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## 2012 Spring Cycle Scholarship Recipients

*13 Scholarships Awarded*

*Twelve \$500 General Scholarships*

*One \$2,000 Pinnacle Quality Insight Scholarship*

The OHCF Scholarship Program provides professional development opportunities for those who work or seek to work in the long term care profession. The Oregon Health Care Foundation awards general studies scholarships to long term care professionals as well as scholarships for specialized study. The deadline for the upcoming fall cycle is October 14, 2012.

Retention of experienced and educated caregivers helps to ensure that our elders receive quality care. A recent survey documents that 82% of scholarship recipients have remained in long term care, many pursuing advanced careers in the field. This is one critical way the Oregon Health Care Foundation works to address the shortage of caregivers and nurses in the field. Congratulations to all thirteen people who were chosen to receive awards in the following scholarship categories.

### *Pinnacle Quality Insight Scholarship Recipient*

OHCF also awarded one Pinnacle Quality Insight Scholarship for \$2,000 which recognizes excellence in the delivery of quality long term care. It is specifically designed for applicants who are currently working in long term care and desire to gain additional education to advance in their career. This scholarship is generously funded by Stan Magleby and [Pinnacle Quality Insight](#).

**Alexander Vinokurov**, Human Resource Director & Regional Trainer for Avamere Gresham Rehabilitation & Specialty Care is the recipient of this cycle's scholarship. Alexander has worked in the field of long term care for over four years. His goal is to become an administrator in a skilled nursing facility, assisted living facility or a residential care facility. He is currently enrolled at Warner Pacific College, studying Business Administration with an anticipated degree of a Bachelor's of Business Administration.

### *General Studies Scholarships Recipients Include*

**Tina Hill, RN-BC** at Providence ElderPlace in Portland. Tina has worked in long term care for over 18 years and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Nursing, specializing in education at Excelsior College, Master of Science - Nursing, with a long term goal of gerontology education.

**Kristen Hollenbeack**, is a part time environmental services employee at Marian Estates in Sublimity. Kristen is currently striving to become an RN with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. While in the pre-nursing program at Chemeketa Community College, she plans to work as a CNA/LPN to gain further experience.

**Tiana Hook**, is a Communications Coordinator for Consonus Healthcare in Milwaukie and has worked in long term care for over four years. Tiana is enrolled in Mt. Hood Community College and her goal is to work in long term care as a director of nursing, nurse consultant or other nurse management position.

**Misty Lohn**, Director of Nursing for Oregon City Health Care, has worked in long term care for over 13 years. Misty is working on her Master's in Nursing, Masters of Business in Healthcare Administration, and hopes to move into the position of regional nurse consultant while finishing her Doctorate to become a Nurse Practitioner, working in Geriatrics. Misty is currently enrolled at the University of Phoenix.

**Sarah Matthews**, Medication Technician/PCP Coordinator at Eldorado Heights Assisted Living has been working in long term care for over 10 years. Her area of study is Health Care Administration and she is anticipating a Bachelor's in

Science with an emphasis on Health Care Administration. Sarah is currently enrolled in the University of Phoenix, AZ online program.

**Brooke Meyers**, Life Enrichment Coordinator for Providence ElderPlace Glendoveer has worked in long term care for over six years. Brooke has been accepted into the FallProof Balance & Mobility Certification Training Program, Center for Successful Aging, California State University Fullerton.

**Randy Mondello**, Administrator at Odd Fellows Home of Oregon at Holgate Center has worked for over nine years in long term care and is pursuing a degree in Associate in Science. With a Major in Nursing, Randy's dream is to become a Director of Nursing Services, recognizing a need for equality and justice in the healthcare field for the elderly and disabled. Randy is enrolled at Excelsior College.

**Heather Sowa**, Registered Nurse at Oregon City Health Care Center SNF has been working in long term care for almost eight years. She hopes to become a long term care administrator and intends to earn her Doctorate in Nurse Practitioner with a specialty in geriatrics. Studying online through the University of Phoenix, her current area of study is nursing home administrator with an anticipated goal of Master of Science Nursing and Masters in Healthcare Administration.

**Michelle Szydlowski**, Resident Assistant at Cedar Creek Assisted Living has been working in the long term care field for over three years. She is currently enrolled in Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR. Her area of study is nursing pre-requisite nursing school education and attaining her CNA licensure which will help with her goal of attaining her RN/BSN.

**Dennis Wilkerson**, Rehabilitation Program Manager at Royale Gardens Health and Rehabilitation Center for almost seven years. Enrolled in the University of Phoenix Health Care Administration online program, he is seeking to become an administrator in a SNF, is nearing his Bachelor's Degree and is going to apply for an AIT program.

**Stacie Zuercher**, is pursuing her Masters Certificate in Gerontology. She is currently the Social Services Director for Laurelhurst Village and has worked in long term care for over 9 years. Stacie was accepted into Pacific University's Graduate Certificate in Gerontology for HealthCare Professionals. Her long term goal is to become an ICF administrator in a secured memory care.

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Congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients. Many thanks go out to the generous people that donate to OHCF programs! These awards would not be possible without their generosity and thoughtfulness. These scholarships are truly life changing! Please consider having your company make a donation to the Oregon Health Care Foundation. Find out more about how to help at [www.ohcfonline.org](http://www.ohcfonline.org).

Thank you to those that work so hard on the Scholarship Committee. These folks work full time and put a lot of their personal time into volunteering for the scholarship program. A special and heartfelt thank you to the committee members:

- Co-chair, Brian Hart
- Co-chair, Melody Gabriel
- Margaret Murphy Carley
- Darcie Ryan
- Mary Radke Klein

And let's not forget the person that signs all of the scholarship checks, Terri Waldroff, President of the Foundation.

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