Please join us in congratulating Rafael “Raffy” Garcia as the recipient of the CP Employee of the Month for May 2020!

Raffy Garcia (back row, second from left)
Pictured with: Diana Milich, Bethany Porter (back row);
Jowin Rioveros, Bridget Wallace, Jaime Gonzalez, Joseph Nolasco (front row)

Fun facts about Raffy:

- Earned an MD in the Phillipines
- Enjoys working collectively with his colleagues
- Loves mangoes

Raffy’s outstanding qualities:

- Strong work ethic and motivation to provide excellent patient care
- Team player and always supportive of his colleagues
- Works very efficiently and ensures that all his responsibilities are completed in a timely manner

Raffy Garcia is a Hospital Lab Technician III who will reach his 20 year milestone with the UCLA Blood Bank. Coworkers agree that “Raffy is the hardest working employee in Blood Bank!” He volunteers when the department is understaffed, changes his shift to help with vacation requests, and works overtime when needed. He is an invaluable asset to the evening team and the entire Ronald Reagan Blood Bank with his oversight of the supply and reagent inventory. Raffy exemplifies CICARE attributes by how considerate, respectful, and courteous he is of his coworkers and patients. His work continuously shows how deeply he cares about his workplace and patients.

When Raffy comes to work, he is always looking for something to do. If coworkers need help, he is quick to assist and support their needs. Raffy’s team can depend on him to go above and beyond his daily responsibilities. His cooperation and excellent time management skills improve
the workplace. He seamlessly handles operations and demonstrates kindness. Raffy embodies the Cultural North Star attributes through his team player personality, hard work, and reliability. The department and our patients truly benefit from his attitude and dedication.

Thank you Raffy and congratulations on a job well done!

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