

LOCAL WOMAN AMONG TEN LONG-TERM CARE PROFESSIONALS RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE LEADINGAGE KANSAS FOUNDATION

TOPEKA, Kan. - Scholarships totaling more than \$10,000 were awarded to ten deserving professionals working in nursing homes across the state to advance their education on Thursday, October 21st during the LeadingAge Kansas Fall Conference and Expo. The scholarships range from assisting with nursing school to helping individuals achieve certifications in dementia care.

“Now, more than ever, we need to honor and support individuals working in nursing homes. All ten of these deserving women have given heart and soul to their residents during the pandemic,” states Dana Weaver, Executive Director. Helping them advance their education is a significant way we can elevate our profession.”

Scholarship winners include:

1. **Whitney Dill** Sunporch of Smith County in Smith Center for pre-requisites for associates nursing program
2. **Tayci Helm with Locust Grove Village in LaCrosse for a Business/HR Degree**
3. **Rachel Schneider** with Parsons Presbyterian Manor in Parsons to go to nursing school to become a Registered Nurse.
4. **Reagan Danker** with Via Christi Village in Manhattan for an associate degree in nursing
5. **Hanna McCleary** from Protection Valley Manor in Protection for an associate degree in nursing
6. **Christy Tremble** with Parsons Presbyterian Manor in Parsons for pre-requisites for associates nursing program
7. **Shekema Tate** with Homestead Health Center in Wichita for an associate degree in nursing
8. **Mary Hoffman** with F.W. Huston Medical Center to gain Dementia Capable Care Training
9. **Sarah Culver** with Sheridan County Health Complex - LTC in Hoxie to become Resident Assessment Coordinator-Certified
10. **Ariel Kraus** from Bethesda Home in Goessel for a master’s degree in music therapy

“We are so proud of Tayci and her endeavors to further her education and serve elders”, states Charlotte Rathke, Administrator at Locust Grove Village. “She is a valuable employee and one who strives to improve her life and challenge herself each day. We are so blessed to have her on our team”

If you are interested in donating to the LeadingAge Kansas Scholarship Fund to grow future generations of caregivers, please go to www.leadingagekansas.org/donate . 100% of your donation goes directly to scholarships.

The LeadingAge Kansas Foundation is the 501 (c)(3) arm of the trade association LeadingAge Kansas. Their members include nursing homes, assisted living residences, life plan communities, hospice, home health, PACE, home delivered meals and much more. Hiring, retaining, and supporting individuals to work in the field is a

central priority of the association and foundation. Each year, generous individuals and companies donate to provide scholarships specifically for those working in the field. Learn more at www.leadingagekansas.org/foundation . For employment opportunities with Locust Grove Village, a retirement community in La Crosse, please visit 701 W 6th or www.locustgrovevillage.com