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## **NHA Research and Educational Foundation awards scholarships for health care careers**

LINCOLN — The Nebraska Hospital Association Research and Educational Foundation (NHAREF) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2014 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 established in 1987 and the Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship Program established in 2002. In addition to addressing the ongoing shortage of health care professionals, the scholarship programs also encourage young Nebraskans to remain in the state as they establish their careers.

“We continue to receive an impressive group of applicants who demonstrate a high standard of commitment to health care,” Nebraska Hospital Association President, Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE, said. “The scholarship programs are helping talented people reach their career aspirations while simultaneously helping to build Nebraska’s pool of health care professionals and leaders.”

“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.

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Recipients of the 2014 Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program include:

- Corinna Hansen, Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk, is pursuing a master in nursing degree at Clarkson College.
- Teresa Hawlik, Nebraska Spine Hospital, Omaha, is pursuing a master of business administration from Nebraska Wesleyan.
- Madalyn Johnson, Nebraska Heart Hospital, Lincoln, is studying to become a physician assistant at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Annielyn Ocampo, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Lincoln, is studying to become a nurse leader in the executive program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Jennifer Obermier, York General Health Care Services, York, is pursuing a master in nursing administration from Nebraska Wesleyan.
- Sue Schuelke, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Lincoln, is pursuing a doctorate degree in nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Johanna Spencer, Brown County Hospital, Ainsworth, is studying to become a family nurse practitioner at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Manuela Wolf, Harlan County Health System, Alma, is pursuing a master in hospital administration degree from Bellevue University.

Recipients of the 2014 Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship include:

- Shawnelle Anderson, Kearney County Health Services, Minden, is studying radiation science technology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- Robin Carlson, Nebraska Spine Hospital, Omaha, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Nebraska Wesleyan.
- Rosa Harrington, Alegent Creighton Health Memorial Hospital, Schuyler, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Chamberlain College of Nursing.
- Erin Kroger, Saint Francis Medical Center, Grand Island, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Doane College.
- Amanda Rayhel, St. Mary's Community Hospital, Nebraska City, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Kaplan University.
- Jennifer Schiermeyer, Brodstone Memorial Hospital, Superior, is pursuing a degree in nursing at Concordia University.
- Jessica Simons, Avera St. Anthony's Hospital, O'Neill, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Nebraska Wesleyan.
- Emily Thompson, Great Plains Health, North Platte, is pursuing a degree in nursing at Bryan College of Health Sciences.
- Amanda Warriner, Avera Creighton Health Services, Creighton, is pursuing a degree in nursing at Northeast Community College.
- Lana Zadina, Ogallala Community Hospital, Ogallala, is studying radiologic technology at Southeast Community College.

For more information about health care career scholarship programs, please visit the Nebraska Hospital Association website at [www.NebraskaHospitals.org/education/scholarships.html](http://www.NebraskaHospitals.org/education/scholarships.html).

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