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Bright Futures Merit Scholarship Program – Inaugural Recipients Announced

Creating exemplary healthcare professionals....that is what Cabarrus College of Health Sciences has been doing since 1942. It is a source of pride that the College has kept the same values that have made us a successful educational institution for 71 years. The College knows the importance of admitting highly qualified students, helping students realize their dream of becoming a healthcare professional, and last but not least, rewarding students for their academic successes. In order to support these values, and to show Cabarrus College's commitment to our students and provide quality healthcare professionals to our community, the Bright Futures Merit Scholarship Program was created.

New this year (2013-2014), eighteen students, who entered directly from high school and enrolled full-time, were awarded a Bright Futures Merit Scholarship. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze scholarships range in total value from \$1,500 to \$4,500, and are awarded based on the students' high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores.

The College's prior ability to only offer need-based aid, combined with dwindling federal and state financial aid dollars made the cost of attendance an ever growing concern and struggle for our students. Often, students face significant gaps between financial need and awards. Offering the Bright Futures merit based scholarships at Cabarrus College will assist in closing those gaps, as well as, demonstrate the commitment the College has to enrolling high achieving, full-time students.

Congratulations to the following inaugural Bright Futures Merit Scholarship Recipients:

Gold Merit Scholarship - Total value of \$4,500, awarded to students who have a high school GPA ≥ 4.0 and who score at or above 1100 on the SAT ($\geq 480v/440m$) or ≥ 22 composite on the ACT.

Elisha Acker, Associate Degree Nursing

Destiny Reese, Associate Degree Nursing

Alyssa Mocilan, Pre-Nursing

Alexandra Helms, Pre-Nursing

Brittany Sweat, Pre-Nursing

Silver Merit Scholarship – Total value of \$3,000, awarded to students who have a high school GPA 3.50 – 3.99 and who score at or above 1000 on the SAT ($\geq 480v/440m$) or ≥ 21 composite on the ACT.

Malia Barrett, Pre-Nursing

Brianna Clark, Pre-Nursing

Kayla Reed, Pre-Nursing

Taylor Ramsouer, Associate Degree in Surgical Technology

Alison Wallace, Pre-Nursing

Megan Swaringen, Pre-Professional

Caitlyn Davis, Pre-Professional

Bronze Merit Scholarship -Total value of \$1,500, awarded to students who have a high school GPA 3.00 – 3.49 and who score ≥ 950 on the SAT ($\geq 480v/440m$) or ≥ 19 composite on the ACT.

Roshan Quinn, Pre-Nursing

Hannah Broadway, Pre-Nursing

Brooke Griffin, Pre-Professional

Amber Ritchie, Pre-Professional

Dimitri Chapman, Associate Degree in Pharmacy Technology

Dakota Foster, Pre-Nursing

For additional eligibility information for the Bright Futures Merit Scholarships, visit the following webpage: <http://www.cabarruscollege.edu/content/news/2013/061013-BrightFuturesFlyer.pdf>. You may also contact the Office of Admissions at 704-403-1556 or admissions@cabarruscollege.edu.

If you would like to contribute to Cabarrus College's scholarship fund, please contact Adam Cook, President of NorthEast Foundation, at 704-403-1369 or adam.cook@carolinashealthcare.org.

Please help us get the word out about this exciting new scholarship program!

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