

Mail Drop



These Embry-Riddle students were among 50 who were honored by Halifax Medical Center for volunteering at the Daytona Beach hospital during Hurricane Frances. At a reception, they were presented with keepsake albums of photos that showed them helping out during the storm.

I wanted to let you know what a saving grace the Embry-Riddle students were during the hurricane. If it was not for their willingness to help here at Halifax Medical Center, I don't know how we would have managed this crisis. I saw them running a wet vacuum in patient rooms, helping serve meals in the dietary department, cleaning up garbage, delivering cots, and making beds for shelters. I saw a student sitting on the floor in the hallway, sweat running down his face, and he looked very exhausted. I asked if he was okay. He told me that it was his first opportunity to sit down in over 14 hours. All I could say to him was "thank you," and it felt very inadequate, given everything those students did. The work the students performed here at HMC saved lives, and for that my staff and I are eternally grateful.

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