Meghan A. Wallace, senior clinical laboratory technologist, is honored with the staff shining star award.

Simply put, Meghan is exceptional. Meghan has been a Technologist in the Burnham Laboratory for more than 8 years. During that time, she has participated in the training and research projects of nine clinical microbiology fellows, as well as countless laboratory medicine residents, graduate students, and infectious diseases fellows. Meghan has contributed to more than 20 clinical trials that have contributed to the FDA clearance of laboratory tests or devices. As an example of Meghan’s productivity and impact, she contributed as a co-author on 48 peer-reviewed publications and has a Scopus $h$ index of 13. If that was not enough, when the COVID pandemic brought new challenges, Meghan was able to quickly transition from her typical work, focused on bacteriology and antimicrobial resistance, to contributing to the effort to validate and implement clinical testing for SARS-CoV-2. Meghan participated in sample preparation and testing for validation studies, in addition to working in the BJH clinical laboratory performing testing for COVID. Meghan’s work is so accurate, and she is so detail oriented, that at times her team says in jest that her data look “too good to be true”. In addition to her excellent quality of work and work ethic, Meghan always has a positive attitude and meets every challenge (and every new lab member she has to train) with a smile. Meghan keeps the Burnham laboratory running.