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NHA Research and Educational Foundation announces health care career scholarships

LINCOLN, NEB. — The Nebraska Hospital Association Research and Educational Foundation (NHAREF) is excited to announce the recipients of the 2016 Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program and the Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship Program.

In an effort to help address the ongoing health care professional shortage, the NHAREF is assisting future industry leaders in their efforts to pursue a degree in health care or further their education through two scholarship programs — the Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program and the Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship Program. The scholarship programs can also encourage Nebraskans to remain in the state as they establish their careers.

“This year’s candidates were very impressive and possessed great skills that we need to continue provide the best quality care possible to many patients in our state,” Nebraska Hospital Association President Laura J. Redoutey said. “Our organization enjoys participating in this program that helps talented students achieve their career goals.”

The NHAREF is excited to have the availability of providing additional scholarships and is grateful for a generous donation to the Health Care Career Scholarship Program from both FocusOne Solutions and Aureus Medical Group.

These new scholarships assist students who are working toward a career to improve the health and well-being of Nebraska’s communities.

Aureus Medical Group and FocusOne Solutions are dedicated to helping outstanding health care professionals take the next step forward in their health care career.

“The NHAREF is pleased to offer scholarship awards to passionate individuals who want to make a difference in health care,” stated Jon Borton, Nebraska Hospital Association vice president, educational services. “To date, we have awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to support higher education in health care careers.”

Nebraska’s hospitals are proud to support these outstanding students who will keep our quality of care among the best in the nation.

Recipients of the 2016 Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program include:

- Sonny Adkins (FocusOne scholarship recipient), CHI Health CUMC, Omaha
- Katie Asay, Methodist Women’s Hospital, Omaha
- Robin Carlson, Nebraska Spine Hospital, Omaha
- Brooke Graf, CHI Health St. Elizabeth, Lincoln
- Jessica Johnson (Aureus Medical Group scholarship recipient), Bryan Medical Center, Lincoln
- Lori Mazanec, Box Butte General Hospital, Alliance
- Mary Libby Nutzman, York General Hospital, York
- Shane Pearson, CHI Health Nebraska Heart, Lincoln
- Shannon Sorenson, Brown County Hospital, Ainsworth
- Anna Turman, Chadron Community Hospital & Heath Services, Chadron

Recipients of the 2016 Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship include:

- Faisa Ali, Lexington Regional Health Center, Lexington
- Christi Jo Arnold, Memorial Healthcare Systems, Seward
- Aleece Calarco-Wagner (FocusOne scholarship recipient), Box Butte General Hospital, Alliance
- Hannah Gamble, Providence Medical Center, Wayne
- Melissa Hardman, CHI Health St. Elizabeth, Lincoln
- Amanda Harvey (Aureus Medical Group scholarship recipient), Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Bellevue

- Austin Lambing Phelps Memorial Health Center, Holdrege
- Katie Offenbacker, CHI Health Immanuel, Omaha
- Mariah Pierson, Community Hospital, McCook
- Maxcey Smith, Nemaha County Hospital, Auburn
- Emily Thompson, Great Plains Health, North Platte
- Megan Wilsey, Franklin County Hospital, Franklin

FocusOne Solutions is a provider of managed services solutions and vendor management software to help hospitals nationwide streamline the staffing process and achieve a higher level of performance. They serve as the point of contact to source high quality staff. FocusOne is dedicated to helping outstanding health care professionals take the next step forward in their careers.

Aureus Medical Group is a national leader in health care staffing—and a Nebraska-based company—that brings more than 30 years of success to connecting hospitals with skilled and dynamic health care professionals seeking rewarding career opportunities. Aureus Medical Group is proud to play a vital role in the future of quality health care by providing assistance to students pursuing advanced degrees in their chosen health care field. Aureus Medical is a sister company of managed services provider FocusOne Solutions.

The Nebraska Hospital Association is 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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