



# Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

*Melissa Gooley*

Melissa Gooley, RN holds the title of Northern Regional Practice Leader at Hudson Headwaters Health Network, where she oversees healthcare services across Clinton, Franklin, and a portion of Essex counties. Her jurisdiction spans facilities in Champlain, Lake Placid, Malone, Plattsburgh, Saranac Lake, and Tupper Lake.

A proud native of the North Country, Ms. Gooley maintains deep roots within her community. She pursued her nursing degree locally and holds certificates in Executive Healthcare Leadership and Healthcare Change Management from Cornell University. With over two decades of dedicated service in primary care, Ms. Gooley is recognized for her unwavering commitment to understanding and addressing the healthcare needs of her region.

Since commencing her nursing career in 2001, Ms. Gooley has distinguished herself as an energetic leader and passionate advocate. Her approachable and calming demeanor has served as a stabilizing force during periods of change, setting a precedent of flexibility and positivity for her teams. Under her leadership, Hudson Headwaters has experienced significant growth in the Northern Region, increasing access to healthcare.

Beyond her professional achievements, Ms. Gooley takes pride in her role as a mother to 21-year-old triplets, Emma, Carter, and Logan. She actively contributes to her community by serving on various committees and boards, including the HCR Advisory Committee, Champlain-Moors EMS, Northern Tier Housing, the Samuel De Champlain History Center, North Country Chamber of Commerce, Champlain-Rouses Point Kiwanis Club, and is a member of the Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's Parish in Champlain.

In 2023, she was recognized as a Rural Health Champion of the Year by the Adirondack Rural Health Network, a program of Adirondack Health Institute. Ms. Gooley's unwavering dedication and positive impact continue to inspire those around her, as she tirelessly works to enhance the lives of others and contribute to the betterment of her community.

Ms. Gooley is a shining example of commitment and service to our communities. For her unwavering dedication to improving the lives of those around her, Senator Dan Stec is proud to select her as one of 2024's New York State Senate Women of Distinction.

***Melissa Gooley was selected as a  
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