

Florida Healthcare Leader Honored as 2024 Registered Nurse of the Year

Anila Xhaho, Assistant Director of Nursing at Tierra Pines Center, Recognized by FHCA and Selected for Executive Leadership Academy



New York City, New York Jun 15, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The Florida Health Care Association (FHCA) proudly announces that Anila Xhaho, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing at Tierra Pines Center in Largo, has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Registered Nurse of the Year by the FHCA's Excellence in Long-Term Care Nursing Awards. Additionally, Ms. Xhaho has been named to the 2025 cohort of FHCA's Executive Nurse Leadership Academy, underscoring her commitment to leadership and high-quality senior care.

Born in Albania, Ms. Xhaho immigrated to the United States in 2002. She pursued her nursing education with determination, first becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, then advancing to a Registered Nurse. In 2022, she stepped into her current role as Assistant Director of Nursing at Tierra Pines Center, where she oversees operations within the secured Memory Care Unit. Her childhood caregiving experiences have fueled her dedication to elderly and memory care patients.

The 2024 Registered Nurse of the Year award spotlights Mrs. Xhaho's exceptional passion and competence in long-term care. FHCA CEO Emmett Reed remarked that "these outstanding caregivers...go above and beyond for the residents they serve, making them feel safe, loved, and well-cared for." Her work at Tierra Pines' memory care unit exemplifies the compassion and professional standards emblematic of FHCA's mission.

In September 2024, FHCA named Ms. Xhaho as one of the rising nursing leaders selected for its 2025 Executive Nurse Leadership Academy—a competitive program offering intensive three-day training, webinars, and networking opportunities to skilled nursing professionals. This honor highlights her leadership trajectory and her dedication to elevating standards in long-term care.

Ms. Xhaho's professional journey reflects a clear vision: to merge clinical excellence in memory care with strong operational leadership. Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree, she is growing a comprehensive skill set designed to elevate patient care and empower her team. Her combination of frontline nursing insight and leadership development makes her a natural mentor in the field.

As the 2025 Executive Nurse Leadership Academy got underway this past May 30th, 2025, Ms. Xhaho is set to participate in FHCA's graduation ceremony in Bonita Springs. Her dual recognition as both RN of the Year and Academy participant signifies a momentous step, one that will continue to advance quality, compassionate care for Florida's seniors.

Learn More about Anila Xhaho:

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