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**AMMC'S STAGGS HONORED AS STATLAB ARKANSAS
HISTOTECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR**

PARAGOULD, AR - Carol Staggs, a histotechnician at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) was recently honored as Statlab Histotechnologist of the Year by the Arkansas Society of Histotechnology. The award recognizes an individual who has served the state of Arkansas and the field of histotechnology in an outstanding manner.

Staggs is board certified by the American Society for Clinical Pathologists, is a member of the Arkansas Society of Histotechnologists and has served in her position at AMMC for 33 years.

Histotechnology is the study of the structure, composition and function of tissues in the human body to identify diseases.

In nominating Staggs for the award, Dr. David Quinn, AMMC's laboratory medical director noted, "Carol Staggs has been dedicated to the field of histotechnology for over 30 years. Her experience is evident in the quality work that she and her lab produce. Her dedication however, goes beyond quality work. She takes her job 'out of the lab' to the hospital floors, operating rooms and clinics, interacting daily with clinical peers on behalf of patients, breaking down the traditional barriers to communication that plague so many hospitals and labs."

"I was pleased, surprised and really honored," Staggs said of being named Arkansas

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Histotechnologist of the Year.

She added, "It's an interesting job, most days, almost every day there's something different. I like helping people and contributing to patient care."

A Paragould native, she and her husband Glen have three children and four grandchildren.

A recognized leader, Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould provides progressive, compassionate healthcare to residents throughout Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Additional information about AMMC is available at: www.arkansasmethodist.org.

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