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## **Promise of Nursing Regional Scholarships Awarded to 154 Undergraduate Nursing Students**

**Brooklyn, NY – March 25, 2005.** The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce that 154 scholarships have been awarded to undergraduate nursing students. The *Promise of Nursing* regional fundraising events have raised \$7 million for undergraduate student nursing scholarships, faculty fellowships, and nursing school grants. These events are sponsored by Johnson and Johnson. In addition to Johnson & Johnson, many health care organizations, hospitals, and community businesses have lent their support to the *Promise of Nursing* regional fundraising gala events. The funds are administered by the FNSNA. Undergraduate nursing scholarships were awarded by the FNSNA in the following 13 regions: Georgia, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Central Florida, South Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Northern California, Southern California, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and New York. The following nursing students are the recipients of the 2005 Promise of Nursing Regional Scholarships:

### **CENTRAL FLORIDA**

Liliana Argueta, **Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL**  
Bolanle Olabisi, **Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, FL**  
Elena Vlasenko, **Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL**

Ines Rodriguez, **Florida International University, Miami, FL**  
Ileana Serra, **Florida International University, Miami, FL**  
LeTiana Severe, **Barry University, Miami Shores, FL**

### **DALLAS/FORT WORTH**

### **SOUTHERN FLORIDA**

Anne Chavanes, **Barry University, Miami Shores, FL**  
Veronica Menendez, **Barry University, Miami Shores, FL**

Donna Benavidez, **Collin County Community College, McKinney, TX**  
Sharetta Ellison, **McLennan Community College, Waco, TX**  
Melanie Glass, **Baylor University, Waco, TX**  
Bethany Glenn, **Baylor University, Waco, TX**

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Kendra Johnson, **University of Texas,  
Arlington, TX**  
Mandi McReynolds, **University of Texas,  
Tyler, TX**  
Nicole Mendez, **Baylor University, Waco,  
TX**  
Audia Porteous, **Texas Christian  
University, Fort Worth, TX**  
Stephanie Reyniers, **University of Texas,  
Arlington, TX**  
Jacqueline Young, **Texas Christian  
University, Fort Worth, TX**

## GEORGIA

David Blech, **Gordon College,  
Barnesville, GA**  
Kelly Coleman, **Piedmont College,  
Demorest, GA**  
Erma Erigha, **Georgia State University,  
Atlanta, GA**  
Susan Garcia, **Georgia Baptist College of  
Nursing, Atlanta, GA**  
Patricia Gibson, **Kennesaw State  
University, Kennesaw, GA**  
Sharon Hall, **Georgia Baptist College of  
Nursing, Atlanta, GA**  
Jacqueline Janus, **Georgia Baptist College  
of Nursing, Atlanta, GA**

## ILLINOIS

Sara Barry, **Southern Illinois University,  
Edwardsville, IL**  
James Davis, **St. Francis Medical Center  
College of Nursing, Peoria, IL**  
Susan Doherty, **St. Francis Medical Center  
College of Nursing, Peoria, IL**  
Erika Harding, **Chicago State University,  
Chicago, IL**  
Zuzana Killam, **Mac Murray College,  
Jacksonville, IL**  
Jessica Kocheny, **Loyola University,  
Chicago, IL**  
Anne Tetzlaff, **Mac Murray College,  
Jacksonville, IL**

## MASSACHUSETTS

Erin Conlan, **Northeastern University,  
Boston, MA**  
Danielle Conti, **Northeastern University,  
Boston, MA**  
April Donahue, **Northeastern University,  
Boston, MA**  
Kelly Dunn, **Northeastern University,  
Boston, MA**  
Neusa Goncalves, **University of  
Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**  
Jacqueline Hardman, **Northeastern  
University, Boston, MA**  
Patricia Hodge, **Laboure College,  
Dorchester, MA**  
Shannon Kearney, **University of  
Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**  
Amy Lawrence, **University of  
Massachusetts Dartmouth, North  
Dartmouth, MA**  
Alexandra Lewis, **Northeastern University,  
Boston, MA**  
Theresa McMahon, **Lawrence Memorial/  
Regis College, Medford, MA**  
Elizabeth Peterson, **Quincy College,  
Quincy, MA**  
Lauryn Slomkowski, **Northeastern  
University, Boston, MA**  
Lindsay Steingart, **Northeastern University,  
Boston, MA**  
Marianne Wierzbinski, **Northeastern  
University, Boston, MA**

## MICHIGAN

Jenny Butts, **Ferris State University, Big  
Rapids, MI**  
Jessica Cleghorn, **University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor, MI**  
Megan Finn, **University of Michigan, Ann  
Arbor, MI**  
Brittany Geerdes, **Michigan State  
University, East Lansing, MI**  
Bao Hang, **Saginaw Valley State  
University, University Center, MI**  
Michelle Hiemstra-Young, **University of  
Detroit Mercy, McAuley School of  
Nursing, Detroit, MI**  
Amanda Huck, **Hope College, Holland, MI**  
Linda Newell, **Lake Michigan College,  
Benton Harbor, MI**  
Nicole Riffel, **Michigan State University,  
East Lansing, MI**

Sondra Sprenger, **Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI**

**NEW JERSEY**

Kolawole Adeoti, **Felician College, Lodi, NJ**  
Monica Bergrud, **The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ**  
Kimberly Bucher, **The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ**  
Tenneil Bullock, **Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ**  
Rene Capo, **The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, Perth Amboy, NJ**  
Candice Carbone, **The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ**  
Natalie Console, **The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ**  
Laura Harris, **Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing, Montclair, NJ**  
Julie Klapper, **Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing, Montclair, NJ**  
Kristen Lake, **The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ**  
Trisha Novello, **The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, Perth Amboy, NJ**  
Miriam Odubanjo, **Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ**  
Christina Striker, **Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ**

**NEW YORK**

Christopher Bennett, **Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing, Brooklyn, NY**  
Lauren Bozzo, **Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY**  
Abby Cassella-Graser, **Suffolk Community College, Brentwood, NY**  
Anthony Craney, **Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing, New York, NY**  
Robert DiLeo, **Cochran School of Nursing, Yonkers, NY**  
Juanita Dunn, **Helene Fuld College of Nursing, New York, NY**  
Kathleen Geagan, **Cochran School of Nursing, Yonkers, NY**  
Jessica Gilhooly, **Wagner College, Staten Island, NY**  
Ruth Gupta, **Adelphi University, Garden City, NY**  
Marilyn Jacobs, **Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing, Brooklyn, NY**

Danette Jagla, **Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY**  
Yvonne Lam, **Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, NY**  
Arica Maurer, **State University of New York, Buffalo, NY**  
Kate McQuiggan, **Morrisville State College, Morrisville, NY**  
Mary Ann Pestrak, **Pace University, New York, NY**  
Lorraine Rodriguez, **Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY**  
Gianpaola Santini, **Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY**  
Lawrence Silonga, **Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing, Brooklyn, NY**  
Jaclyn Smith, **Cochran School of Nursing, Yonkers, NY**  
Dana Tripp, **Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY**  
Yaffa Vinikoor, **New York University Division of Nursing, New York, NY**

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Janelle Baires, **University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA**  
Nicole Beltrametti, **Dominican University of California, San Rafael, CA**  
Arianne Galino, **University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA**  
Michele Leon, **California State University, Fresno, CA**  
Melanie Martinez, **California State University, Fresno, CA**  
Marcy Ronneberg, **University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA**  
Jennifer Tran, **University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Michele Corcuera, **California State University, Bakersfield, CA**  
Laurel Freeman, **Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA**  
Khadija Hamisi, **California State University San Bernadino, San Bernadino, CA**  
Janice Norton, **El Camino College, Torrance, CA**  
Meggie Roberts, **Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing, Azusa, CA**  
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Nicole Woods, **Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA**  
Maritza Yopez, **Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA**

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Althea Agyei-Mensah, **Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, PA**  
Erica Altman, **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**  
Dawn Anglin, **Citizens School of Nursing, New Kensington, PA**  
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Erika Binkley, **Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA**  
Rebecca Bixby, **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**  
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Lauren Chapnick, **Villanova University, Villanova, PA**  
Kristen Cooley, **La Roche College, Pittsburgh, PA**  
Sherry Espey, **Citizens School of Nursing, New Kensington, PA**  
Jeffrey Evans, **The Reading Hospital School of Nursing, West Reading, PA**  
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Deana Guastafarro, **University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**  
Collette Hain, **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**  
Christina Hart, **Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA**  
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Ashley Johnson, **University of Pittsburgh, Bradford, PA**  
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Sarah Waronek, **Saint Francis University, Loretto, PA**  
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