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Baptist Heart & Vascular Institute Welcomes New Staff

PENSACOLA, Fla. (April 27, 2021) – Baptist Heart & Vascular Institute welcomes five new advance practice providers as it expands its team of highly-qualified heart experts. All are highly skilled, board-certified providers who bring extensive experience to their new roles.

Whitney Cartwright, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of West Florida in Pensacola and completed her Master of Science in nursing at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. She is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Brittany Grimes, APRN-C, completed her Bachelor of Science in nursing at Auburn University – Montgomery in Montgomery, Alabama, and earned her master's degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama. She is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Vicki Merold, BSN, MSN, APRN-C, received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of West Florida in Pensacola and completed her Master of Science in nursing at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. She is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Zachary Orr, PA-C, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Florida in Gainesville and completed his master's degree at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He is board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and is a member of the American Association of Physician Assistants.

DeAndra L. White, APRN-C, received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of West Florida in Pensacola and completed her Master of Science in Nursing at Purdue University Global in West Lafayette, Indiana. She is board certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and sees patients in the BHVI Heart Failure Clinic.

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About Baptist Health Care

Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization based in northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life's journey. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network.

A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center and a large network of primary care and specialty physicians. With more than 7,300 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the second largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida.

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