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Greater Phoenixville Healthcare Scholarships Awarded to Area Students

Phoenixville, PA -- The Greater Phoenixville Healthcare Scholarship Program has been providing college scholarships since 1995. Since then more than seventy-eight scholarships have been awarded to high school graduates pursuing careers in health care.

All graduating seniors who are pursuing careers in a health care-related field of study are eligible to apply. The program draws from the Phoenixville Hospital service area that includes Great Valley, Methacton, Owen J. Roberts, Perkiomen Valley, Phoenixville, Pottsgrove and Spring-Ford School Districts, as well as CAT Pickering, St. Pius X and the Western Center for Technical Studies. This year twenty-two students applied for the scholarships representing nearly all of these schools and seven scholarships were awarded.

Christiana Carns of Phoenixville is a graduate of Phoenixville Area High School and will be attending Penn State University majoring in Biology/Pre-Med. "Ever since I was a little girl I knew I wanted to be involved with medicine. As a medical professional I hope to bring a calming assuredness to my own practice. This scholarship will greatly aid me in the quest for knowledge in my pursuit of a career in health care."

Scott Douglas of Eagleville is a graduate of Methacton High School and will be attending Elizabethtown College and Thomas Jefferson University majoring in Physical Therapy. “A career in health care provides a lifetime of fruitful experiences for those who endeavor into it. I am very excited at the prospect of beginning my studies. This scholarship will help me a great deal.”

Brook Himes of Phoenixville is a graduate of CAT Pickering and will be attending Delaware Valley College studying Bio-Medical Research. “A career in health care is very rewarding. I am pursuing a career in medical research. There have been many discoveries through research that have enhanced medical practice. Hopefully, when I join in on a research team I can help make a difference.”

Staci Kovach of Phoenixville is also a graduate of CAT Pickering and will be attending Delaware County Community College in pursuit of a nursing career. “Once you have researched about a career in health care and have your mind set on it, you need to get out there and accomplish it. Be positive and be a leader in the goals you have for the rest of your life. People may say it is hard to achieve this kind of career, I say you have to have the heart.”

Sarah Sadofsky of Phoenixville is a graduate of Phoenixville Area High School and will be attending Philadelphia University pursuing a career as a Physician Assistant. “From an early age I knew I would pursue a career in medicine. The power to heal is an amazing gift and I want to be able to possess and share it with others around me. I feel that no other profession has such a profound effect on others.”

Lauren Ujobai of Royersford is a graduate of Spring-Ford High School and will be attending Temple University majoring in Nursing. “There are many reasons why I have chosen to major in nursing. I plan to work as a psychiatric nurse. I know that I will love my job because it will involve helping ill patients.”

Elizabeth VanBuskirk of Pottstown is a graduate of Pottsgrove High School and will be attending Elizabethtown College majoring in Occupational Therapy. “I have a condition that comes with a multitude of symptoms. Over the years I underwent numerous

surgical procedures. While doctors would initially correct something, I experienced the most ‘healing’ with the help of my occupational therapist. I realized that I wanted to do the same for others.”

These 2009 scholarships are funded by the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation, the Phoenixville Hospital Thrift Shop, the Phoenixville Hospital Auxiliary and the Phoenixville Hospital medical staff: seven scholarships in all --- \$8,000 over four years.

Lynn Pike Hartman, Senior Program Officer of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation facilitated the Scholarship Selection Committee activities. The Committee was comprised of representatives for the scholarship partners: Daniel Baer, Debbie Francis, John Giannone, Peg Kelly–MacDonald, Richard Kirkner, June McDade, and Janet Reading.

For application information for the 2010 Greater Phoenixville Healthcare Scholarship Program contact Lynn Pike Hartman at 610-917-9890 or through the Foundation’s website:

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