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College of Nursing 2020-2021 Academic Scholarships

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

in alphabetical order



Kari Adams

Lincoln

St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would tell them thank you and that their generosity is greatly and deeply appreciated! Receiving this scholarship allows me to follow my dream and make it a reality!

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to make a difference in people's lives. I want to be able to help them and comfort them. I want to be the positive they remember when they are in

the hospital.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps to relieve the financial burden that college can bring. By relieving that burden it lets me focus all of my attention on my school work and doing the best that I can.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on being a nurse in a hospital setting and working bedside with patients.



Bridget Bertolino

Virden

St. John's Alumni Association Relative Scholarship, Jenna Martin Seelbach Endowed Scholarship, St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to say how truly grateful and thankful I am to receive this scholarship. Receiving these scholarships showed me what wonderful and genuine people there are who support St. John's College of Nursing students.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse so I can take part in the endless opportunities and lives that I will have a chance to be a part of.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me fulfill my goals to become a nurse by reminding me of all the support I have. These scholarships give me financial and emotional support.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I will work at one of the HSHS hospitals in the area for at least four years, as I have committed to that through the St. John's Hospital Scholarship.



Quincy Beyers

Shelbyville

Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship, Odd Fellows Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for helping me in the process of becoming a nurse. I appreciate the generosity you have shown and am grateful for your help. I am disappointed we are unable to meet this year. Thank you!

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I'm interested in pediatrics, NICU and oncology. Children and families in these situations are scared. I want to help them through this time. These situations don't always end well, and I want to give the families comfort and support in these trying times.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship is helping me by allowing me to take time off of work and still be able to pay my rent. We are learning about pediatric patients and critical care this semester which are two areas I am glad I will have extra time to focus on.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

As mentioned before, I want to work with children and their families experiencing difficult times. I have experienced working with children in critical conditions and want to continue to work in this area.



Adrianna Bomstad

Springfield

Dr. and Mrs. Paul LaFata Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for the opportunity to focus on my studies and continue my education to achieve my BSN.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

When the satisfaction of quality patient care can be coupled with wanting to do something that is continually challenging, nurtures continuous learning and makes a difference in people's lives daily, the passion becomes a career.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This award is very meaningful not only financially, but also emotionally as it helps to strengthen my belief in myself. Thank you so much for helping students such as myself focus on their studies and achieve their dreams.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I recently interviewed for a full-time position in St John's intensive care unit. It is my hope to work in critical care and care for the patients there.

Brytanny Britz

Flagstaff, AZ

AAUW Scholarship, Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to thank you for your generous donation. With this scholarship, I am able to focus on



school and work towards achieving my personal and professional goals.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

Caring for those in need is a tremendous duty that I feel blessed to perform. As a nurse, I will better be able to care for my family, and I will be able to do more for my patients. Nursing is my chance to make a difference.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship will allow me to better focus on my education. I can work towards achieving high grades and learning everything that I can in order to become a successful nurse.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree to help those who are sick and injured. I will use what I have learned to provide quality patient care.



Kiersten Burge

Riverton

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Wellons Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for wanting to invest in my continued education and motivating me to do my best during nursing school.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse because I like helping people, and the feeling of making someone's day a little better is so rewarding to me.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me by taking off some financial pressure. It also helps motivate me to do my best because there are people who believe in me besides myself.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree by working in the hospital in labor and delivery and hopefully one day being able to become a doula or a midwife. I can see an ICU career for myself as well.



Marti Carls

Springfield

Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to thank the donors for their generosity. This scholarship is much appreciated. Any amount of money that does not have to be borrowed is extremely helpful.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

For the last 13 years I have been a veterinary technician/animal nurse. This seemed like a natural progression for me. I enjoy both the challenge of medicine and caring for others.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me reach my goal of becoming a nurse by reducing the financial burden and stress of tuition.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

My goal is to become a cardiovascular intensive care nurse at St. John's Hospital and to join the Navy Nurse Corp Reserve. After working a few years, I would like to obtain my MSN and become an educator.



Haley Cash

West Frankfort

Harriett (Yoggerst) Farr Endowed Scholarship, Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to thank my donors. I have known from a very young age that I wanted to be a nurse, and have put everything I have into making that happen. Without generous donors like yourself, I wouldn't be able to get through school.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I had leukemia when I was three years old and the nurses had the biggest impact on my experiences in the hospital. I knew that I wanted to make a difference in someone's life and give back the amazing care my parents and I received.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

I am only able to provide a small out-of-pocket amount for school since I am pursuing my career on my own. My parents do not have the ability to contribute towards my education.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I originally wanted to pursue a career in OB/gyno. However, I am open to any field and am eager to explore the different floors through my experiences at St. John's.



Michelle Childers

Taylorville

Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to thank my scholarship donor for granting me this scholarship so I can obtain my nursing degree without the stress of a financial burden.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse because it is a career that I am able to always continue learning and not just stop when school is complete.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This wonderful scholarship fulfills my goals to be a nurse by lifting some of the financial burdens that come with going to college.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree to apply for a position in the surgical department at St. John's.



Alexis Coonrod

New Berlin

St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for contributing to my dream of becoming a nurse. Your investment in me is not only inspirational, but also a testament of your faith in my ability to succeed. I will forever be grateful.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

As a nurse, I vow to alleviate the suffering of those struggling toward recovery. Even if a dignified death is the culmination of my effort, I am blessed with the opportunity to serve God's creation.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship will allow me to devote more of my time preparing academically for the occupational challenges that lie ahead. It will afford me the ability to work less and study more.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

My nursing degree will represent a major milestone in my pursuit of becoming a nurse practitioner. I will provide health care to rural and under-served communities while promoting healthy lifestyle choices and providing education.



Michelle Costello

Franklin

Theresa Mueller Scholarship, Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you so much for your donation!

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse so I can make a difference in patients' lives.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship allows me to work part time so I can put all of my focus and energy into school.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on working at HSHS St. Johns Hospital for four years after graduating. I then want to further my education and enter an FNP program.



Kaitlyn Couturiaux

Waverly

Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship, Josephine (Stoiber) Houston Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for the generous scholarships that have allowed me to continue my education to become a nurse.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

Nursing is such a rewarding profession. I want to be a nurse to care for others.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

These scholarships have helped me purchase necessary supplies, including books, for nursing school.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

After graduation, I plan on working at St. John's Hospital.

**Daylee Denton**

Pana

Elizabeth "Betty" (Scheffler) Koenig Endowed Scholarship, Irwin-Sharp Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for choosing me as your scholarship recipient. I am so grateful to know you care about my education and want to help me succeed.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

My goal as a future nurse is to provide the best quality of care to my patients. I want to be the nurse that people go to and even look up to as an educated and caring individual.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This extra money helps me out tremendously and gives me the motivation to keep giving it my all.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree by furthering my education and become an OB/GYN, a CRNA or a NICU nurse practitioner.

**Teresa Esker**

Dieterich

Millie and Norbert Esker Endowed Scholarship, Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you so much for being a scholarship donor. It means so much to me to receive this award. Knowing that there are people supporting me and my dream to become a nurse is truly inspiring.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

For me, nursing is about how I can use my gifts and talents to help others. As a nurse I can care for people in their time of need. I hope to touch the lives of my patients, their families and the community.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

I am paying for my education, which can be a costly undertaking. I have always wanted to help people in any way I can. Receiving these scholarships will help make my dreams a reality.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I am interested in being an OB nurse. I have always loved babies and the gift of life is one of the most precious blessings to the world. Being there to share in the joy when new life is brought into this world would be an honor.



Carmen Giacomini

Chatham

Mercedes Hoag Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I cannot extend my thanks enough. Having previously gone through a four-year undergraduate program, I was not sure how I was going to be able to pay for nursing school.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse because when I was hospitalized I was vulnerable and scared. The nurses that cared for me changed my outlook on life and gave me the desire to care for others the way that I was cared for.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

Without these scholarships I would have had to work while attending nursing school which would have been very difficult for me. I am so grateful to receive these scholarships that are allowing me to focus on nursing school.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I currently have a job on the pediatric unit at St. John's Children's Hospital. I have a passion for working with families and plan on eventually becoming an FNP. I also could see myself eventually working in the ICU or CVOR.



Marissa Gonzalez

Plainfield

Dr. Wallace and Patricia (Moffitt) Strow Scholarship, St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I deeply appreciate your help in aiding my education. Your donation will help me achieve my dream of becoming a nurse.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse because I want to be there to comfort people during their darkest times so they know they're not alone.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship will help fulfill my goal of becoming a nurse because it will help me afford nursing school.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on using my nursing degree to be an advocate for others during their hard times.

Jacob Grieme

Springfield

St. John's Alumni Association Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for all that you do to help make my dreams possible. I hope to donate my time in service of others in return. The quality of selfless giving is something that I aim to embody as a nurse, and I find inspiration in your philanthropic example.

**Why do you want to be a nurse?**

Nurses have had a great impact on my life since a young age when my grandparents required in home care. The greatest gifts in life can often present in the form of the happiness of others and I will be able to learn and better myself in the process.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship will help ease the financial burdens associated with school, especially in these times when stresses can run high. Books and bills can add up, and this scholarship goes a far way in alleviating some of that stress.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to get my master's degree and continue to further my nursing degree/career. I am interested in psychiatric nursing, cardiac and critical care.

**Corey Hammer**

Mount Vernon

Dr. Suketu and Bharati Jhaveri Endowed Scholarship, St. John's College Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

In receiving these scholarships, I am able to focus on my coursework instead of worrying about how I will find the funds for school. Without your generosity, I may not have been able to pursue my education. I am sincerely grateful for your contributions.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

Being a nurse is one of the most honorable and rewarding careers one can choose - a career where you can truly make a difference in people's lives. You see patients at the best, worst and most challenging periods of their life.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

Without assistance in paying for school, I may not be able to pursue my education. This would mean I could not fulfill my dream of becoming a nurse.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I anticipate graduating and working as a nurse on the cardiac ICU, the unit I am currently working as a CNA on. After gaining some experience as a nurse on my unit, I would like to apply to graduate school to be a nurse anesthetist.

**Talon Harden**

Athens

Ray and Irene Steinheimer Endowed Scholarship, Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I really appreciate the funds that were received. Books are very expensive, in addition to tuition, and every amount matters.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse to help make a difference. Some people try to change the world, or create some impact on the world. I believe the best way to

promote change is through helping the most needy.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship has allowed me to have an emergency fund. I normally pay for my books out of pocket which drains my savings. However, this scholarship has eased some of the financial strain.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on working for St. John's for a few years. I then plan on becoming a travel nurse or flight nurse. Also, I plan to use it to promote the health of others.



Devyn Heard

Springfield

Sister M. Magdalene Wiedlocher, OSF Diversity Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to give a huge thank you to my scholarship donor. Because of generous people like you, students like me are able to succeed. Words cannot describe how appreciative I am to have received this scholarship.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I like that nursing offers many different opportunities, whether it is being a floor nurse, nurse instructor or even a community health nurse. I want to make a difference in people's lives. My path to being the best nurse I can will lead me to that.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship gets me one step closer to my dreams. It is helping me fulfill the next step on my journey to becoming a registered nurse. I eventually want to expand my knowledge and become a nurse practitioner!

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

Right now I want to work with children, whether that be in pediatrics or the NICU - I am not for sure yet. No matter what, I plan on using my nursing degree to make an impact, to better patient lives and health.



Regi Higley

Taylorville

St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donation that allows me to further advance my nursing career.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

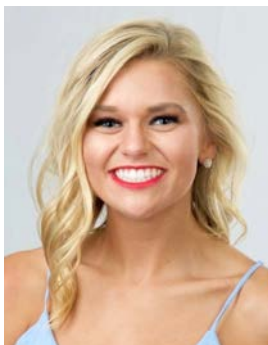
I want to be a nurse to help people and comfort those who are afraid.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship will help with the financial expenses.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree to help patients, doctors and other colleagues successfully advance the medical profession. Working together as a team or a unit is the best way to become successful.



Cassie Huey

Jacksonville

St. John's College Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for aiding in my education to help me do my best throughout my nursing school journey. I am honored to be a recipient, and I feel very blessed to have been given this opportunity. I plan to use these funds to continue to be successful at school and prepare myself for the world of emergency nursing.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be an emergency care nurse. I currently work in the emergency department as an emergency procedural technician, and I am very passionate about my work. I see a great variety of cases, learn extensively each shift and enjoy each second of treating patients.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me realize how thankful I am to go through this process. My sister attends Illinois State University, and my mother was not able to fund both of our college educations. With this great help from my donors, I can receive the knowledge I need to make a difference to people in the world. Thank you for giving me that opportunity.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

Once I graduate, I plan to work as an emergency department nurse and gain experience in the field of trauma nursing. After a few years, I want to further my education and become a flight nurse. I admire the care team of flight nurses that I momentarily see while working in the emergency department. I am intrigued by their braveness. I am very excited to see where my nursing career takes me.



Elisa Hurtado

Chicago

St. John's College Alumni Association Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Some of the most stressful aspects of attending college is having to juggle schoolwork, clinical and financial constraints. Thanks to the generosity of donors, I have the opportunity to attend nursing school and fulfill my dream.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

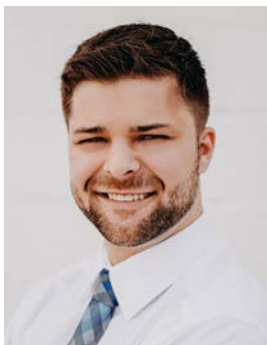
As I move through the program, I have observed the work and importance of nurses. This has made me better appreciate and understand my future role in the field and solidified my decision to pursue this career.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship has helped me continue in the program. The generous gifts I have received are truly appreciated and I hope to repay my gratitude by providing the best patient care as a practicing nurse.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

My plan is to practice in bedside nursing to strengthen my skills and become a more competent nurse. Afterwards, I hope to attend a nurse practitioner program or specialize and become a scrub/cardiac nurse.



AJ Hustedde

Breese

St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

With sincere gratitude and appreciation, I would like to thank you for allowing me to achieve my aspirations of becoming a successful and resourceful nurse and enabling me to establish a prominent role in the medical field.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

Nurses are leaders and mentors. They become a trusted confidant and advocate for both patients and coworkers. I appreciate the impact they leave on the world.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship makes me feel supported and motivated throughout my clinical schooling and education to achieve my aspirations in nursing.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

After working as a nurse for several years, I plan to specialize as a critical care registered nurse. I then want to return to school and achieve my goal of becoming a certified registered nurse anesthetist.



Audrey Johnson

Springfield

St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I am ever so thankful that I am a recipient of the St. John's College Scholarship. I will forever be grateful for your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I chose to pursue a nursing career because I believe it will provide a lifetime of fulfillment helping others. I have always enjoyed helping others. Growing up with my mom being a nurse, I was able to see what career I truly wanted.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship will lessen the financial burden of my education allowing me more time to focus on my studies rather than how I will pay for tuition. By having this scholarship, I am able to focus on school and fulfill my goal of becoming a nurse.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree to make a difference for my patients and to provide the best holistic care I can. I would very much like to work for St. John's in critical care after obtaining my BSN and possibly furthering my education.

Brooke Kellermann

Decatur

St. John's Alumni Association Relative Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?



I want to thank you for this generous scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn I was selected as the recipient.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

One of the biggest reasons is because no day is the same. My mom is a home-care nurse and she inspires me everyday. Nurses make such an impact on patient lives and I think it is a rewarding job.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship will allow me to pursue the education I need to achieve my goals. It will help by lowering the cost of college and the amount of hours I'll need to work throughout my studies.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

My plans for after I graduate in 2022 include working for St. John's as an RN for four years and then obtaining my MSN to become a family nurse practitioner. I am specifically interested in working with adults and families.



Jerry Kiahon

Albany, NY

Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you so much! The scholarship has been a tremendous help. May God bless you for your kindness and consideration for others.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I wanted to become someone of value to my community. Helping to heal those who are sick as part of a health care team made nursing ideal for me.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

The donation from the scholarship has been a big help. It allowed me to completely focus on my studies and worry less about my finances.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on working on the cardiac floor of St John's Hospital after graduation.



Emily Koster

Carlinville

St. John's Alumni Association Relative Scholarship, St. John's College Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the St. John's Alumni Relative Scholarship and the St. John's College Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity which is helping me attend my dream nursing school, St. John's. I am so glad I was given the opportunity to be a part of a great school and cannot wait to become a nurse to help others.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I chose nursing because I want to help people. I want to help people on their best and worst days. Being sick and in a hospital is hard. I want to be the one caring for them and helping them get better so they can get back to their normal lives.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

I have wanted to attend St. John's College of Nursing since I began my nursing journey as a CNA and, more recently, a LPN. This scholarship is helping me fulfill my nursing dream.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

Once I complete nursing school, I would like to work in the ER or ICU, but I am just beginning my career so I am open to other departments. I would choose ER or ICU because of the variety of situations I could take part in. I also feel I will be able to learn and use a lot of the nursing skills I have acquired over the years in these areas.

**Whitney Lacy**

Carlinville

St. John's Hospital Scholarship, Butler Family Scholarship, Mercedes Hoag Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Receiving these scholarships has allowed me to continue to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse. Without them, I would be unable to afford my tuition. So thank you to all donors for helping me and others like me continue to chasing our dreams!

Why do you want to be a nurse?

My grandpa was diagnosed with lung cancer and was in and out of the hospital frequently. When I tagged along, I noticed the difference that the nurses made for my grandparents. I want to be a nurse who helps make a terrible situation better.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

Like stated above, receiving these scholarships has made it possible for me to afford the cost of tuition. Otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to attend nursing school.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

At the moment, my hope is to become a labor and delivery nurse at an HSHS hospital. I'm also keeping my options open in case I discover a passion for a different type of nursing, such as ED or ICU.

**Nicholas Lavin**

Taylorville

Dr. Wallace and Patricia (Moffitt) Strow Scholarship, Hilma Hawkins Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

With your generous contribution I have the ability to eliminate the costs of some things, like books and fees.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I simply love to learn about the body and everything involved with it. I will always be continuing my education in this field and will have many options of

where to work.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

It will help me reach my goal of being debt free after nursing school.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

Obtaining a BSN will allow me to work as an RN after working as a nurse tech for two years. I will work locally, on an undecided floor. After gaining some experience, my plan is to further my education to a masters.

**Kelsi Lichwala**

Springfield

Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship, Fredricka Balfanz Endowed Scholarship, St. Johns Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

My career goal is to become a certified nurse. I believe that attending St. John's College will equip me with the skills and knowledge I need to achieve my goal and succeed. I want to thank you for your donation to St. John's College of Nursing.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse because I really want to help people through some of their most vulnerable moments. It's a career that helps you save lives, bring happiness to individuals and their families and comfort those in need.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

These scholarships will help me further my professional training and meet the certification goals I have set for myself and will help me start a career in the medical field.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I have high hopes of being on the labor and delivery floor. I have considered furthering my education into a master's but really want to get quality time on the floor first for several years before making that decision.

**Nicole McDonnough**

Lincoln

Larry and Casey Schumacher Endowment Scholarship, Denise Marie Haarman Hahn Endowed Scholarship, Blanche Martyn Barnes Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. The impact is far reaching and very appreciated.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I have wanted to be a nurse ever since I was a little girl helping care for my elderly grandparents. The ability to help someone through a difficult time and give back to my community is my dream.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

As a single parent of two amazing boys, these scholarships make a world of difference. They allow me to not work as much so my children do not suffer.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I will be working at HSHS St. John's after graduation and hope to further my career there. It is an outstanding hospital with core values that are meaningful to me.



Amber McGlasson

Petersburg

Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship, Suzanne (Goleman) Havey Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I want to personally thank the donors for providing relief and for lifting the financial burden off my shoulders. I sincerely appreciate any and all assistance.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I have wanted to be a nurse since I was eight years old. Since then I have strove to work within the medical field.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

The weight of any financial burden has always been stressful on myself and even my family. With the help of this scholarship, I am able to focus on school and my degree.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I recently applied to work as an RN on the pediatric floor at St. John's Children's Hospital.



Jayla Middleton

Salem

Emil and Vera Stukenberg Endowed Scholarship, Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to further my education. Going through such an intense program is made easier when not having to stress about money.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a psychiatric nurse to advocate for those struggling with mental health. I want to be on the front lines of normalizing mental health care as a standard of care.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me to achieve my goals through financial support. It allows me to focus on my schooling, learn as much as I can and focus on the things that matter most.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my degree to work as a psychiatric registered nurse. I would like to work with children in an inpatient psychiatric facility.

Jasmine Muhammad

Chicago

St. John's Hospital Scholarship, Butler Family Scholarship, Mercedes Hoag Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to say thank you for using your time and money to help students in need like me. I appreciate it, and will use it to become the best nurse I can be.

**Why do you want to be a nurse?**

I want to become a nurse to make an impact on people when they are in need. I want to make a visit they were dreading a little more hopeful. I hope to help people understand we are here to care for them.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

It helps me fulfill my goals because I am able to work less hours while in school and focus on my studies to become a great nurse.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on using my nursing degree to work in a hospital setting. I'm leaning more towards ER for the first couple years and then will hopefully transition into maybe getting a doctorate degree.

**Abigail Myers**

Springfield

Dr. Jesse Stocker Endowed Scholarship, Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to thank you for your donation to help with my education. During this pandemic many college students are struggling financially. The scholarship means a lot to me.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

My grandma had leukemia since the day I was born. I knew that health care was where I belonged and found true inspiration in nursing.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me pay for my education which is going to allow me to become a nurse and give back to those in need.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to become an oncology nurse.

**Kris Paiboonsriwattana**

Woodland, CA

Sister M. Magdalene Wiedlocher Diversity Scholarship, Marjorie Beyers Endowed Scholarship, Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I am honored to be the recipient of these scholarships. Thank you for your generous contributions that made my scholarships possible.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I chose nursing because I am passionate about the health care field and I would like to make a difference in people's lives.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

I moved to Illinois a year ago, and I did not know anyone in this state to help or support me. This scholarship has helped me afford most of my required text books and many necessary school materials.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

After I graduate, I hope to become a NICU nurse. Ultimately, I would like to pursue a DNP and become a neonatal nurse practitioner once I gain a few years experience in the NICU.

**Greta Perez**

Springfield

Ann Pohlman Scholarship, Mercedes Hoag Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. Without people like you, I wouldn't be where I am today. Because of your faith and kindness, I am able to succeed in nursing school.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse because I want to be somebody's ray of sunshine.

Being in the hospital is a scary place and can be very isolating and lonely. I want to make sure my patients feel comfortable and cared for.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship allows me to continue my studies and lessens the financial burden.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

My plan is to go into critical care and be the absolute best nurse I can be.

**Heather Read**

Springfield

Jeannie Marie Hansen Memorial Scholarship, Mercedes Hoag Scholarship, Monica (Jordan)Borgogoni Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for your support of the college. It is because of you that students like me are able to become nurses. Now more than ever we need more nurses in the health care field.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

When I graduate I want to work in critical care. I enjoy total patient care and want to make a difference when a patient is most in need.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

Because of this scholarship, I am able to attend one of the best colleges in the area. I will graduate with the education I need to become a critical care nurse.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I would like to work on a cardiac critical care unit.

Merideth Rebbe

Springfield

Hon. Matthew J. and Kristina (McCarthy) Maurer Scholarship, Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship, St. John's Society for Service and Leadership

**What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?**

Thank you very much for your gift. I have the desire and dedication to be a great nurse. The scholarship toward my education is greatly appreciated.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

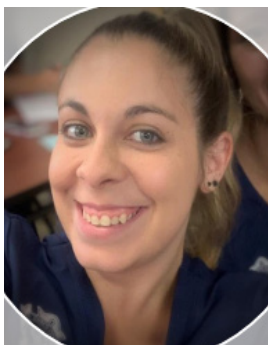
I honestly believe it is my calling.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

Without the financial support from scholarships I don't know that I could have pursued my dream.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on working at St. John's Children's Hospital in the NICU.

**Ashley Rodrick**

Champaign

Jeannie Marie Hansen Memorial Scholarship, Mercedes Hoag Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Without your help, my education would not be possible. I can't thank you enough for this opportunity, and I promise to use it to the best of my ability.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

My plans are to work in a high-acuity setting, hopefully in the emergency department, but I am also enjoying the many clinical experiences I have had. I

am open to whatever nursing has in store for me.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

I consider myself very fortunate to be able to attend such a prestigious nursing program. I am confident my education at St. John's will be the first step in a long and wonderful health care career.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I hope to continue my career and build on my degree, obtaining certifications specific to my field and eventually continuing my education into advanced practice. I hope to attain excellence in whatever specialty I decide to work in!

**Elizabeth N. Rossi**

Springfield

Irwin-Sharp Endowed Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for investing in higher education and the communities we will serve when we graduate. Your generous gift doesn't just help us pay for quality education, it also ensures well educated and trained nurses are working in our hospitals.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

My whole life I've felt called to help people. While I was a little late in realizing it, nursing was the obvious choice. After my clinical experiences, I can safely say my only regret is that I did not start nursing school sooner.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

Millennials face a difficult task of balancing the burden of student debt with the dreams of home ownership and families. Every cent we can save is precious, and these scholarships help ease the financial burden of our education.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I loved my internship in the OR! I am also passionate about equalizing health disparities that exist between socioeconomic groups.

**Katie Jo Schimm**

Athens

Staab Family Endowment, Donna Lederle Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I want to thank you for funding this scholarship and supporting my pursuit of higher education.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse so I may acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to care for our most vulnerable populations. I have chosen this profession because it demands continued growth of the nurse to provide the highest

quality care.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me to fulfill my goals of becoming a nurse by lessening some of the financial stresses encountered when pursuing higher education, especially during these trying times.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

My intentions are to pursue a master's degree in forensics so that I may work as a forensic nurse investigator.

**Carrie Sieren**

Jacksonville

Roberta Broyles Scholarship, Grove Family Scholarship, Jill Buffington Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you so very much for your investment in my education.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

After caring for both of my parents I realized I am happiest when I am caring for others. I cannot think of a better way to give back.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

I have a child in college and this scholarship will help both of us.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to work in the cardiovascular intensive care unit and then pursue a degree as a nurse practitioner.



Kristin Stanton

Taylorville

Jenna Martin Seelbach Endowed Scholarship, Sister Mary Paul Watts, OLC Endowed Scholarship, Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for the financial assistance to help me achieve my goal of becoming a registered nurse.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I have worked in the health care field for the past thirteen years, and I have a passion for working and caring for patients when they may not be in their best situation. Having a positive impact on patient care is very important.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me to fulfill my goal of becoming a nurse by relieving me of a portion of my financial responsibility. Without your donation, it would be difficult to cover all of the costs.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on working at my local hospital in Taylorville, although I am unsure which department. I would like to observe more departments during clinicals to see if any specific department interests me.



Daniel Stefancic

Chatham

Jean McNeil Endowed Scholarship, Flora VanMeter Memorial Scholarship, Theresa J. Vann Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Becoming a nurse has been a long-term dream of mine, but it requires a higher level of schooling. Your donations have taken monetary stress off of my shoulders and have helped me start to achieve my dream of becoming a nurse.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

Ever since I have worked as a CNA in a nursing home and a technician in the emergency room, I have wanted to be a nurse. I absolutely love taking care of patients in the hospital and want to have a bigger impact in those under my care.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps to fulfill my goal of becoming a nurse by helping me pay for my nursing education. Without loans and scholarships I would not be able to pay for the wonderful education that St. John's College of Nursing provides.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

Upon graduation I hope to obtain a job in the intensive care unit at St. John's Hospital. I fell in love with the ICU after completing my first semester of nursing school during my winter internship.

Megan Thornton

Litchfield

St. John's College Alumni Association Scholarship, St. John's College Scholarship, HSHS Illinois Nursing Scholarship

**What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?**

I would like to say thank you for your assistance in my continued education. It would not be possible without donors like you.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I want to be a nurse so I can give back to the generations that have given so much to our country. I want to provide those in need with support, compassion and care.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me fulfill my goal of becoming a nurse by making it possible for me to continue my education. These funds have allowed me to have less financial burden while attending school full time.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree providing care for others no matter the situation or circumstances. I may also use my nursing degree to further my education someday.

**Hannah Walker**

Springfield

Donna Lederle Endowed Scholarship, Sherrie (Hendershott) Grisham Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I really appreciate that donors offer scholarships for us. It takes a special heart to want to help someone with their career, especially financially.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I have always wanted to be a nurse. Being able to help someone during a vulnerable time really means a lot! There is something about sharing that moment with a patient that neither the nurse nor the patient will forget.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

These scholarships really help fulfill my education goals. It really helps to have the blessing of a scholarship so the worry of money is not so large.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to use my nursing degree to one day become a nurse practitioner. I have not decided in what area I would like to practice, but neurology and pediatrics are my two top interests.

**Chelsea Weitekamp**

Rochester

Mary Francis "Fran" Schwartz Endowed Scholarship, Roberta Broyles Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I want to thank you for allowing me to have a scholarship. Without my scholarships I would have struggled to pay the remainder of my tuition. I am excited to fulfill my dream of becoming an RN.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I lost my mother to ovarian cancer in 2014, and I want to become an

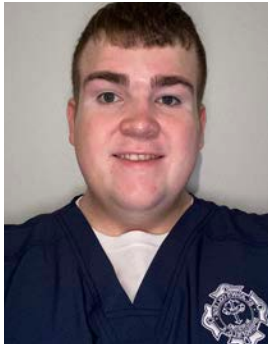
oncology nurse as my way of giving back and helping those suffering with cancer.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps me because I do not have to take out further student loans.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to go into oncology and would eventually like to complete the NP program.



Torrey Wilbur

Pana

St. John's College Scholarship, St. John's Alumni Association Relative Scholarship, St. John's Hospital Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for your generous contributions. They lessen the burden of my financial responsibility. I was elated when I found out that I was a recipient of the scholarships. I promise I will work hard this semester.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

The reason I want to become a nurse is that I enjoy helping individuals. I helped take care of my dad growing up which drove me to become a nurse. Helping him inspired me to return the favor and help others.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship helps relieve the financial burden enormously! Having some financial help means I will not have to work and attend school. I will have time to study and complete my assignments.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan on working in the ICU at St. John's Hospital! I became interested in critical care by working as a CNA at HSHS Good Shepherd in Shelbyville in the ED. My long term goal is to become a CRNA and to continue to work at HSHS St. John's Hospital.



Madelyn Wilson

Rochester

Grove Family Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I am thankful to my scholarship donor for allowing me to continue my education at such a great school. I have always wanted to attend St. John's but was not sure if it would be possible due to the cost.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I have wanted to be nurse for as long as I can remember. I love to help people and want to make a difference in other's lives. Nurses are able to make an impact on people during their toughest times, when they need someone the most.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

This scholarship allows me to attend St. John's School of Nursing to receive my BSN. It is helping me reach my first goal in my nursing journey. I hope to obtain my masters later in my career.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to work in an emergency department for a few years after becoming a registered nurse. I

hope to then go on and become a family nurse practitioner.



Addison Wofford

Springfield

Sister Charitas Prince, OSF Scholarship, Sister M. Magdalene Wiedlocher, OSF Diversity Scholarship, Theresa J. Vann Memorial Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

I would like to express my deepest thanks to each of my scholarship donors. I am extremely grateful to continue pursuing higher education without financial burden. Thank you for believing in students like me.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I chose this path because I have always had a drive and passion to help others, along with a strong interest in the human body. My aunt, who was a graduate of St. John's School of Nursing, was a huge influence in my choice to become a nurse.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

The scholarships have helped me fulfill my goals to be a nurse by lightening my financial burden so I can focus on learning.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

I plan to work as a registered nurse at St. John's Hospital in the operating room or cardiac cath lab. I also plan to further my education at the graduate level by pursuing a doctor of nursing practice or attending medical school.



Eduardo Zabala

Rushville

Marcell and Ambrose Gatton Endowed Scholarship, Gahanan S. Bhatt Endowed Scholarship

What would you like to say to your scholarship donor?

Thank you for your generosity. Your donation furthers my education and personal growth. I feel blessed to receive help.

Why do you want to be a nurse?

I chose to go to nursing school because I want to do work I am passionate about. I have taken a keen interest in science and health care.

How does this scholarship help you fulfill your goals to become a nurse?

The scholarships I received will aide me in buying books and paying college fees.

How do you plan to use your nursing degree?

During my school clinicals, I grew to love cardiovascular care and the emergency department. I plan to use my nursing degree to work as either a cardiac nurse or an emergency room nurse.



SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

in alphabetical order

Aaron Faculty and Staff Development

Dr. Charlene and Mr. Doug Aaron are the donors for this competitive scholarship to support the professional development of faculty and staff employed by St. John's College. The funds can be used for conference registration, transportation, lodging and food expenses.

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

The AAUW scholarship was established in 1996 by the Springfield branch of the American Association of University Women. This scholarship is designated for a female student who is returning to an educational setting after delaying her post high school education. AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

***Fredericka Balfanz**

Henry and Luise Balfanz, the grown children of Fredericka L. Balfanz, established this scholarship to carry on the legacy of their mother's stellar nursing career. During World War II, Fredericka lived in San Francisco and served as a community health nurse specializing in obstetrics, child care and gynecology. Locally, she was a private duty nurse at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital from 1945 to 1965; and a certified school nurse at Lincoln Community High School from 1965-1985. When she was 61, she graduated from St. Francis College in Joliet with a bachelor's degree in professional arts. Fredericka retired from Lincoln Community High School when she was 70 years old. Her daughter Luise is a 1984 alumna of St. John's School of Nursing.

***Muriel (Dahmm) Barnard, RN, '77**

John Barnard established this endowed scholarship in memory of his wife, Muriel, class of 1977. Muriel worked in the Intermediate

Care Unit (IMC) at St. John's Hospital where she was always willing to mentor and teach student nurses. She continued her passion for teaching when she left St. John's and started working at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Throughout her career, she was steadfast in passing along her nursing knowledge to others. Sharing her knowledge so others could improve care to patients continued up to her final hospitalization. This scholarship was created to support a nursing student who values lifelong learning and the role of teaching in nursing. Preference is given to students from Logan County. Muriel's sister, Vivian, also graduated from St. John's School of Nursing in 1980.

***Blanche Martyn Barnes**

Established by Ed and Sue Mahoney in loving memory of Sue's grandmother, this scholarship supports a single parent, junior or senior student, with first preference given to the senior with the highest GPA based on their junior year GPA at St. John's College. The second preference is for a junior student with the highest GPA.

***Marjorie Beyers, PhD, RN, '57**

This scholarship was created by faculty, staff and friends of St. John's College and St. John's Hospital to honor the achievements and service of Marjorie Beyers, a 1957 alumna who served as interim chancellor during the 2009-2010 academic year. The scholarship benefits nursing students and faculty.

***Alice (Shea) Beynon, RN, '46**

This scholarship was created to support a student with an interest in obstetrics. Students in their senior year are eligible for this scholarship.

Gahanan S. Bhatt, (1902-1995)

Mr. Gajanan S. Bhatt was a famous Attorney

of Baroda in Gujarat State, India. In spite of the poor financial condition of the family, he made every effort to give each of his children a college education. He helped poor students with their education. He had very good command over English, Sanskrit and Gujarati languages and was a voracious reader. He was highly spiritual, very honest, a lover of truth and always ready to help others even if he himself suffered as a result.

Mrs. Shantaben G. Bhatt, (1918 - 2002)

Mrs. Bhatt was a very spiritual and pious lady with a great interest in music. She had a beautiful voice and played some musical instruments. Some of her children inherited her interest in music. While taking care of a large family and leading a busy life, she actively helped her children in their education and worked hard to make sure they had a good education. Reading was one of her few hobbies. She, alongside her husband, helped poor students with their education. She would not hesitate to help her enemies if they asked for her help. She instilled noble virtues in her children. Preference will be given to a female student.

***Monica (Jordan) Borgognoni, RN, '57**

In loving memory of Sheri's mother, Monica (Jordan) Borgognoni, Jeff and Sheri Stauffer established this scholarship endowment that represents a faith-filled individual who always had a positive outlook on life, her patients and her career. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student from Montgomery or Sangamon County.

***Jacob and Helen Borntreger**

Retired St. John's faculty member Cheryl Huffman, the daughter of Jacob and Helen Borntreger, honors the memory of her parents and supports the mission and future of St. John's College of Nursing with the establishment of this scholarship. Preference will be given to a student from Amish or Mennonite heritage or to a first-generation college student.

***Roberta Broyles, RN, '40**

The scholarship was established through an estate gift from the late Shirley May Neill, R.N. This scholarship honors Roberta's service as an Army Corps nurse, an operating room nurse and

nurse anesthetist in England during World War II. Later, Roberta served in Korea at the 121st Evacuation Hospital and continued her nursing practice career in California. Roberta passed away in 1991.

Cheryl A. (Christ) Bruder, '66

Ron Bruder established this scholarship in memory of his wife, Cheryl, who passed away in 2019. Cheryl was born and raised in Quincy and resided in Akeny, Iowa. Cheryl and Ron have two grown sons, Kevin and Steve, and six grandchildren. Cheryl started her nursing career in hospitals then transferred to working in doctors' offices. This scholarship is awarded to an academically talented student in good standing.

***Jill K. Buffington, '16**

Family and friends established this scholarship in loving memory of Jill. Jill was a student at St. John's College of Nursing when she passed away unexpectedly in September 2016, just three months before graduation. This scholarship is for a student who is in good standing who exemplifies Jill's love for learning, her academic talent, her kind spirit and her warm and friendly personality.

Butler Family

The Butler family created this scholarship to recognize the professionalism of nurses. Specifically, their respect for others, integrity, responsibility, accountability, courage, humility, advocacy and innovative spirit which defines the caring nature of a nurse. This scholarship honors their family members who dedicated their professional lives to healthcare: Dorothy (Price) Skube, Mary Jo (Skube) Wasser, RN, '70, Denise Skube, Julie (Butler) Gallagher and Valerie (Skube) Rife. Additionally, this scholarship is given in honor of Paula Staab Polk who served as a nurse prior to her career in funeral service. Paula's organization joined the Butler organization in 2018.

***Marjorie (Chlosta) Davis, '46**

Established in her sister's memory, Mary Jane Fero, '48, established this scholarship shortly after Marjorie's death. This scholarship is awarded to an academically talented student in good standing.

Gertrude (Anhalt) Egan, RN, Community Service Award

This special award was created to honor an exceptional woman who exemplifies a spirit of community service. Gertie worked for more than forty years as a registered nurse, spending the last several years of her career caring for patients in St. John's Hospice. She was active in her church and the community. Each year, the Gertie Egan Community Service Award is presented to students who demonstrate the highest merit of community service while supporting the St. John's College mission and philosophy.

***Millie and Norbert Esker**

The Esker family has its own legacy at St. John's College by graduating many family members. Given in loving memory of their parents, Millie and Norbert, five children are now nurses who have impacted thousands of lives throughout their nursing careers.

***Harriett (Yoggerst) Farr, RN, '45**

This scholarship was established by the children of Harriett Yoggerst Farr and is designated for a senior nursing student.

***Marcella and Ambrose Gatton**

Established for qualified students from Pawnee, Springfield and surrounding areas, this scholarship recognizes Mary Lou Catteau, a friend and school of nursing secretary for 50 years.

Grove Family

This scholarship was established by Dutch and Brandy Grove and family to provide two \$500 scholarships to nursing students who are veterans or the son or daughter of a veteran. As a military family, it is important to the Groves to help other service members and their families fulfill their dreams of becoming a nurse. If the veteran is currently not serving in the United States Armed Forces, he or she must present a valid copy of their DD214 with honorable discharge.

Sherrie (Hendershott) Grisham, RN, '67

This scholarship is given in honor of Sherrie Hendershott Grisham by her husband, Ben. The couple resides in Florida and Springfield. The scholarship is for a St. John's College student in good standing. Preference will be given to a

student from Logan County.

***Denise Marie (Haarmann) Hahn, RN, '81**

The scholarship was established in loving memory by Mr. Larry Hahn and family and friends to honor Denise's legacy and to provide education assistance to future nurses. This scholarship is awarded to a student who embodies the qualities that Denise possessed: leadership, professionalism and compassion. As a loving wife and mother of Chad, Corey and Joni, Denise was passionate about her family and the impact of her profession. While active in her community she served in leadership roles throughout her career with a special interest in cardiac rehabilitation and wellness promotion. Born on September 29, 1960 to Harold and Pauline Haarmann Zimmerman of Effingham, Denise had six siblings. Seven of Denise's family members are St John's alumnae: Denise's mother, Pauline (Heischmidt, Class of 1953); son, Chad and daughter-in-law Ashlee; sisters Brenda Margold and Gloria Brummer; along with her Aunt Pat Heischmidt.

***Jeannie Marie Hansen**

This endowment was established in loving memory of Jeannie Marie Hansen. At the time of her death, Jeannie was a beloved St. John's colleague who worked at the Chatham TherapyCare facility as a financial counselor. Jeannie was named the 2016 Colleague of the Year for her dedicated service to our patients and for her positive and uplifting spirit. Her husband, Craig, and other family members and friends honor Jeannie's life by providing this scholarship to a deserving student. Preference will be given to a single parent.

***Suzanne (Goleman) Havey, RN, '85**

Family and friends of Suzanne Havey created this scholarship in her memory. Suzanne passed away unexpectedly at the age of 45 leaving behind two daughters, a son, and her husband.

***Hilma Hawkins**

Given in memory of Hilma Hawkins, a medical social worker, this scholarship recognizes the excellent care she gave to patients and acknowledges the support and help she gave to her colleagues and families. This scholarship was established by Kathleen Sgro, '85, along with co-workers and friends.

***Mercedes Hoag**

Two brothers and a sister established this scholarship to support a Roman Catholic nurse education program. Their generosity enables students to complete their nursing education and to enter the field of nursing where they will make immeasurable contributions.

***Josephine (Stoiber) Houston '31**

Mike and Carolyn Houston established this scholarship in memory of his mother, Josephine L. Houston, a 1931 graduate of St. John's School of Nursing. Mrs. Houston spent part of her career working at St. John's Hospital. Notably, she also spent twenty years working for the Visiting Nurses Association.

Preference will be given to a student from Springfield, Illinois or Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Sheboygan was Mrs. Houston's hometown. This scholarship can be used for any of the nursing programs.

***Roy Warren and Mona (Irwin) Sharp, RN, '33, and Dr. James and Rosa Irwin**

This scholarship was established by the late Sylvia Sharp in memory of her parents and grandparents who dedicated their lives to the health professions. Her parents were Roy Warren Sharp and Mona Irwin Sharp. Mona was a 1933 graduate of St. John's School of Nursing. Her grandparents were James Irwin, a St. John's Hospital physician, and his wife Rosa. All led exemplary lives in helping others. Their legacy is carried on in this scholarship granted to senior students at the college.

***Dr. Suketu and Dr. Bharati Jhaveris, in loving memory of their parents**

Awarded to a St. John's College student in good standing, the Dr. Suketu and Dr. Bharati Jhaveris scholarship is given in loving memory of their parents. Suketu and Bharati are retired physicians. Dr. Suketu is a retired anesthesiologist and Dr. Bharati is a retired pathologist and former medical director of St. John's laboratory. Suketu and Bharati are loyal supporters of St. John's Hospital.

***Elizabeth "Betty" (Scheffler) Koenig, RN, '16**

Thomas J. Schorle of West Hartford, CT, established this scholarship in honor of his grandmother. Mrs. Koenig was one of the first three lay women to graduate from St. John's

School of Nursing in 1916. She entered the school in September 1912. Elizabeth was born on April 26, 1888, aboard a ship enroute to the United States from Germany.

***Dr. and Mrs. Paul LaFata**

Dr. and Mrs. Paul LaFata were loyal friends who donated their time, health services and financial assistance to the college. Dr. LaFata provided free health services to nursing students until his retirement and Mrs. LaFata volunteered her time by serving on college committees. This endowed scholarship carries on their memory. In addition to this scholarship, the couple donated a stained-glass window that is displayed in the front hall of the college.

***Leahy Sisters Legacy Scholarship**

Established in loving memory and to honor Alice Regina Leahy Nouhan '49, Mary Margaret Leahy McGrath '48 and JoAnn Leahy '52. The three sisters were raised on a farm in Pleasant Plains and settled in the Midwest after graduating from St. John's School of Nursing.

Alice's focus was psychiatric nursing. She graduated with a master's degree from St. Louis University. She taught at Washington University before marrying Dr. Joseph Nouhan and leaving the profession to raise four children. Mary Margaret went on to graduate from St. John's Hospital School of Anesthesiology in 1950. She married Don McGrath, raised nine children and had a successful career as a nurse anesthetist. JoAnn settled in Springfield. She had a long career as a psychiatric nurse and was beloved by her dear friends and neighbors.

All three sisters enjoyed life, artfully punctuated with clever wit and compassion. They each embodied the giving spirit of what it takes to be a good nurse, and they would be proud to sponsor a new generation of individuals who aspire to a nursing career.

***Donna Lederle, RN**

This scholarship was established by the estate of Bertha Lederle, in memory of her daughter, Donna. Miss Donna Lederle devoted her career to nursing. Donna was a 1965 graduate of Springfield High School. She earned her registered nurse diploma from South Chicago Community Hospital School of Nursing, a bachelor of science in nursing from St. Louis

University and a master's degree in health services from Webster University. Bertha resided in the Springfield area and was familiar with St. John's College which is why she decided to name St. John's College of Nursing in her will. Donna passed away in 2002 and her mother, Bertha, passed away in 2016 at the age of 101.

Darlene (Collins) Maddox, RN, '43

This scholarship was established in memory of Darlene Collins Maddox, class of 1943, by her children Michael Maddox and Sarah Hill.

"Throughout her life, our mother epitomized the highest level of professionalism in nursing – a fact that she attributed to her education and experience at St. John's. Our mother loved nursing and was happiest when someone most needed her skills; indeed, the sicker her patients, the more she loved caring for them. It is our hope that this scholarship will provide encouragement to the next generation of outstanding nurses who will train at St. John's."
– *written by Darlene's children*

The Honorable Matthew and Kristina (McCarthy) Maurer, RN, '88

This scholarship was established to support two academically talented students by the Honorable Matthew and Kristina Maurer. Kristina is a proud graduate of St. John's School of Nursing and a proud St. John's nurse. She has been with St. John's her entire nursing career. Kris also serves on the St. John's Foundation Leadership Council, St. John's Alumni Association Board and St. John's College Board of Directors.

***Jean McNeill, RN, '55**

Jess McNeill endowed this scholarship to honor his wife's 41 years of service as a nurse. Jean McNeill was a faculty member at St. John's School of Nursing. She was a respected colleague who was cherished by others. This scholarship was created after her death in 1997. Jess McNeill passed away in 2008.

Med-Sense Guaranteed Association

Med-Sense Guaranteed Association awards five nursing scholarships to students in good academic standing. The scholarships are for tuition, fees and books.

Teresa Mueller, RN, '88

Teresa Mueller Memorial Scholarship is given by The Honorable Matthew and Kristina Maurer (McCarthy, Class of 1988). Teresa and Kris were friends and classmates while enrolled at St. John's School of Nursing. Teresa was an accomplished nurse who lived life to its fullest. She was dedicated to her family and friends. Teresa is an inspiration and exemplifies the best in nursing and humanity.

***Odd Fellows Lodge**

Created in the 17th century in England, the Odd Fellows is an organization that helps people in need. Projects pursued by this organization benefit all of mankind. The name Odd Fellows is said to derive from the idea that in the 17th century it was thought that individuals who would donate their time and money to these causes were "odd."

***Ann Elizabeth Pohlman, RN, '01**

Ann Elizabeth Pohlman was a member of the class of 2001 who worked in the nursing profession for nine years before her untimely death. Ann's parents, Richard and Ruth Pohlman and family and friends, established this scholarship for a nursing student who exemplifies Ann's qualities of compassion, caring, competence, dedication, dependability, and maintaining a positive attitude and good moral character during challenging times. Annual awards are decided upon by St. John's College faculty members who identify students who possess the qualities valued by Ann and exemplified by their personal caring of their patients.

***Sister Charitas Prince, OSF, RN, '32**

This scholarship was established through gifts from alumni and friends to honor Sister Charitas on her many achievements. Sister Charitas was the first recipient of the St. John's College Distinguished Alumni Award. Today this scholarship continues to honor her memory and legacy.

***Samaritans of St. John's Hospital**

The Samaritans is an organization of volunteers who serve St. John's Hospital, its patients and staff. Not only do the Samaritans provide service, they also provide financial support for both the hospital and the college. Many nursing students have benefited from the Samaritans'

support over the years.

***Larry and Casey Schumacher**

This scholarship is awarded to a St. John's College student in good standing. Larry is a registered nurse and now serves as a senior-level hospital administrator and Casey, also a registered nurse, is a former faculty member at St. John's College. They now reside in Tennessee.

***Mary Francis "Fran" Schwartz, RN, '57**

Established in loving memory by the late Frank "Beaver" Schwartz and family and friends, this scholarship is awarded to a nursing student who personifies Fran's qualities of compassion and kindness. Fran served as the first head nurse in the recovery room at St. John's Hospital. She was effortlessly classy and could always light up a room. Left to cherish the memory of their parents are five grown children and their loving grandchildren. Preference will be given to a single parent nursing student.

Scrubs, Shoes and Stethoscopes

This scholarship is a faculty-led initiative established to help St. John's College of Nursing students purchase their shoes, scrubs and stethoscopes. Faculty members and alumni are invited to contribute to this fund.

***Jenna Martin Seelbach, RN, '13**

In loving memory, family and friends of Jenna Martin Seelbach established this endowment to be awarded to a nursing student who embodies Jenna's qualities of intelligence, kindness, compassion and humility. Jenna was a graduate of St. John's College of Nursing where she was the president of her class and a member of Sigma Theta Tau.

***Staab Family Scholarship**

The family of Jean Reichart Staab, '53, established this scholarship in honor of their mother. This scholarship is awarded to a student who embodies caring and compassionate qualities.

***Ray and Irene Steinheimer**

This scholarship was created by Ray and Irene Steinheimer to support students who are pursuing their nursing education.

St. John's College Alumni Association

In conjunction with HSHS St. John's Foundation, Alumni Class Agents send personalized appeal letters to their fellow classmates asking them to make annual contributions to benefit the scholarship program and other college initiatives. Contributions go to work immediately to provide student scholarships. Some scholarships are awarded to legacy students whose relatives graduated from St. John's College or St. John's School of Nursing. Recognizing that the legacy of the College embraces families, communities and networks, this scholarship continues the long-standing tradition of excellence in nursing education.

***St. John's College Board**

Annually, members of St. John's College Board of Directors are invited to contribute to this scholarship which was established under the direction of the board chair, Aggie Hayner. Aggie gave the first contribution to this fund in 2014. She passed away in 2019.

St. John's Society for Service and Leadership

St. John's Society for Service and Leadership is an alliance of dynamic individuals who are the next generation of aspiring leaders and philanthropists. Society members support the inspiring mission of St. John's Hospital by addressing emerging priorities and services. Society members are excited to support healthcare education by offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a nursing student in good standing.

***Dr. Jesse Stocker**

Through her estate, Mrs. Corinne Stocker established this endowed scholarship in honor of her late husband, Dr. Jesse Stocker. Dr. Stocker recognized the need for trained, educated nurses and viewed nurses as a vital part of health care. Throughout his career Dr. Stocker supported the nursing profession. This merit scholarship will continue to inspire, reward and support nursing students who excel in their education.

Dr. Wallace and Patricia (Moffitt) Strow '53

To honor Dr. and Mrs. Strow's chosen fields in the medical profession and to honor Mrs. Strow as a St. John's College graduate, this scholarship is given annually to a promising nursing student in good academic standing. Dr. and Mrs. Strow

are loyal supporters of St. John's Hospital.

***Emil and Vera Stukenberg**

Established by Judith Holley, '61, this scholarship honors the memory of her parents Emil and Vera Stukenberg. The scholarship was given in remembrance of the sacrifices her parents made to provide her with the education that prepared her for her nursing career, which she enjoyed for more than 40 years.

Flora (Flo Menichetti) VanMeter, R.N., '41

Established by her son, James Van Meter, Flo was a devoted Registered Nurse for 61 years. Flo worked in hospitals in California, retiring in 1990 and continued nursing with home health care and taking care of her relatives and friends. Flo loved nursing and the many challenges of the profession. Flo's interests included nursing, family and horse racing. She was a beautiful woman with a smile that could light up a room. Multiple scholarships are awarded to students in the accelerated nursing program.

***Theresa J. Vann, RN, '49**

Theresa worked as a nurse in the maternity department at St. John's Hospital from 1949-1967 and taught at St. John's College of Nursing from 1967-2002, where she retired as assistant professor. Theresa Vann's legacy continues through her former students and friends on the faculty of St. John's College of Nursing. Annually, a scholarship is awarded to a senior or a returning student who is pursuing a higher degree. The student's character will honor Mrs. Vann's legacy of leadership within their peer community, compassion for patients and one who cares deeply about social justice and equality.

Additionally, a scholarship is awarded annually to a faculty member who is returning to college for an advanced degree at a college of their choosing. A qualifying faculty member must be recommended by a teacher or colleague. The recipient will be chosen by the faculty and chancellor based on his/her qualifications of leadership, compassion and dedication.

***Sister Mary Paul Watts, OLC, RN, '54**

This scholarship endowment celebrates 65 years of nursing for the St. John's College Class of 1954 and is given in honor of a fellow classmate, Sister Mary Paul, OLC. Sr. Mary Paul Watts, nee

Gloria Watts, originally from Decatur, Illinois, is the only American member of the Our Lady of China religious order where she continues her work today.

In 1957, Gloria Watts boarded a Chinese freighter and embarked on a lifelong journey that took her from Illinois to the island of Taiwan. Ms. Watts did not speak Chinese, but she had treasured this dream since childhood. She was raised in the Methodist faith tradition where a Chinese doctor was a guest speaker at her church. From that moment on, Gloria knew she wanted to be a missionary.

In college, Ms. Watts became a Catholic where she met two members of the Sisters of Our Lady of China. The Sisters invited her to be a lay missionary in Taiwan after she graduated. "Tender loving care" is Sister Mary Paul's mantra, something that was instilled in her while a student at St. John's College. Sr. Mary Paul has been providing "tender loving care" to the people of Taiwan since 1957. Words to describe Sister Mary Paul include optimism, persistence, courage, competence and compassion.

Sister Mary Paul has received numerous accolades from the Taiwanese government. She holds a dual citizenship, one in her native America, and the other in Taiwan. Her ministry has brought medical devices and supplies from the United States, as well as introducing medical services and public hygiene education to remote mountainous and coastal areas of Taiwan. She has raised funds to start a nursing school for girls, and she has guided many graduates to further their education in Taiwan and abroad. Generations of those lives she has touched can be found near and far.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student with a missionary spirit and a desire to help others. This student will also embody the tender loving care spirit that was instilled in Sr. Mary Paul and in her fellow 1954 classmates.

For more information about the ministry of Sister Mary Paul, please contact HSHS St. John's Foundation at 217-757-6555.

***Dr. and Mrs. Harry Wellons**

Established in 1989 by Dr. and Mrs. Harry Wellons, this scholarship helps students

continue their nursing education. Dr. Wellons spent his career as a cardiac surgeon and continues to support this scholarship even though he and Mrs. Wellons no longer live in central Illinois.

Sister M. Magdalene Wiedlocher, OSF, RN

Sister Magdalene Wiedlocher was the director of St. John's Training School, now St. John's College of Nursing, from 1912-1933. In 1908, when she was working as a nurse at St. John's Hospital, Sister M. Magdalene Wiedlocher encouraged the patients to go to bed, but a number refused because they claimed that there would be terrible happenings. Soon, about a dozen men were brought into the emergency department of St. John's Hospital for treatment of gun wounds — the race riots had begun.

When one of the worst race riots in American history began in Springfield, Ill., the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis and St. John's Hospital offered refuge from the violence and cared for the injured, blacks alongside of whites. -From the Archives of Hospital Sisters of St. Francis.

To honor Sister Magdalene's commitment to diversity, HSHS St. John's Foundation and St. John's College of Nursing established two scholarships for students from diverse backgrounds who are pursuing their bachelor's degrees in nursing at St. John's College. The purpose is to prepare the student body to professionally and compassionately engage in the increasingly diverse health care marketplace by fostering a diverse student body on campus.

Zonta Club

The Zonta Club of Springfield, Illinois is a group of professional women who strive to improve the lives of women throughout the world and in our local community. The club performs several service projects throughout the year and awards an annual scholarship to a St. John's College nursing student.

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Graduates of St. John's College have their graduation year listed after their name.



*To learn more about how to establish an annual or an
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