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First "Tax Day Baby" Born at Atrium Health Navicent Receives \$1,529 for College

MACON, GA – For the ninth year, Atrium Health Navicent and the state of Georgia's Path2College 529 Plan partnered to award the first "Tax Day Baby" born at the hospital with a college savings contribution. Baby Oaklynn June London was recognized as the first baby born on April 15, and she was awarded a \$1,529 contribution to her Path2College 529 Plan.

"This is such a nice welcome into the world and a really nice start to have for her education," said Oaklynn's mother, Leigha Taylor Gary.

The Tax Day Baby partnership was established to raise awareness about the importance of saving for college and financial planning, along with the advantages of saving in the Path2College 529 Plan.

"Oaklynn faces a future full of opportunities and we're excited to be among the first to welcome her and celebrate with her family. To help her to achieve her future goals, Atrium Health Navicent is proud to partner with the Path2College 529 Plan to provide a head start on saving for college or career training," said Atrium Health Navicent President Delvecchio Finley. "Children will shape the future of our community, and it's important that we do all we can to support them, encourage their future education and expand opportunities for them as they grow and mature into the leaders of tomorrow."

"We are excited to help Oaklynn jump-start her college savings with this contribution to her Path2College 529 Plan," said Georgia Student Finance Commission President Lynne Riley. "These savings may be used for qualified higher education expenses such as tuition, room and board, books, supplies and more."

Today also marked the official kick-off of the 2024 Path2College Newborn Sweepstakes where one baby born in Georgia this year will be awarded a \$5,529 college savings contribution. The Path2College 529 Plan will also award \$1,529 to the hospital where the Newborn Sweepstakes winner is born.

Parents, grandparents, and guardians of Georgia babies born in 2024 may go to <u>www.Path2College529.com</u> until April 15, 2025, for official rules, prize details and to enter for a chance to win the 2024 Newborn Sweepstakes (no purchase necessary/void where prohibited). The Newborn Sweepstakes is sponsored by the Path2College 529 Plan. For more information about the Path2College 529 Plan or to open a college savings account, please visit <u>www.Path2College529.com</u> or call (877) 424-4377.

To learn more about Georgia's Path2College 529 Plan, its investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses see the Plan Description at path2college529.com. Read it carefully. Investments in the Plan are neither insured nor guaranteed and there is the risk of investment loss. If the funds aren't used for qualified higher education expenses, a federal 10% penalty tax on earnings (as well as federal and state income taxes) may apply. TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, Member FINRA, distributor and underwriter for the Path2College 529 Plan. FPS-3477186PR-00424X

About Atrium Health Navicent

Atrium Health Navicent is the leading provider of health care in central and south Georgia and is committed to its mission of elevating health and well-being through compassionate care. Atrium Health Navicent is part of Advocate Health, which is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, created from the combination of Atrium Health and Advocate Aurora Health. Atrium Health Navicent provides high-quality, personalized care in 53 specialties at more than 50 facilities throughout the region. As part of the largest, integrated, nonprofit health system in the Southeast, it is also able to tap into some of the nation's leading medical experts and specialists with Atrium Health, allowing it to provide the best care close to home – including advanced innovations in virtual medicine and care. Throughout its 125-year history in the community, Atrium Health Navicent has remained dedicated to enhancing health and wellness for individuals throughout the region through nationally recognized quality care, community health initiatives and collaborative partnerships. It is also one of the leading teaching hospitals in the region, helping to ensure viability for rural health care for the next generation. For more information, please visit www.NavicentHealth.org.

About Advocate Health

Advocate Health is the third-largest nonprofit integrated health system in the United States – created from the combination of Advocate Aurora Health and <u>Atrium Health</u>. Providing care under the names <u>Advocate Health Care</u> in Illinois, Atrium Health in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, and <u>Aurora Health Care</u> in Wisconsin, Advocate Health is a national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care, with <u>Wake Forest University School of</u> <u>Medicine</u> serving as the academic core of the enterprise. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Advocate Health serves nearly 6 million patients and is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies. It is nationally recognized for its expertise in cardiology, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs nearly 155,000 team members across 68 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations and offers one of the nation's largest graduate medical education programs with over 2,000 residents and fellows across more than 200 programs. Committed to equitable care for all, Advocate Health provides nearly \$6 billion in annual community benefits.

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