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CHI St. Joseph's Health Awards \$20,250 in Scholarships

PARK RAPIDS, MN (May 28, 2019) – In May, CHI St. Joseph's Health awarded \$20,250 in scholarships to 21 students in the Park Rapids, Nevis, Menahga, Sebeka, Laporte and Walker/Akeley/Hackensack communities.

The goal of our scholarship program is to help area students who are pursuing healthcare careers and have an interest in rural healthcare. It is our hope that these future healthcare providers will choose to return to our area to serve our future patients.

Our scholarship program is funded through our annual Gathering on the Greens Golf Benefit, which benefits both Foundation and Hospice Care. These funds are combined with generous donations from CHI St. Joseph's Health employees and memorials honoring Brian Koria and Laurie Hohnstadt. Laurie was a nurse at CHI St. Joseph's Health and Brian was a Health Unit Coordinator/Nursing Assistant in the Emergency Department. This year's recipients are...

Laurie Hohnstadt Scholarship - \$750

Veronica Gauthier, Park Rapids Area High School

Brian Koria Scholarship - \$750

Julia Renner, Park Rapids Area High School

Whitney Steffel, Park Rapids Area High School

Graduating Senior Scholarship - \$1,000

Megan Hendrickson, Menahga High School

Julianne Hillukka, Menahga High School

Sadie Jackola, Menahga High School

Nicole Nelson, Nevis High School

Cade Pederson, Walker-Hackensack Akeley High School

Rhiannon Roth, Menahga High School

Helena Skadberg, Park Rapids Area High School

Melissa Trout, Menahga High School

Olivia Ulvin, Park Rapids Area High School

Second Year & Beyond Scholarship - \$1,000

Matthew Benson, Park Rapids Area High School

Mary Gray, Nevis High School

Kjera Gustafson, Nevis High School

Maya Johnson, Park Rapids Area High School

Kiefer Miller, Nevis High School

Tayah Otterness, Park Rapids Area High School

Taylor Sagen, Walker-Hackensack Akeley High School

Andrew Sauser, Nevis High School

Casey Wold, Nevis High School

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CHI St. Joseph's Health is a 25-bed critical access hospital serving communities in Hubbard, Becker, Cass and Wadena Counties since 1946. In recent years, CHI St. Joseph's Health's award-winning teams received several national honors including: The Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in surgery; Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, HealthStrong; WomenCertified's America's Best Hospitals Women's Choice Award in obstetrics; and the Studer Group Fire Starter Healthcare Organization of the Month among other national, regional and state recognitions.

About CHI

St. Joseph Hospital is part of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national nonprofit health system based in Englewood, Colorado. The faith-based system operates in 18 states and includes 103 hospitals, as well as long-term care, assisted- and residential living communities; community health services organizations; home health agencies and outpatient facilities and services. In fiscal year 2016, CHI provided more than \$1.1 billion in financial assistance and community benefit. CHI generated operating revenues of \$15.9 billion and has total assets of approximately \$22.7 billion.

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