



MEET THE 2020 WSNF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Washington State Nurses Foundation is thrilled to announce the scholarship winners for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Foundation Board of Trustees met on May 4, at which time applications from 38 nursing students were considered. Twelve were selected to receive scholarships from the Foundation, receiving a total of \$25,000 which was disbursed to their respective colleges in July.

Your donations make these scholarships possible! Announcing scholarship recipients is one of the most fulfilling things we do — but every year, we receive strong applications from more nursing students than we can give scholarships to. Make a difference in the lives of future nurses and those pursuing advanced degrees by donating at wanursesfoundation.org/donate or by using the QR code below.



Students in Associate Degree programs receiving awards:



ALEX KELSEY — *In her final year at Bellevue College and expects to graduate after Winter Quarter in 2021.*

“I’m from Detroit, Michigan, but have been living in Seattle, Washington, for the last 5 years — and I absolutely adore the Pacific Northwest. I love hiking, crafting and all things medicine. Becoming a nurse has been a lifelong dream of mine, and I’m so happy and proud to be on the path to finally attaining my dream.”

Students in Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs receiving awards:



HAILEY HUNTER — *An RN in Wenatchee. She is in the process of completing her bachelor’s degree in nursing through Boise State University.*

“I am a registered nurse in Wenatchee, Washington. I work on a cardiac step-down unit at our local hospital. I am in the process of completing my bachelor’s in nursing through Boise State University. My dream is to work in labor and delivery, and to use my education to better serve my community.”



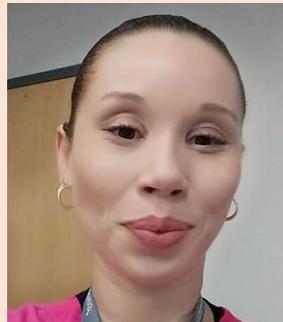
YOHANNAH MALABAD — *First semester student at Bellevue College.*

“As the eldest of four and daughter to the most wonderful and hard-working immigrant parents, I have been blessed with experiences that have strengthened and molded me into the compassionate and driven individual I am today. I am extremely grateful to have the privilege to pursue nursing as my career and humbled to have a platform that will allow me to advocate for the changing needs of our healthcare system and the people in it. Thank you so much, WSNF, for this scholarship! My ultimate goal is to be a nurse educator while working out in the field, and it is my aim to pay it forward by helping inspire and enable others like me to reach their educational goals.”



MICHELLE SAHLING — *In her final year at Clark College and expects to graduate in June 2021. After completing her associate degree in nursing, she hopes to further her education with a BSN.*

“I have always wanted to be a nurse and love advocating for my patients while bringing a new perspective into the mix. I bring a willingness to learn and leadership skills to the table and hope to further my education with a bachelor’s degree in the future. This scholarship will help me to achieve my dream and I look forward to the challenges that come my way.”



ELIZABETH TUCKER — *Student at Everett Community College.*

“It is my pleasure to accept this award. I appreciate the work that is being done by the Washington State Nurses Association. With your help, I look forward to advancing my education. It is with my sincerest gratitude toward those who have provided their funds and their time in helping me with this journey.”



MAYA KRANTZ — *Senior at Gonzaga University in Spokane.*

“I am excited about beginning my career as a nurse. Throughout all types of jobs and lifestyles, being a nurse encompasses each characteristic I have and provides me with a multitude of opportunities to expand and develop new characteristics, values and beliefs. I am a firm believer in the notion that other people bring out the best in you, and I know that by choosing a career that allows me to interact with many different people in many different types of scenarios, I will be better because of it. I hope that as a nurse, I can be a source of compassion and a light to others as they walk through their life journey!”



ZENADIA LOPEZ — *An RN in Pasco pursuing a bachelor’s degree in nursing at Boise State University. Because of her work advocating for the Spanish-speaking population in her community, the WSNF Board of Trustees selected her to receive a Fresenius Kabi/American Nurses Foundation Scholarship.*

“Thank you so much for this scholarship. This foundation will be of great help for me and my family; it takes a huge weight off our shoulders, especially during these uncertain times. I can’t wait to continue my education; because of your contribution, I won’t have to stop and stress about how I will be paying for next quarter. Thank you so much, again.”



SARAH McCLEAN — *Third-year nursing student at Seattle University.*

“I’m a third year nursing student at Seattle University. In addition to clinicals and classes, I also am busy as the director of Camp Kesem at SeattleU, an organization that provides support for kiddos affected by a parent’s cancer. Once I graduate, I plan on working as a registered nurse in a NICU, labor and delivery unit, or oncology unit and potentially pursuing my doctorate in nursing practice. Thank you WSNF for this opportunity to finish my degree and accomplish my goals!”



KRISTINE RAMIREZ — *Just finished her first year at St. Martin’s University in Olympia. Because of the strength of her application, she was named to receive the Deo Little Scholarship for 2020.*

“Hi, my name is Kristine Ramirez. I am a student at Saint Martin’s University located in Lacey, Washington. I’m originally from Honolulu, Hawaii. I feel very honored to have been chosen as the WSNF Deo Little Scholarship recipient for the year 2020-2021.”

Students in graduate nursing programs receiving awards:



KARISSA BOHN — *Critical care nurse pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at the University of Washington.*

“I am honored to be a recipient of the Judy Huntington Scholarship. I am a critical care nurse with a passion for improving the health of underserved communities. This has led me to pursue a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Washington. This scholarship will allow me to continue my family’s legacy of nursing and make a meaningful contribution to the improvement in health for Washington state’s population.”



RYAN WILLIS — *Graduate student at Gonzaga University, where he is in the Family Nurse Practitioner program.*

“I’m thankful WSNF/WSNA has selected me for this scholarship. These funds will allow me to further my education towards becoming an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner. As a future ARNP, I want to give back to my community and educate my patients to achieve an optimum state of wellness.”



KAT WRIGHT — *Master of Nursing student at UW Bothell and full-time staff nurse at the UW Medical Center - Montlake’s high-risk OB clinic.*

She is committed to finding ways to improve perinatal outcomes and the health and well-being of vulnerable populations. She is particularly interested in examining factors that contribute to maternal health disparities and ways to improve maternal and infant health outcomes. Because of her work in developing a policy that outlines the process and guidelines for their clinic medical assistants to place fetal monitors and parameters to urgently alert the physicians, the Foundation Trustees selected her to receive an Anna Gallagher/American Nurses Foundation Scholarship.

About WSNF

The Washington State Nurses Foundation was established in 1982 as an independent 501(c)(3) for the purpose of acquiring and developing funds for the clinical and educational advancement of the profession. In addition to general WSNF scholarships, the Foundation awards two designated scholarships and two American Nurses Foundation scholarships annually.

The Dolores (“Deo”) Little Scholarship

Dolores (“Deo”) Little was a popular and dynamic professor at the University of Washington where she taught in the Department of Community Health Care Systems. She had a tireless commitment to defining and enhancing the role of nursing, which is reflected in her pioneering efforts to delineate the scope of practice for the clinical specialist, primary care nurse practitioner, nurse manager, leader, and political activist. Her work in these areas have had a long-lasting impact on the practice of nursing that endures today. She is also a past president of WSNA and was inducted into the WSNA Hall of Fame in 1998.

The Judy Huntington Scholarship

Judy Huntington is a past President of WSNA and served as WSNA’s Executive Director for nearly 20 years before her retirement in 2017. She was inducted into the WSNA Hall of Fame in 2018. Upon her retirement, a scholarship was created in her honor to recognize exceptional nurses who are pursuing advanced degrees with a focus on leadership, health policy, and/or governmental affairs.

American Nurses Foundation

The American Nurse Scholarships were created in 2013 through the generosity of Fresenius Kabi USA, Carolyn Jones and DigiNext LLC, with proceeds from the book “The American Nurse: Photographs and Stories” by Carolyn Jones and the film “The American Nurse: Healing America” by Carolyn Jones.

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