



# DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

## APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

“It’s April. As you’ll see in this newsletter, our department has much to celebrate. Please, take a look!”

### APRIL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

- ✚ World Health Day 4/7
- ✚ World Breathing Day 4/11
- ✚ National Therapy Animal Day 4/30
- ✚ National Counseling Awareness Month
- ✚ National Volunteer Week 4/15-4/19
- ✚ Stress Awareness Month
- ✚ Sexual Assault Awareness month

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Charlean Jefferson from 4<sup>th</sup> floor Psychology just won the 2024 Excellence in Customer Service Award from the VCU Staff Senate.**



“Charlean is always conscientious, perpetually professional and contributes to the effective management of a very complicated patient population in our section.”

### WELL DONE, DR. LEFFLER!

Dr. Leffler was the recipient of the 2024 Distinguished Career Practice and Training Award from the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology



Jarrod Leffler, Ph.D.  
Division Chief  
Child and Adolescent  
Psychology

### DOCTOR'S DAY 3/30

Let's give a big shout-out to our incredible attending and housestaff physicians! Thank YOU for all you do for our patients and VCU family.

## VCU Psychiatry Ranked 14th in Nation for Funding

The VCU Department of Psychiatry ranked 14th in the nation for NIH funding in 2023, as compiled by the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research

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