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Hospital announces 2016 recipients of nursing scholarships



Uniontown Hospital is proud to announce that 10 hospital employees recently received hospital scholarships to help them further their nursing careers.

The recipients each received the Uniontown Hospital Employee Learning Program (UHELP) Scholarship during a ceremonial luncheon held in the Uniontown Hospital Healing Garden last week.

UHELP was developed to provide scholarship opportunities to hospital employees that might need assistance with their educational expenses.

“We are excited to have this opportunity to help offset the costs our staff incurs while they work toward higher goals of making a healthy difference in the lives of others by furthering their knowledge in their fields of expertise,” CEO Steve Handy said. “We are proud to honor these recipients and we are hopeful that they will achieve success in their academic endeavors and bring their commitment to our patients and our hospital.”

The scholarship program is funded by the hospital and through contributions from the hospital’s Volunteer Fundraising Committee.

UHELP is specifically designed to provide support to employees advancing their career or studies in the nursing field.

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Eligibility requirements include employment with the hospital or its parent corporation, Fayette Regional Health System, enrollment in an accredited Registered Nursing educational program and successful candidates must reside in the Fayette County region of the state (Fayette, Greene, Washington or Westmoreland counties.)

A scholarship Review Team assessed and approved candidates based on their review of blind applications and essays submitted by hospital employees.

The 10 recipients joined an inaugural class of four awardees from Fall 2015 enrollments.

“We are excited to see this program grow and flourish and we are happy have this opportunity to aid our employees in their educational advancement,” Chief Nursing Officer, Betty Ann Rock, said.

Human Resources Executive Director Christa Ebbert said that the program will continue in the coming years.

“We want to make an investment in the future of our employees and in the future of the health of our community,” Ebbert said. “This scholarship program allows us to do both.”

Oversight for the scholarship program is being provided by the Community Foundation of Fayette County. Receiving scholarships this year are:

Christine Peroni, LPN, 1 West; Jade Fabery, Pharm Tech II, hospital Pharmacy; Alice Matrunics, Office Associate, Family Beginnings Birthing Center (FBBC); Jeanne Helmick, Care Facilitator, Case Management; Twanna Mains, Medical Records Scan Technician, Health Information

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Management; Melissa Kessler, LPN, FBBC; Caitlyn Steyer, NCA, 3 West; Rachel Bohna, RN, FBBC; Michelle Jordan, RN, Clinical Decision Unit; and Bobbi Jordon, Phlebotomist, Laboratory.

Jordon and Steyer each received scholarships in the fall, as well.

All the recipients are working toward becoming Registered Nurses or toward earning their Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.