

Devlin Medical Scholarship presents seven awards

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The trustees of the Dr. Thomas P. and Edwina H. Devlin Medical Scholarship Fund have presented awards to seven medical and nursing school students at banquet ceremonies held recently at the Mandarin Restaurant, Reading.

In attendance were trustees Robert Commito, MD; Machel DeFlumeri; Josephine Devlin; Peter Devlin; Charles Houghton; Denise Migliorini; Steven Migliorini, MD; Roxanne Sayce; Maureen Soley and Joseph Twichell, MD.

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The recipients are:

Oyinade Aderibigbe, daughter of Ademolaad and Jamoke Aderibigbe of Melrose, a graduate of Melrose High School and Harvard University, is entering her final year at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Rebecca Commito, the daughter of Robert and Ellen Commito of Reading, and a graduate of Reading Memorial High School and Swarthmore College, is entering her second year at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in New Jersey. Following her college graduation, Rebecca worked at Philadelphia's Women's Center and Chicago's Peer Health Exchange. Her experiences to date have affirmed her decision to enter a primary care specialty, to work for a full spectrum of reproductive services for her future patients, to provide culturally appropriate informed care and to fight for equal access to health care predicated on the fact that healthcare is a human right. Rebecca thrives in a team-based environment where a diverse group of people must work together and rely on each other to solve complex problems. She is guided by a strong moral compass and is a leader in all she does, yet leads by doing the little things. She exudes enthusiasm, which elicits a reciprocal positive response in others. This is Rebecca's second Devlin Scholarship.

Annette Lysan, daughter of Paul and Leslie Lysan of Wakefield and a 2014 graduate of Wakefield High School, will be seeking a nursing degree at Curry College. Annette abides by Robin Roberts's belief that "true strength isn't when you face down life's challenges on your own. It's when you take them on by accepting the faith, love and help of others, and knowing you are lucky to have those." At age 2 1/2, Annette received a bone marrow transplant, followed years later by two open heart procedures, as well as orthopedic surgeries on her knees and hips. Since 2011 she has been a member of the teen advisory committee at Boston Children's Hospital, where she was instrumental in suggesting and focusing a project to create a tool in order to help older adolescent patients transition to adult health care. Presentation of their findings to Brigham & Women's Hospital will hopefully result in transforming their ideas to reality. Annette will bring to nursing a unique blend of skills, understanding and hope that only a survivor knows. Annette enjoys music as a flutist and singer, having been

part of the Drama Club's recent production of "Les Misérables." She recently returned from a trip to England, where she visited her bone marrow transplant donor, who had traveled to the U.S. in June for Annette's high school graduation and celebration. This is Annette's first Devlin Scholarship.

Stephanie O'Neil, the daughter of John and Susan O'Neil of Stoneham, and graduate of Stoneham High School, is entering her final year at the University of Rhode Island, where she is pursuing a degree in nursing. In past summers she has worked at Bear Hill Nursing Home in Stoneham as a certified nursing assistant. This summer Stephanie was selected for the Carol A. Ghiloni Oncology Nursing Student Fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She has a particularly strong affinity for this field, an appreciation of the intensity and emotional difficulty it involves and desire to bring a smile to a patient's face, a sense of hope and empowerment and an assurance to patients and their families that they are not alone. Stephanie asserts that whether assisting a family in the deliverance of new life or comforting and caring for a patient at the end of their life, her commitment to help others reminds her that she has chosen the correct profession. One of her instructors described Stephanie as a very mature, self-reflective woman who has a passion for nursing and provides patient care with excellence. This is Stephanie's third Devlin Scholarship.

Margaret Saltzman, the daughter of Robert and Maureen Saltzman of Stoneham, is a graduate of Stoneham High School, Merrimack College, and in 2017 will receive her Master of Science degree in Nursing from Salem State University. Meg is described as having a keen intellect, warm and approachable demeanor, innate generosity and compassion for others, unrelenting drive and determination, and is absolutely unstoppable when she sets her mind to something. She has worked as a medical assistant in a pediatric practice, and while at Merrimack was on a panel to raise awareness regarding campus sexual assault, educating faculty and incoming freshmen on the personal and community-wide impact of such assaults. She hopes to become a nurse practitioner and a sexual assault nurse examiner, merging her interests and background in psychology and women's studies in a field requiring special sensitivity while conducting physical assessments, collection of forensic evidence and serving as a victim's advocate. Recounting her family's recollection of Dr. Devlin's unparalleled care and compassion, she hopes to emulate those qualities in

her own career. This is Meg's first Devlin Scholarship.

Laura Spang is the daughter of Robert and Linda Spang of Wakefield, and a graduate of Wakefield High School and Merrimack College, where she was the captain of the soccer team and on the intramural women's ice hockey team. Her own sports injuries and subsequent surgeries, and interaction with hospital staff and therapy personnel piqued her interest in human anatomy and pursuing a career in nursing. Next year she will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the MGH Institute of Health Professions, where she is in an accelerated program. She is described as a motivated, energetic and engaging person, as well as an outstanding leader and role model. She is excited about working in an academic hospital setting with its inherent hustle and bustle and exposure to a myriad of nursing opportunities and scenarios. She feels she will thrive in that sort of environment as it matches her personality. This is Laura's first Devlin Scholarship.

Jennifer Warren, the daughter of Bradford and Bernadette Warren of Stoneham, is a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and is a senior at Villanova University, working to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Jennifer has volunteered at Winchester Hospital, shadowed nurses at MGH and doctors in the intravenous radiology department at Mount Auburn Hospital, summer interned at the New York University Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, and most recently has worked as a Patient Care Associate at MGH on an adult medical-surgical floor. Last October her clinical nursing group spent a week in the Dominican Republic performing health screenings on newborns to the elderly in rural devastatingly impoverished communities where clean drinking water and access to health services are limited. In May Jennifer spent two weeks in Durban, South Africa, at an HIV/ AIDS respite center, a community center, an orphanage and a local school performing health assessments and promoting "Healthy Heart and Mind." She is described as having a gracious manner that inspires respect and trust. This is Jennifer's fourth Devlin Scholarship.

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