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Nebraska Hospital Association announces record \$100,000 in health care career scholarships

LINCOLN, NEB. — The Nebraska Hospital Association Research and Educational Foundation (NHAREF) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2023 Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program and the Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship Program. This year, the NHA, with support of their business partner, Medical Solutions, awarded Nebraska hospital employees with a record \$100,000 in scholarships to help them further their education.

In an effort to address the ongoing health care workforce shortage, NHA is providing the most ever amount of scholarship money to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in health care and health sciences.

“The Nebraska Hospital Association recognizes the critical workforce shortage we are currently experiencing in health care,” commented Jeremy Nordquist, President of NHA. “These awards will have a real impact on recruiting and retaining health care workers to begin or continue their careers in this important field. We also look to continue to grow this scholarship program to show our commitment and resolve to rebuilding a talented and educated workforce. In addition, we are grateful to the generosity of our long time business partner, Medical Solutions, for helping us fund these scholarships.”

Listed below are this year’s scholarship recipients:

Undergraduate scholarship recipients (\$2,500 award):

- Alaina Cardenas Tello, Nebraska Medicine, Omaha
- Blake Williams, Sidney Regional Medical Center, Sidney
- Bryce Nielsen, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Omaha
- Elisabeth Heitmann, Thayer County Health Services, Hebron
- Emily Oligmueller, Franciscan Healthcare, West Point
- Harlie Bode, Boone County Health Center, Albion
- Jacqueline Meredith-Gropp, Memorial Health Care Systems, Seward
- Jami Greeley, Nebraska Medicine/Clarkson Family Medicine, Omaha
- Jensine Hall, CHI Health St. Francis, Grand Island
- Jessica Christensen, Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings
- Katelyn Christensen, Brodstone Healthcare, Superior
- Lisa Cervený, Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center, Beatrice
- McKenna Krueger, Regional West Garden County, Oshkosh
- Rosana Kirk, Gordon Memorial Health Services, Gordon
- Sara Huss, Jefferson Community Health and Life, Fairbury
- Stephanie Hall, OrthoNebraska, Omaha
- Tammy Spellman, Memorial Community Health, Aurora
- Trinity Anding-Espejo, Bellevue Medical Center | Nebraska Medicine, Bellevue

Graduate scholarship recipients (\$5,000 award):

- Alyssa Mumm, CUMC Bergan Mercy Medical Center, Omaha
- Ashley McNeal, Great Plains Health, North Platte
- Haley Volkman, Bryan Medical Center, Lincoln
- Krystal Novotny, Valley County Health System, Ord
- Marie Johnson, Nebraska Medicine, Omaha
- McKenzie Drake, Methodist Women's Hospital, Omaha
- Monica Mitchell, Great Plains Health, North Platte
- Rueben Dennis Rieke, Nebraska Medicine, Omaha
- Staci Kolm, Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk
- Tiffany Rice, Osmond General Hospital, Osmond

Laura J. Redoutey Scholarship Recipient (\$5,000 award):

- Erin Chytka, Cozad Community Health System, Cozad

For nearly 100 years, the Nebraska Hospital Association has been the unified voice for Nebraska's hospitals and health systems. The Association offers collaborative leadership, assisting its members to provide comprehensive care to their communities, improving the health status of those communities. For more information, visit the NHA website at www.nebraskahospitals.org.

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