

Columbia University School of Nursing Scholarship Reception

Program

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I am delighted to welcome you to the sixteenth annual scholarship reception of Columbia University School of Nursing.

We are thrilled to bring together our valued scholarship donors to illustrate firsthand how their generous support has influenced the lives of our students. We appreciate this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have contributed to the much needed area of scholarship support for tomorrow's healthcare leaders.

All of you are encouraged to share your rich and diverse experiences with our students, faculty and administrators as we celebrate nursing education and the nursing profession.

Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, FAAN

Dean

Columbia University School of Nursing

Laura Pearson Armstrong '85 Nursing Scholar

Jamie Kersenbrock

Jamie Kersenbrock is from Medford, Oregon. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Oregon, where she also minored in Spanish. Jamie plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

William H. and Muriel Bagnal Nursing Scholar

Kathleen Bernock

Kathleen Bernock is originally from Dallas, Texas and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco, where she studied English and creative writing. She remained in San Francisco after graduation and worked for local and international non-profits doing finance, communications and development. She plans to become a nurse midwife.

Norma Karlen Bagwell '46 Nursing Scholar

Allison Ledwith

Allison Ledwith is originally from Tappahannock, Virginia. She graduated from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in economics in 2011. Allison plans to become a nurse midwife.

Ines DeBaun Berndt '51 Nursing Scholar

Johanna Christensen

Johanna Christensen has a degree in African studies from the College of William and Mary, where she had the opportunity to travel and work with several non-profits. After graduation, she was a substitute teacher, working with special needs children. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Eva LeGrow Lees Birch '49 Nursing Scholar

Reena Neogi

Reena Neogi is originally from Seattle and studied economics at Santa Clara University, where she became interested in public health policy. After graduation, she spent a year traveling throughout Central America and New Zealand. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Brenda Barrowclough Brodie '65 Nursing Scholar

Johanna Eadie

Johanna Eadie is originally from Albany, New York and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Michigan. Johanna worked as an intern at the University of Michigan Health Center and organized the operations center and assisted with pandemic influenza plans. Johanna plans to enter the family nurse practitioner program after she completes the first phase of the Combined BS/MS Program.

Gladys Brooks Nursing Merit Scholars

Rolana Oravillo and Julia Reich

Rolana Oravillo is from Union City, California, and has a bachelor's degree in exercise biology from the University of California, Davis. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Julia Reich is a native of Brooklyn. She earned a bachelor's degree in government at Skidmore College. After graduation, she decided that she wanted to work with children and parents in a healthcare setting. Julia plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Class of 1941 Nursing Scholar

Carly Skinner

Carly Skinner is from Escondido, California and studied history at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Carly was an active volunteer at UCSB, where she served as a tour guide for perspective students and their families as well as a note-taker for disabled students. Carly plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Class of 1946 Nursing Scholar

Christina Tropiano

Christina Tropiano is from Pine Bush, New York. She earned her bachelor's degree in biology at the State University of New York, Cortland. She traveled to Belize to study marine biology during her time at school. She plans to become a neonatal nurse practitioner.

Class of 1951 Nursing Scholar

Kimberly Spaulding

Kimberly Spaulding is a graduate of Gordon College where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in biology. Kimberly is an avid runner and also enjoys cooking and international travel. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Class of 1956 Nursing Scholar

Amy Gershater

Amy Gershater is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from Chatham University, she worked as a dorm counselor for a college in Russia for two years. She plans to become a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner.

Class of 1961 Nursing Scholar

Joyce Lee

Joyce Lee is from San Jose, California. She studied sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Joyce is interested in child development and plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Class of 1976 Nursing Scholar

Michon McBride

Michon McBride is from Duluth, Georgia. After earning her bachelor's degree in psychology at Lewis and Clark College, she came to Columbia with the goal of becoming a women's health nurse practitioner.

Sally Cohen Nursing Scholar

Rachel Hoffman

Rachel Hoffman is from Chester, NY and is a graduate of Lafayette College where she studied psychology. During her undergraduate years, Rachel was a member of Student Movement Against Cancer and a volunteer at the Payne-Whitney Hospital. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Emma Regina Dahlstrom, RN Nursing Scholar

Emily Gerteis

Emily Gerteis is from Saint Louis, Missouri. She earned a bachelor's degree at Macalester College. After graduation she worked in the service industry before coming to Columbia. She plans to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

Oliver S. and Jennie R. Donaldson Oncology Nursing Scholars

Mollie Finkel and Megan Wong

Mollie Finkel is native of Jackson, Wyoming. She is a graduate of Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York where she earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences. This year, Mollie was the leader of a group of 30 nursing students who walked in the Susan G. Komen Walk for Breast Cancer in New York City. She is studying to become a women's health nurse practitioner, with an oncology specialization.

Megan Wong is a graduate of the University of California, San Francisco where she earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition science with an emphasis in biochemistry. During her undergraduate studies, Megan volunteered in the pediatric unit of the California Pacific Medical Center. This experience impacted her decision to attend Columbia and to become a pediatric nurse practitioner, with an oncology specialization.

Dorothy Simpson Dorion '57 Nursing Scholar

Catherine Crawford

Catherine Crawford has a bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College, where she played lacrosse and badminton and studied abroad in Beijing. After graduation, she worked as a business strategy consultant for pharmaceutical, biotech, and finance companies. She plans to become an adult nurse practitioner.

Helen Ellison Ellenberger '57 Nursing Scholar

Melanie Swan

Melanie Swan is originally from Boulder Creek, Colorado. She earned a bachelor's degree in human biology from the University of California, San Diego. Melanie plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Barbara Farrell '58 Nursing Scholar

Francesca Perrone

Francesca Perrone is from Davis, California. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she minored in applied psychology. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Anna and Milton Felson Nursing Scholar

Ellen McCormick

Ellen McCormick is from Darien, Connecticut. She studied dietetics and nutrition, fitness, and health at Purdue University. She is a registered dietitian and has worked with heart failure patients. Ellen plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Elise D. Fish '35 Nursing Scholar

Nicole Dub

Nicole Dub is originally from Macomb, Michigan. She earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Michigan, and plans to become a neonatal nurse practitioner.

Friend of CUSON Nursing Scholars

Hyun Sun Kwon and Abigail Yu

Hyun Sun Kwon is a native of Queens, NY. Hyun earned a Bachelor's of Arts in journalism from Boston University and has recently returned to New York to pursue nursing. She plans to enter the pediatric nurse practitioner program after she completes the first phase of the Combined BS/MS Entry to Practice Program.

Abigail Yu is from San Francisco. After earning a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and cell biology at the University of California, San Diego, she came to Columbia and plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Charles A. Frueauff Nursing Scholar

Colleen McNaughton

Colleen McNaughton is a native of Haverhill, Massachusetts and a graduate of Cornell University where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in human development. Colleen enjoys yoga, running and skiing. She plans to become an acute care nurse practitioner

Lenore Frank Hardy '56 Nursing Scholar

Chelsea Cochran

Chelsea Cochran is from Patterson, New York and a graduate of Smith College where she studied psychology and neuroscience. Chelsea was a volunteer at the Hopeline Women's Center in Danbury, Connecticut for two years and her experiences there influenced her to pursue a career as a nurse midwife.

Estate of Anita Harris '40 Nursing Scholar

Brittany Thornton

Brittany Thornton is originally from Pleasantville, New York. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Boston University. Brittany plans to become a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner.

Hearst Foundation Nursing Scholars

Jon Duey, Heidi Fey, Caroline Ho, and Lisa Olszewski

Jon Duey is from Antioch, California. He earned a Bachelor's of Science in psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. Jon plans to become a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner.

Heidi Fey is from New York and is a graduate of Cornell where she earned a bachelor's degree in animal sciences. At Cornell, she worked on an animal study that involved teaching piglets to swim through a maze. She plans to become a nurse midwife.

Caroline Ho is originally from New York City. She earned a bachelor's degree in Japanese language and literature from the University of Massachusetts. Caroline plans to become an adult nurse practitioner.

Lisa Olszewski is a native of Syracuse, New York and holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Hamilton College. She enjoys playing basketball and spending time with her family. Lisa plans to become an acute care nurse practitioner.

Laura "Poppy" Schwartz Hirshman Nursing Scholar

Corrie Shattenkirk

Corrie Shattenkirk is originally from Kinderhook, New York. She has a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Colby College. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and gardening. She plans to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

Jane Helwig Hoffman '45 Nursing Scholar

Amber Tabor

Amber Tabor earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, San Diego. Her volunteer work at UCSD Hillcrest Medical Center in labor and delivery influenced her to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

Terry Marcos Jansson '78 Nursing Scholar

Chelsea Milowski

Chelsea Milowski is a native of Mattituck, New York and a graduate of Lafayette College where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in biology and business economics. She is a licensed investment advisor. She is now studying to become a neonatal nurse practitioner.

Jasper Kane Family Nursing Scholar

Monica Frantz

Monica Frantz is originally from Baltimore. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Mary's College of Maryland and enjoys traveling. Monica plans to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

Edward F. Kelly Nursing Scholar

Naomi Ray-Schoenfield

Naomi Ray-Schoenfield is originally from Brooklyn, New York. After earning a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, she returned to New York and plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Walter H.D. Killough Trust Nursing Scholar

Sacha Ferguson

Sacha Ferguson is originally from San Francisco. She studied environmental sciences and Latin American studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Killough Nursing Scholar for Students in Gerontology

Laura Will

Laura Will is from Milton, Massachusetts. After earning a bachelor's degree in biological psychology from Bates College, she worked as a case manager for cognitively disabled elderly women. She plans to become an adult nurse practitioner.

Gertrude Kober Nursing Scholar

Erica Sgroe

Erica Sgroe is originally from Ossining, New York. She studied biology at Lafayette College, where she researched the HIV/AIDS epidemic in South Africa during a study abroad program in her junior year. She plans to become an acute care nurse practitioner.

Robert and Joan Krueger Nursing Scholar

Michelle Chang

Michelle Chang is originally from Danville, California. She studied biochemistry/cell biology and psychology at the University of California, San Diego. She also earned a master's degree in public health in maternal and child health at Boston University. Michelle plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Barbara Desch Lenihan '74 Nursing Scholar

Andrea Wilson

Andrea Wilson is from Robins, Iowa. She studied ecology and evolutionary biology at Princeton University. She earned a master's degree in population, family, and reproductive health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Andrea plans to become a nurse midwife.

Lincoln Fund Nursing Scholars

Laura Dekker, Shakhira Evans, Rosario Jaime-Lara, Sophia LaDouceur, Carmen Mandac, Christina Moorer, Sharon Perez, Christina Pineda, Amy Pullizzi and Alexandria Shirley

Laura Dekker is from Montara, California. She studied biochemistry with an emphasis on chemistry at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Shakhira Evans is from Richmond, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in bioengineering at the University of California, Berkeley, and now plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Rosario Jaime-Lara is from Morris Plains, New Jersey. She earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences at the University of California, Davis. Rosario plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Sophia LaDouceur is originally from Queens, New York. She studied health sciences at Stony Brook University. Sophia plans to become a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner, starting in community health and transitioning to mental health research on an international scale.

Carmen Mandac is from San Jose, California. She studied social welfare/psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. Carmen enjoys swimming and plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Christina Moorer is from Norwalk, Connecticut and earned a bachelor's degree in medical sociology from the University of Maryland and a master's degree from Loyola College, where she studied biology and sociology. She plans to become a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Sharon Perez is from Azusa, California and earned a bachelor's degree in psychobiology. Sharon worked at the UCLA Department of Family Medicine as a research assistant with the Latino community. She plans to become an adult nurse practitioner.

Christina Pineda is from San Mateo, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at the University of Seattle. She enjoys knitting, cooking, and exploring New York City. Christina plans to become a nurse midwife.

Amy Pullizzi is originally from Chatham, New Jersey. She studied biology and music at Muhlenberg College and enjoys travel, yoga and playing the piano. She plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Alexandria Shirley is from Brooklyn, New York. At Vanderbilt University, she completed an interdisciplinary degree in medicine, health, and society. Alexandria plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Mary Dickey Lindsay '45 Nursing Scholar

Evelyn Addo-Wallace

Evelyn Addo-Wallace earned a degree in Latino studies at Columbia University. She also earned a master's degree from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. Evelyn plans to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

Mary Dickey Lindsay '45 DNP Nursing Scholars

Shelley Fox, Gannel Jean-Pierre, and Kristen Massingham

Shelley Fox has dual bachelor's degrees from the University of Florida in nursing and in exercise science. She is the creator of the New York City Paradise Health Fair, which makes free health screening services available to the public. She is currently a student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.

Gannel Jean-Pierre is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and earned a Bachelor's of Science in nursing in 2009. Gannel worked in White Plains, New York where he provided primary care for residents in an assisted-living or home facility. He is currently a student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.

Kristen Massingham is a Vermont native and earned a bachelor's degree from Skidmore College where she studied chemistry and biochemistry. She is a certified EMT and served as secretary on the Essex Vermont Rescue Board of Directors. Kristen is currently a student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.

Nancy Hart Markgraf '55 Nursing Scholar

Amanda Tam

Amanda Tam is from San Francisco, California. She studied at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she earned a degree in physiological science. Amanda plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Ann McCooe Nursing Scholar

Kelly Malone

Kelly Malone is from New York City and earned a degree in art history from Hunter College. She previously worked in several art galleries across New York City. Kelly is now studying to become an adult nurse practitioner.

Elizabeth Austin Rhind Nursing Scholar

Lisa North

Lisa North is originally from Chico, California. She came to Columbia after studying biology at California State University, and plans to become an acute care nurse practitioner.

Rose Schefer Nursing Scholar

Jessica Weiss

Jessica Weiss is from Northbrook, Illinois. She studied drama and psychology at New York University and enjoys acting, teaching, and skiing. Jessica plans to become a women's health nurse practitioner.

Dr. Scholl Foundation Nursing Scholars

Rita Anderson and Helen Lu

Rita Anderson is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, where she earned a bachelor's degree in political economy with a minor in global poverty and practice. She is fluent in both Spanish and Italian, and plans to practice in a community reproductive health clinic as a family nurse practitioner.

Helen Lu is from Elk Grove, California and studied clinical nutrition at the University of California, Davis. Her interests include cooking, art, dancing, and snowboarding. Helen plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Harold W. and S. Wilhelmina Shipley Nursing Scholar

Eleanor Prowell

Eleanor Prowell is originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She studied Chinese at Bates College and enjoys traveling, skiing, snowboarding, and swimming. Eleanor plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Mary Bleecker Simmons '60 Nursing Scholar

Lauren Heyer

Lauren Heyer holds a degree in finance from St. John's University in Queens. After graduation, Lauren worked in the airline industry as financial accounting manager for 10 years. Lauren is now planning to become a family nurse practitioner.

Stephen E. Somers Nursing Scholar

Erin Delfosse

Erin Delfosse is from Cypress, California. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles. Erin plans to become a family nurse practitioner.

Jacqueline M. Webb '83 Nursing Scholar

Ruth Alexander

Ruth Alexander is from Arroyo Grande, California. After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, she became a Peace Corps volunteer in the Ukraine. Ruth plans to become a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner.

Joan Tompkins Wheeler '46 Nursing Scholar

Jenna Shafer

Jenna Shafer earned a Bachelor of Arts in public health with a focus on infectious diseases from the University of California, Berkeley. Jenna's volunteer work at various non-profit organizations influenced her desire to work with children. She plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.