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Holy Cross Health Adds Two New Board Members

January 6, 2022 – **Rudy Molinet**, FACHE, CEO and executive coach at Artemis Synergies Consulting, a full-service consulting practice specializing in strategic planning, management development, executive coaching, and corporate restructuring in the healthcare industry, and **Nikki Austin-Shipp**, founder and managing principal of The N.A.S. Advisory Group, LLC, which specializes in creating relationships that provide added value to both entities and individuals in governance, corporate America and charitable affairs, have been appointed to the Holy Cross Health Board of Directors.



Rudy Molinet, FACHE – Nikki Austin-Shipp

A board-certified healthcare executive, professor, mentor and leader, Molinet is also an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida where he teaches leadership and strategic planning courses and provides executive coaching in the College of Business, Executive Education programs. He began his career as a nurse in a catholic hospital. Molinet is a first-generation immigrant and refugee from Cuba and has a passion for diversity, equity and inclusion. He has received numerous awards for his work in the community including the “Voice of Equality Award” from Equality Florida, the state’s premier LGBTQ+ civil rights organization. He is Vice Chair of the Wilton Manors Planning & Zoning board, was President of the Rotary Club of Key West and has served on many community boards.

“It’s important to me to be part of an organization like Holy Cross that serves the community with such care and compassion,” said Molinet. “We have a diverse population of patients here, and as a member of the LGBTQ community and a healthcare executive, I bring a unique perspective. I remember when I was a young nurse in New York City that it was the two catholic hospitals that led the way in providing compassionate care for people living with AIDS & HIV. I see these same values at Holy Cross Health. They align with my

values, and I am thrilled to be working with such an innovative leadership team.”

Molinet resides in Wilton Manors, Florida with his husband Jeff Shearer. They have two adult sons, Ian and Aidan Shearer.

An accomplished business executive, TEDx speaker and philanthropist, Austin-Shipp was most recently CEO of the South Florida Institute on Aging (SoFIA), becoming the first female and first African American in the organization’s 55-year history. Previously she had a distinguished career in sales, advertising and marketing with such companies as Infinity Broadcasting Radio Group, Dallas Morning News, Chick-fil-A and Taco Bell Corporation. Active in the community, Austin-Shipp also served on the American Tennis & Education Foundation board and Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights (CRA) board; is social chair of Leadership Broward Class XL; is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she has served in various leadership positions in her past 29 years of membership; serves on the Fort Lauderdale Economic and Development Committee; and is a graduate of the Jim Moran Executive Leadership Institute Class in Fort Lauderdale. She has also served on a national and local level with The Links, Incorporated.

“As a Holy Cross Health board member, I will be able to continue advocating for diversity, equity, access and inclusion within our community,” said Austin-Shipp. “I’m excited to share my expertise and knowledge with my fellow board members and also learn from them.”

About Holy Cross Health

A member of Trinity Health, Fort Lauderdale-based Holy Cross Hospital, dba Holy Cross Health, is a full-service, non-profit, Catholic, teaching hospital operating in the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy. Holy Cross has been named one of the top

10 hospitals in the Miami metro area and among the top 30 in the state in U.S. News and World Report's 2021-2022 Best Hospital rankings. Through strategic collaborations and a commitment to being a person-centered, transforming, healing presence, the 557-bed hospital offers progressive inpatient, outpatient and community outreach services and clinical research trials to serve as our community's trusted health partner for life. Holy Cross Health also encompasses Holy Cross HealthPlex outpatient facility, urgent care centers and more than 50 Holy Cross Medical Group physician practices. To learn more about Holy Cross Health, visit holy-cross.com. Connect @holycrossfl.

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