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Dr. Kurt Kapels wins CCH's Sheaf of Wheat Award

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(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Dr. Kurt Kapels recently won Columbus Community Hospital's Sheaf of Wheat Award, which recognizes hospital employees who have made a lasting impression on patients or their families.

Kapels is the clinical director of Inpatient Physician Associates of Columbus, the adult hospitalist program at CCH. He was nominated for the award by Amy Blaser, CCH's vice president of physician relations/business development, because of his work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While I commend all our hospital employees for their selfless response to this new challenge, I would like to recognize Dr. Kapels in particular for his efforts to learn everything he could about COVID-19 and share that information with our staff and community," Blaser wrote in her nomination letter.

She added that fellow physicians had mentioned the considerable time and energy Kapels invested in studying the latest news on COVID-19 symptoms, treatments and guidelines. He then shared this information with CCH employees and in several COVID-19 educational videos that were posted on CCH's social media and website.

"Over the past year, Dr. Kapels has proven himself to be a leader in our fight against COVID-19 and an invaluable asset to our hospital and community," Blaser wrote.

In honor of this award, Kapels received a certificate of recognition and a Sheaf of Wheat plaque during a ceremony on June 18.

To nominate a CCH employee for a Sheaf of Wheat Award, people can fill out a nomination pamphlet and return it to any Sheaf of Wheat nomination box. Boxes can be found throughout the hospital and at coordinating CCH sites.

For more information on how you can recognize CCH employees for their outstanding work, visit columbushosp.org.

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