MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Scholarships & Awards

CEREMONY

KELLOGG HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
Big Ten Room A
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Friday, September 27, 2013
“It is a noble calling – the calling of nurses – but it depends on you – nurses – to make it noble.”

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, 1893
Order of Ceremony

Welcome and Introductions

KATHLEEN SCHWARTZ, CON BSN '71
Mistress of Ceremony
Chair, College of Nursing Board of Visitors

Welcome and Remarks

MARY MUNDT, PhD, RN
Dean and Professor

Dinner and Soft Music

THE GRAD TRIO

Presentation of Alumni Awards

JUDITH FOULADBAKHSH, CON PhD ’06
President, College of Nursing Alumni Association

Presentation of Faculty Awards

GWEN WYATT, PhD, RN
Professor

Presentation of Student Scholarships

MARTHA SCHECKEL, PhD, RN
Director of Undergraduate Programs

Closing Remarks

MARY MUNDT, PhD, RN
Dean and Professor

Adjournment
Alumni Awards

Since 1972, the College of Nursing Alumni Association has presented accomplished nursing alumni with the association’s highest honors of recognition: Distinguished, Service, and Recent Graduate Alumni Awards.

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes nursing leaders who have attained the highest level of professional accomplishments, and/or has advanced the profession through practice, research, education, or administration. Recipients must have demonstrated community service on a local, state, national, or international level.

JANICE GRANGER, CON BSN ’80

Alumni Service Award

The Alumni Service Award recognizes alumni whose dedicated work and exemplary service have benefited society, and the profession of nursing. Recipients must have demonstrated community service on a local, state, national, or international level.

DEAN CARPENTER, CON MSN ’02

Recent Graduate Achievement Award

The Recent Graduate Achievement Award recognizes nursing alumni who graduated within the past 10 years and who have obtained a level of professional accomplishments including but not limited to: contributions to employer, history of promotion, military accomplishments, continued education, or published work. Recipients must have demonstrated community service on a local, state, national, or international level.

MICHELLE MUNRO, CON BSN ’03
Faculty Awards

Carol Barthel Spirit Award

Carol Barthel, MSN, RN, was a member of the College of Nursing community for only a few years; however, her impact on the faculty and students will long be remembered. After teaching courses on mental health and psychology for four semesters, cancer took Carol’s life on February 15, 2001.

This award is given to faculty and staff members who contribute positively to the climate of the College of Nursing by: encouraging others in their work, facilitating conflict resolution and a positive climate, promoting collegiality, mentoring others, exhibiting a positive approach to problem solving, supporting the development of others and strongly advocating for the College and University.

HENRY CLINTON TALLEY V, PhD, CRNA
Associate Professor

Billie Diane Gamble Undergraduate Faculty Teaching Excellence/Enrichment Award

Billie Gamble was a teacher and mentor in the College of Nursing for many years. Her contributions to the careers and lives of thousands of students will be long remembered.

This award, established by friends, colleagues, and former students of Billie, is presented to a faculty member who demonstrates sustained excellence in undergraduate teaching.

JANICE BRADY, PhD, RN
Assistant Professor

Graduate Faculty Teaching Excellence Award

This year the College of Nursing is initiating a Graduate Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize a graduate faculty member whose teaching demonstrates exceptional quality and significance to nursing.

KATHLEEN POINDEXTER, PhD, RN
Assistant Professor
Marjorie A. Holmes College of Nursing
Faculty Enrichment Endowed Award

Marjorie A. Holmes (CON BSN ’60) entered the BSN completion program in 1957. It allowed her to attend college part-time while working to support her family. Marjorie spent many years as a nursing administrator and was actively involved in recruiting and retaining nurses in many organizations. In addition to this award, she has also established the Marjorie A. Holmes Undergraduate Endowed Nursing Student Scholarship and the Marjorie A. Holmes Endowed Graduate Student Scholarship.

This award recognizes and encourages innovative and creative scholarly activity. Its purpose is to assist faculty in obtaining advanced educational experiences and to promote the production of dissemination and knowledge by supporting faculty research and initiatives.

Amber Vermeesch, PhD, RN, FNP-C
Assistant Professor
Endowed Student Scholarships

Nancy Ann Mulrenan Agents Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Long remembered for her dedication to the field of nursing, exemplified in an unyielding commitment to the pursuit of excellence, this scholarship was established in the memory of Nancy Ann Mulrenan Agents (CON BSN ’69) who died unexpectedly in 1994.

It provides financial assistance to deserving students in the College’s RN to BSN program who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

HILARY COFFMAN, BSN Class of 2014

Carol Robinson Beals Nursing Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship has been established to honor Dr. Carol Robinson Beals (CON BSN ’72). President of the Beals Institute, Carol is a medical doctor whose practice specializes in rheumatology. Today, the Beals Institute is an important healthcare provider for the state of Michigan.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students on a basis of academic achievement. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.3 grade point average. Preference is given to students who are permanent residents of a rural area in the state of Michigan. Residents from the greater Midwest are also eligible for consideration.

SHANNON FEGAN, BSN Class of 2015
TAYLOR HORTON, BSN Class of 2015

Helen Calder Endowed Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Ralph Calder, an architect who was involved in the design of 54 buildings on Michigan State University’s campus. He established this endowed scholarship in memory of his wife, Helen, with the intent of honoring the nursing care that she received while battling a long illness.

It provides financial assistance to students whose permanent residence is in the state of Michigan and who have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

AUDREY AUSTIN, BSN Class of 2014
KELLY RYDER, BSN Class of 2013
KAITLIN VANDERMAAS, BSN Class of 2014
HALEY WELCH, BSN Class of 2014
College of Nursing Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship

The Michigan State University College of Nursing Alumni Association provides opportunities for alumni to maintain lifelong engagement with the College.

This scholarship was established to demonstrate the College of Nursing Alumni Association's continuing commitment to the support and encouragement of future nurses in their pursuit of academic excellence. It provides financial assistance to students who maintain sound academic achievements and who have demonstrated leadership involvement in external community activities.

Emily Roth, BSN Class of 2016

John F. Dunkel Memorial Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the family of the late Dr. John Dunkel, Associate Professor of Pathology at the College of Medicine at Michigan State University. It recognizes the family’s strong connection to the field of nursing and is intended to encourage baccalaureate-prepared nurses who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve their educational and professional goals.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students attending the College's MSN or PhD programs. In addition to evidence of research potential, recipients are selected on a basis of academic merit and must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Vicki Voskuil, PhD Class of 2016

Helene Fuld Health Trust Endowed Scholarship for Baccalaureate Nursing Students

This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

Recipients shall be undergraduate students in the Michigan State University College of Nursing Accelerated Second Degree Option Baccalaureate Program.

Greg Burcz, BSN Class of 2014
Kaitlynn Cassem, BSN Class of 2014
Heather Chuhran, BSN Class of 2014
Kaitlynn Deplonty, BSN Class of 2014
 Gerardyn Gewirtz, BSN Class of 2014
Michael Houser, BSN Class of 2014
Elizabeth Kuiper, BSN Class of 2014
Ranee Laube, BSN Class of 2014
Jeanne Lehtola, BSN Class of 2014
Jennifer Powers, BSN Class of 2014
Eric Reed, BSN Class of 2014
Jessica Tecca, BSN Class of 2014
Kathleen Weller, BSN Class of 2014
Cynthia Williams, BSN Class of 2014
Inspired by the attentive and caring nurses at the Michigan State University Oncology Center, this scholarship was established by Dr. Laurence Harmon, Professor Emeritus of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University. Dr. Harmon created this scholarship in loving memory of his wife, Inez, and his sister, Gladys. This scholarship provides financial support to students who have completed at least two years of university academic credits with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 and who have the professional objective of becoming a registered nurse.

CAITLYN BRUNOTTE, BSN Class of 2015
BAILEY MILLER, BSN Class of 2015

Janice and Alton Granger Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Janice Granger (CON BSN ’80) is a valued member of the College’s alumni family and has extensive ties to the community and to the state of Michigan. She is a former member of the College’s Alumni Board and she currently serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council, Board of Visitors. She and her husband, Alton (ENG BS ’54), have long been supporters of Michigan State University and the College of Nursing.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students with a preference that their work is focused in gerontology. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

YULIYA VRETTOS, MSN Class of 2014

Captain Sean Grimes Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Established by his beloved family, this scholarship honors Captain Sean Grimes (CON BSN ’97) who was an exceptional student that graduated with honors from the College of Nursing. He was the recipient of a Distinguished Military Graduate Award from the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Sean enlisted in the Army to make a positive impact in the world. His life tragically ended on March 4, 2005 when his armored Humvee was hit by an improvised explosive device during combat patrol in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Sean had been in Iraq for about six months when he was killed.

To help future students realize their dreams of becoming a nurse, this scholarship provides financial assistance to Michigan State University nursing students that are an Army Reservist, Army National Guard member, active Army Soldier or honorably discharged Veteran of these branches.

ASHLEY HALL, BSN Class of 2014

Inez and Gladys Harmon Endowed Scholarship

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CAITLYN BRUNOTTE, BSN Class of 2015
BAILEY MILLER, BSN Class of 2015
Rao and Joyce Kareti Nursing Endowed Scholarship

At the time that this scholarship was established, Joyce Kareti (CON BSN ’97) was a student in the College’s RN to BSN program. Dedicated to healing and care, Dr. Rao and Joyce Kareti are committed to healthcare and to helping students who, due to financial circumstances, may not be able to achieve their academic goals in nursing.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students who are pursuing their bachelor’s degree through the College’s RN to BSN option. Preference is given to students who are from ethnically underrepresented populations in the profession.

ELLEN DILLARD, BSN Class of 2015
ELLEN THOMAS, BSN Class of 2015

Helen M. Kelley Endowed Scholarship

Helen M. Kelley was a practicing registered nurse for 45 years. She believed that nothing would ever replace good bedside judgment, care, and the support of a dedicated nurse.

This scholarship was created by Helen’s sons and daughter-in-law, all of whom are Michigan State University alumni, in her loving memory. It provides financial assistance to students enrolled in good standing in the College of Nursing.

ASHTON FERGUSON, BSN Class of 2015
EVA SCHWARTZ, BSN Class of 2014

Marjorie A. Holmes Graduate Nursing Endowed Scholarship

One of three endowments established by Marjorie A. Holmes (CON BSN ’60), this scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

KELLY NOVAK, MSN Class of 2015
Florence C. Kempf Nursing Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the legacy of Florence C. Kempf, who was the first director of the Michigan State University School of Nursing when it opened in 1950. She remained in that role until her retirement in 1964. Florence was instrumental in developing the educational framework for what is now the College of Nursing.

Established by Michigan State University nursing alumni and friends, this scholarship provides financial assistance to students who are in good academic standing.

LAUREN COSTER, BSN Class of 2014
MEGHAN STICKLER, BSN Class of 2014

Elizabeth Blay Maison Endowed Scholarship

Lorelei Maison Rockwell received her bachelor’s degree in business administration from Michigan State University in 1962. She and her husband Wayne Tilton Kennedy established this scholarship to honor her mother, Elizabeth Blay Maison, who was a devoted career nurse until her untimely death in 1966 at age 53.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students of the College with preference to undergraduate students who have demonstrated good academic standing, financial need, and community service.

JILLIAN GORMAN, BSN Class of 2013
KELLIE SHATTUCK, BSN Class of 2015

Judge Paula Manderfield Endowed Scholarship

Paula Manderfield (CON BSN ’79) worked as an RN part-time while attending Michigan State University to complete her bachelor’s degree in nursing. When she entered law school, she continued to support herself by working as a nurse. Although known today as Judge Manderfield, Paula remains connected and has always held the belief that nursing is a noble and honorable profession.

This scholarship was established by Paula and her husband, David M. Gilstrap, with preference that it will provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the College’s RN to BSN program.

KIMBERLY FLOOD, BSN Class of 2014
Mary Milner-Estes Endowed Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the late Mary J. Milner-Estes (CON BSN ’64) whose career in nursing spanned more than 30 years. She began her career as head nurse at Pontiac State Hospital. In 1969, she graduated from Wayne State with a master’s in teaching and went on to work at the Veterans Administration Hospital where she served in the capacities of Assistant Chief Nurse and Chief of the Nursing Services throughout the country. She also served on faculty at both Wayne State and Michigan State Universities. In retirement, Mary married her childhood friend, David Estes, loved to travel, remained active with the MSU Alumni Association, the College’s Alumni Association and her church.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the College of Nursing, who are in good academic standing and have third year status as an undergraduate student or entering into or matriculating through a graduate or accelerated nursing program.

SARAH GROJEAN, BSN Class of 2014

Mary B. McCartney Endowed Scholarship for Study Abroad

This scholarship honors Mary Browder McCartney, MA, RN, Assistant Professor Emeritus for the College of Nursing. Mary has long held an interest in international student exchange activities. In 1991 she was appointed the College’s Director of International Activities and Programming and received the 1994 Ralph H. Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University.

Established by Mary and her husband, James, this scholarship is awarded to students who are enrolled in the College’s baccalaureate, baccalaureate completion for registered nurses, or master’s in nursing programs. Preference is given to students in the London study abroad program. Students in other study abroad programs are also eligible for consideration.

ALLISON BEHLER, BSN Class of 2014

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This scholarship provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the College of Nursing, who are in good academic standing and have third year status as an undergraduate student or entering into or matriculating through a graduate or accelerated nursing program.

SARAH GROJEAN, BSN Class of 2014
George and Margaret Lorimer Parsons
Nursing Endowed Scholarship

An educator for more than 40 years, the late Margaret F. Lorimer began her teaching career in elementary education in 1934. She also taught at secondary school, junior college and university levels in the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, and Michigan. Margaret earned her bachelor's degree in English at Park University, her master's degree in English-education at Northwestern University and her doctorate degree in education from Michigan State University. She and her late husband, George Parsons, were longtime supporters of Michigan State University and have established two other scholarships at the University in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Education.

Established through a charitable bequest, this scholarship provides financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in the College of Nursing who are in good academic standing and have a minimum of third year status as an undergraduate student or are matriculating through a graduate or accelerated degree option program.

KELLY ADAMS, PhD Class of 2015
TRACY DEKOEKKOEK, PhD Class of 2017
CHELSEA HINSBERG, BSN Class of 2015
EMILY HOWE, BSN Class of 2014
BRITTANY JUODIKIS, BSN Class of 2015
JENNIFER KELLEY, MSN Class of 2016
TAMARA LEWIS, BSN Class of 2014
EMILY MAI, BSN Class of 2014
KATIE McLANE, BSN Class of 2015
HEATHER PATRICK, MSN Class of 2015
CARLEY RAZZANO, BSN Class of 2015
RACHEL SPORTEL, MSN Class of 2014
YENUPINI TONLAAR, PhD Class of 2017

Retired Faculty Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor retired faculty who dedicated their lives to the education of nurses. Recipients are selected based on good academic standing.

LAUREN WHITE, BSN Class of 2013
Diana Roush Memorial Nursing Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of a beloved member of the College of Nursing community, Diana Houghtaling Roush (CON BSN ’75), who passed away on August 1, 2005. In 1991, she became a faculty member in the College, fulfilling a number of responsibilities, including the leadership role of Clinical Placements Coordinator. She was described as quietly working behind the scenes, making contact with clinical agencies and always functioning as an advocate for students.

This scholarship is eligible to prospective or matriculating graduate students majoring in nursing education. Preference is given to highly motivated candidates who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing by possessing a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

MEGAN MILLER, MSN Class of 2014

Tammi Therese Strohmaier Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Tammi Therese Strohmaier was a junior in the College of Nursing who was killed in a car accident in 1998 at the young age of 21. Though her time here was tragically cut short, Tammi left an important legacy, which included: community involvement, excellence in sports, and high academic achievements.

To honor her memory, friends and family of Tammi established this scholarship. Preference is given to undergraduate students who have achieved academic excellence and have contributed to their community through service.

ANTIGONI TZUMAKAS, BSN Class of 2015

William G. and Marion E. Stuckle Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the late William G. and Marion E. Stuckle in appreciation for the quality healthcare that nurses throughout the world provide. It offers financial assistance to students who are in good academic standing.

MARISSA BORDEN, BSN Class of 2015
KATIE CALLIHAN, BSN Class of 2015
JESSICA DIPAOLA, BSN Class of 2015
LAUREL DIPUCCHIO, BSN Class of 2014
LAUREN FORD, BSN Class of 2015
EMMA KOWAL, BSN Class of 2015
BREANNA MAMON, BSN Class of 2015
EMILEE MEYERS, BSN Class of 2015
SHELBY OTTER, BSN Class of 2014
Paul (SS BS ’70) and Teresa (CON BSN ’72) Conlon Wehrwein are graduates of Michigan State University as is their son Eric (BUS BA ’01, AL BA ’01) Conlon Wehrwein. In 2001, Teresa returned to Michigan State University as a faculty member and currently serves as Associate Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs. When determining how to make this lasting gift to Michigan State University, the couple was significantly concerned about the growing nursing faculty shortage in Michigan and the nation.

This scholarship is eligible to prospective or matriculating graduate students planning a career in nursing education. Preference is given to highly motivated candidates who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing by possessing a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

ALISON KECK, MSN Class of 2014
Annual Student Scholarships

William and Margaret Albrets Nursing Scholarship

This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

Recipients shall be undergraduate students in the College of Nursing and will be selected on the basis of financial need and a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

CANDICE MORRISON, BSN Class of 2014

William and Margaret Albrets Nursing Scholarship

Harold C. and Helen E. Buckler Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor the grandparents of Kristin B. and Gilbert D. Padula. It was Helen E. Buckler who inspired this scholarship through her long nursing career in Southeast Michigan. Kristin has fond memories of her grandmother who was at her mother’s side when she was born and was there throughout her life.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to a student from Southeast Michigan (Macomb, Oakland, or Wayne County) who is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

JILLIAN MATTHEW, BSN Class of 2014
College of Nursing Scholarship

The mission of the College of Nursing at Michigan State University is to enhance the health of the community by providing excellence in nursing education, research, and practice that will advance the profession of nursing and serve as an advocate for optimal healthcare for all people. The College currently enrolls more than 500 undergraduate and graduate students. Its more than 80 faculty members represent a diverse blend of leading scholars and distinguished healthcare professionals who bring real world experience to the classroom.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing a degree from the College of Nursing. Recipients must demonstrate sound academic achievement and leadership involvement in community service activities.

AUBREY DWYER, BSN Class of 2014
DAWN FRAMBES, PhD Class of 2016
JACKELINE ISELER, PhD Class of 2018

Terry Brennan Viau and Robert Viau Undergraduate Student Scholarship

Dr. Terry Viau is the Associate Dean for Support Services of the College. She is dedicated to eliminating the barriers that prevent students from participating in higher education and has established, with her husband, the Terry Brennan and Robert Viau Endowed Student Scholarship. This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving baccalaureate students who have demonstrated financial need.

NATALIE MOCERI, BSN Class of 2015
THANK YOU!

The College of Nursing gratefully acknowledges the many contributors who make these scholarships and awards possible.