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Nebraska Hospital Association Research and Educational Foundation Awards Scholarships for Health Careers

Lincoln, NE — The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) Research and Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program and the Undergraduate Health Career Scholarships. Hospitals across the country, especially in rural states like Nebraska, are experiencing a severe shortage of health care professionals.

The NHA Research and Educational Foundation is helping to address the ongoing shortage by assisting the future leaders of health care in their efforts to pursue a degree in health care or further their education through the two scholarship programs established in 1987. “For twenty years this program has helped several talented people reach their career aspirations while concurrently helping to build Nebraska’s pool of health care professionals and leaders. It is a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing a health related profession” said NHA President, Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE.

The Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program offers students \$3,000 per academic year and the Undergraduate Health Career Scholarships offer students \$1,000 per academic year. Hospital leaders evaluated scholarship applications, judging them on academic record, a written statement, letters of reference, extracurricular activities, and health care-related activities. Scholarships were awarded to students from all parts of the state. Jon Borton, NHA’s senior director of education, said “We are delighted to have had so many outstanding applicants for the scholarship program. Each of the recipients has a great deal of skills and knowledge that will contribute so much to the future of health care delivery in Nebraska.”

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 2007 Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program include:

- Joyce Beck, Thayer County Health Services in Hebron. Ms. Beck is pursuing a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from Bellevue University.
- Ryan Bojanski, Children's Hospital in Omaha. Mr. Bojanski is pursuing a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota.
- Michelle Johnson, BryanLGH Medical Center in Lincoln. Ms. Johnson is pursuing a Masters Degree in Nursing Administration from Nebraska Wesleyan University.
- Donald Naiberk, Butler County Health Center in David City. Mr. Naiberk is pursuing a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota.
- Diane Newman, Johnson County Hospital in Tecumseh. Ms. Newman is pursuing a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Minnesota.
- Rebekah Mussman, Harlan County Hospital in Alma. Ms. Mussman is pursuing a degree in Liberal Arts Organizational Leadership from Fort Hays State University.
- James Ulrich, Community Hospital in McCook. Mr. Ulrich is pursuing a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from Bellevue University.
- Charmeen White, Good Samaritan Health Systems in Kearney. Ms. White is pursuing a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from Texas Women's University.

Recipients of the 2007 Undergraduate Health Career Scholarships include:

- Joleen Bradley, Community Hospital in McCook. Ms. Bradley is pursuing a degree in Nursing from the UNMC College of Nursing.
- Gail Brondum, Pender Community Hospital in Pender. Ms. Brondum is pursuing a degree Healthcare Management from Bellevue University.
- F. Jordan Colwell, Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance. Mr. Colwell is pursuing a degree in Nursing from the UNMC College of Nursing in Scottsbluff.
- Adam Munter, Providence Medical Center in Wayne. Mr. Munter is pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy from Wayne State College.

- Melissa Nannen, Community Memorial Hospital in Syracuse. Ms. Nannen is pursuing a degree in Nursing from Southeast Community College.
- Barbara Paup, Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital in Central City. Ms. Paup is pursuing a degree in Nursing from Central Community College in Grand Island.
- Christina Stemper, Brodstone Memorial Hospital in Superior. Ms. Stemper is pursuing a degree in Nursing from Creighton University.
- Margaret Strojohann, Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill. Ms. Strojohann is pursuing a degree in Nursing from the UNMC College of Nursing in Kearney.
- Renae Trombino, St. Mary's Community Hospital in Nebraska City. Ms. Trombino is pursuing a degree in Nursing from Nebraska Methodist College.
- Amanda Zolkoski, Jennie M. Melham Memorial Medical Center in Broken Bow. Ms. Zolkoski is pursuing a degree Radiological Technology from UNMC.

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The Nebraska Hospital Association is a statewide trade association representing Nebraska's hospitals and health systems. The NHA has been representing and supporting the needs of Nebraska's rural and urban hospitals since 1927. Today, NHA supports and encourages its members in developing various health care delivery systems geared toward improving the health and well-being of Nebraska's communities. NHA works closely with its membership to develop legislative and communication programs, prepare policy analysis, sponsor educational programs, prepare data analysis, assist with community health development and provide information and special services to our members.