

Newsday Recognizes Gurwin's Mary Jean McKeveny and Jennifer Kennedy for McKnight's 2022 Women of Distinction Honors

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MARY JEAN MCKEVENY

Director of clinical innovation

Mary Jean McKeveny of Blue Point has been named a Veteran VIP as part of McKnight's 2022 Women of Distinction Awards, a program of McKnight's Senior Living, McKnight's Home Care and McKnight's Long-Term Care News. For the past four years, McKeveny has been director of clinical innovation for Gurwin Healthcare System; before that she was director of new clinical programs for Dominican Sisters Family Health Service and vice president of clinical innovation and advancement for Arch-Care at Home. Her professional memberships include American Holistic Nurses Association, International Nurse Coach Association and Home



JENNIFER KENNEDY

Vice president for system integration

Jennifer Kennedy of St. James has been inducted into the Hall of Honor as part of McKnight's 2022 Women of Distinction Awards, which is a joint program of McKnight's Senior Living, McKnight's Home Care and McKnight's Long-Term Care News. Kennedy is a vice president for system integration for Gurwin Healthcare System, where she has worked for five years; before that she was the director of care transition innovation for the Suffolk Care Collaborative and a regional director of integrated care and clinical operations for National Health Care Associates. She is also involved with the Center for Advocacy, Support and Transformation in Southold.



DARREN EHRHARDT

Educator

Darren Ehrhardt of Islandia is one of 10 people worldwide to receive Amazon's 2022 Future Engineer Teacher of the Year Awards based on factors including his commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion in computer science education. Ehrhardt, who has worked in the Central Islip School District since 2004, is a technology teacher at Central Islip High School as well as the school's senior class adviser and the technical director for school plays, musicals and other events. He has also taught as an adjunct professor for the New York Institute of Technology in Central Islip.



PAUL GUZZONE

High school principal

Paul Guzzone of Seaford has received the Administrator of the Year Award from the Nassau Counselors' Association in recognition of his support for his school's guidance program. Guzzone is principal of Wantagh High School, where he has worked with the guidance department on initiatives including a revamped course catalog and a "freshman experience" that includes lessons delivered by guidance counselors on topics ranging from career planning to social media awareness. He has also served as associate principal at Ocean-side High School.



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