LPN Kelly Gartee into the Registered Nurse profession through Owens Community College's pinning ceremony, held on May 6, 2018. "I was proud to be able to do this for Kelly," said Ms. Werdehoff. "I have seen Kelly's talent firsthand and am thrilled for her to be taking such an exciting step in her growth as a nurse and a leader!"

According to Ms. Gartee, her respect and admiration of Keryn, her Director of Nursing goes hand in hand with the support and nurturing Keryn gives all those who work on her team. "Your optimism drives me nuts but it works! I am proud to look at you as a mentor," said Ms. Gartee. "I can't thank Keryn enough for her encouragement, optimism, and support."

Ms. Werdehoff, who has directed the Nursing Department at The Laurels of Toledo since 2016 is clearly a leader that her team wants to follow; she leads by example and works hard to make sure every individual is offered the chance for growth when they earn it. "I am immensely proud and humbled to have such a hard-working, devoted group of nurses," she said. "I am always excited to see them grow as professionals, as individuals, and as Laurel employees!"

The Laurels of Toledo, one of the over forty facilities managed by Laurel Health Care Company, encourages their employees to grow professionally and pursue their goals while being a part of a dynamic team-centered company. There are always paths to explore in all avenues of direct care, supportive services and administration where team members can be supported and mentored while reaching their professional goals and realizing new ones. To learn more about The Laurels of Toledo, visit www.laurelsoftoledo.com. To join this exciting team, stop in to 1011 N. Byrne Road, Toledo, OH and fill out an in-person application.

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