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Cascades Verdae Employees Receive Certification as Dementia Practitioners

Cascades Verdae is proud to announce that eleven healthcare employees successfully completed a national training and will be recognized as Certified Dementia Practitioners on June 27th. The Reflections at Linville Courts employees completed the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners' (NCCDP) training in March 2014.

A reception and pinning ceremony will be held on June 27th at 1:00 PM at Cascades Verdae. The following employees will be recognized:

- Myriam Ariza
- Jamo Baldeh
- Farrah Blassingame
- Veremelle Carson
- Carol DelValle
- Tysheika Gaston
- Jason D. Johnson
- Kristie McCall
- Brenda Miller
- Francetta Stevenson
- Laquinta Strawther

Certified Dementia Practitioners focus on specialized care for individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia. Through the NCCDP's training, employees at The Cascades received continuing education in new methods, theories and tools related to providing care for members. The certification training was facilitated by Jessica Ferraro, Vice President of Training Program Development, CDP, NCCDPT, CDCM.

"We are thrilled to recognize these dedicated team members at Cascades Verdae," stated Ferraro. "By obtaining this certification, our



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employees can better treat our members in memory care. We want our team members to understand that they have really gone above and beyond to obtain this certification and we want to recognize their efforts."

All eleven employees work for The Cascades' Reflections at Linville Courts. Reflections provides an environment for members to safely engage in specially designed activities that focus on providing the best care. The approach to care within Reflections is person-centered. Team members offer opportunities for residents to find happiness and meaning that supports their own unique needs.

Daily guidance and teaching is a large part of Reflections; team members are trained in proper techniques, approach and care of members. Reflections programing offers a daily structure that enable members to feel successful in everyday life.

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