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## **SLAM receives 2019 ASHE Vista Award at the PDC Summit in AZ**

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Shown (from left) are: Heather Leary and Scott Reynolds, UMass Memorial Health Care; Mike Benjamin, BR+A; Kathleen Hylka, UMass Memorial Health Care; David Neal, SLAM; Kathy Bell, SLAM; Brian Hamilton, Consigli Construction; Martha Boyd, UMass Memorial Health Care; Richard Gala and Sean Dillion, Consigli Construction; and Ed Edelman, SLAM - Photo Credit: The S/L/A/M Collaborative

Worcester, MA The S/L/A/M Collaborative (SLAM) was part of the team to receive the 2019 Vista Award in the category of renovation for the MC2020 Memorial Campus Refresh project at UMass Memorial Medical Center. The team accepted the award at the ASHE 2019 PDC Summit in Phoenix on March 18.

The Vista Awards are presented by the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association. These specific awards recognize significant collaboration in creating optimal health care environments. Each winning team has exemplified outstanding teamwork in all stages of their respective health care projects, from pre-planning to the final reveal.

ASHE recognized UMass Memorial Health Care executive leadership for its “focus on establishing key goals encompassing four categories: Our patients, our people, our discoveries, and our long-term financial health.” The resulting MC2020 modernization project sought to increase the number of private patient beds, transition nurses stations into collaborative team stations, increase learning and discovery space at the Memorial Campus, and in general, create a more standardized person-centered experience.

“Our team was thrilled to work with UMass Memorial on a transformative project zeroed in on improving the inpatient experience through an upgraded and efficient care operation,” said David Neal, AIA, principal-in-charge on the project.

“Throughout the design and construction process we were focused on continuous communication and collaboration with medical and facilities staff to understand their needs and enhance the resources that would ensure the best stay experience.”

