

The Foundation  
of the  
National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.  
in memory of Frances Tompkins  
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**Press Release**

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**Promise of Nursing Regional Scholarships  
Awarded to 94 Undergraduate Nursing Students**

**Brooklyn, NY. March 26, 2007.** The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) will honor 94 *Promise of Nursing* scholarship recipients during its Awards Ceremony at the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Anaheim, CA. Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, the *Promise of Nursing* regional fundraising events have raised over \$10 million since 2002 for undergraduate student nursing scholarships, faculty fellowships, and nursing school grants. 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 FNSNA. Undergraduate nursing scholarships are awarded by FNSNA in the following fifteen regions: Northern California, Southern California, Central Florida, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston/Galveston, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Florida, Tennessee, and Washington.

The following nursing students are the recipients of the 2007 Promise of Nursing Regional Scholarships:

**Northern California**

Diana Flores, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA  
Sarah Fry, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA  
Erica Lee, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA  
Vijaya Somayajula, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA  
Nanette Woodson, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

**Southern California**

Sandee Ashlock, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA

Patricia Clemens, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA  
Traci Ford, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA  
Bethany Heppner, Biola University, La Mirada, CA  
Amy Houchens, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA  
Je'Nelle Lytle, Biola Univeristy, La Mirada, CA  
Becky Ngo, Golden West College, Huntington Beach, CA  
Jason Noda, Golden West College, Huntington Beach, CA  
Denise Rikalo, Biola University, La Mirada, CA  
Jessica Rodriguez, Biola University, La Mirada, CA  
Helen Truong, Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, CA

### **Central Florida**

Tricia Preston, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Orlando, FL

### **Dallas/Fort Worth**

Kendra Johnson, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX  
Jessica Pierfelice, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

### **Houston/Galveston**

Joyce Agu, Texas Woman's University, Houston, TX  
Ifeoma Agwunobi, Texas Women's University, Houston, TX  
Jean Asonye, University of Texas-Houston, Houston, TX  
Gretchen Boyer, Lee College, Baytown, TX  
Candice Brown, Houston Baptist University College of Nursing, Houston, TX  
Lamaria Ellis, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX  
Matthew Freeman, Texas Women's University, Houston, TX  
Chimezie Iwuanyanwu, Texas Women's University, Houston, TX

### **Illinois**

Monique Graves, University of Saint Francis - Joliet, Joliet, IL  
Alexandra Westen, Rockford College, Rockford, IL  
Jessica Whitt, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL

### **Louisiana**

Misty Bryan, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA  
Shekinah Gleason, Delgado Community College-Charity School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA  
Nicole LaBorde, Delgado Community College-Charity School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA  
Crystal Nora, Delgado Community College-Charity School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA

### **Massachusetts**

Charlene Aalerud, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Lowell, MA  
Deborah Billings, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA  
Meaghan Brady, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Stephanie Goodrow, Laboure College, Boston, MA  
Casey Gray, Endicott College, Beverly, MA  
Catherine Levine, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Alexandra Lewis, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Amanda Melchiorri, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA  
Megan Schlachtenhaufen, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Kathryn Soucy, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA

Carlotta Starks, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Elizabeth Treado, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Amanda Troger, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Ann Marie Van Hof, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Elizabeth Varnum, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
Carol White-Murphy, Brockton Hospital School of Nursing, Brockton, MA

### **Michigan**

Kevin O'Brien, Hope College, Holland, MI  
Susan Walters, North Central Michigan College, Petoskey, MI

### **New Jersey**

Mary Antoine, Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, Perth Amboy, NJ  
Christine Bartolomeo, Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, Perth Amboy, NJ  
Mary Bernardo, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ  
Tara Butler, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ  
Colleen Calvert, Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, Perth Amboy, NJ  
Nicole Fox, Helene Fuld School of Nursing, Blackwood, NJ  
Nicole Graves, Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing, Montclair, NJ  
Yasmeen Jamaluddin, Mercer County Community College, Trenton, NJ  
Elizabeth Lazration, College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ  
Shannon Pouliot, Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, Perth Amboy, NJ  
Jessika Rendon, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ  
Rebecca Russell, St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing, Trenton, NJ

### **New York**

VaShawn Noble, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY  
Yaffa Vinikoor, New York University, New York, NY

### **Pennsylvania**

Jasmine Haskins, Drexel University College of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA  
Karissa Rickards, The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences, Reading, PA

### **South Florida**

Astrid Gilpin, Florida International University, Miami, FL  
Vivian Jesus, Florida International University, Miami, FL  
Yakelin Queija, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL  
Valery Renaud, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL

### **Tennessee**

Jessica Blanton, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN  
Frances Flatt, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN  
Sarah Guthrie, Baptist College of Health Sciences, Memphis, TN  
Cheryl Ann Hess, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN  
Kristin Johnson, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN  
Cordula Mote, Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences, Memphis, TN  
Rachel Senefeld, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN  
Chelsea Smith, Belmont University, Nashville, TN  
Emem Zeller, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN

### Washington

Ahmir Buen, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma, WA  
Elizabeth Chard, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA  
Bria Colby, Northwest University, Kirkland, WA  
Tiffany Erdman, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA  
Nikela Harris, Seattle University College of Nursing, Seattle, WA  
Cory Hudson, Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla, WA  
Konstantine Kurkov, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA  
Tatyana Lapik, Intercollegiate College of Nursing, Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
Harry Lawrence, Intercollegiate College of Nursing, Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
Elise Spencer, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA  
Heather Sybouts, Intercollegiate College of Nursing, Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
Katie Weller, Seattle University, Seattle, WA  
JungJoo Yi, Highline Community College, Des Moines, WA

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