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MAHEC Tamra Lisy Scholarship Awards

The MAHEC Tamra Lisy Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Tamra Lisy, the first Center Director for the East Central Missouri AHEC in St. Louis, to commemorate her spirit of leadership and commitment to health care for underserved populations in Missouri. We are pleased to announce this year's scholarship recipients:

East Central- Nanyamka Rice participated in the ECMO AHEC Healthcare Career Club (HCC) at Cardinal Ritter college prep. While in the HCC, she attended summer enrichment programs and helped to facilitate a Camp Scrubs for middle school students. She volunteered at SSM- St. Mary's hospital and has presented to and mentored younger HCC students. She is majoring in nursing at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

Northeast- Gina Hansen, Grover, will begin Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health (MOSDOH) this summer. She has been involved in many projects with NEMO AHEC while a student at Truman State University.

Northwest- Hannah Ford is from the rural community of Osborn and attends William Jewell College. She has been pre-accepted to the University of Missouri School of Medicine through the Bryant Scholars Program. Hannah has been an active participant in the ACES program for several years, logging over 200 hours of participation.

Southeastern - Allison Mowrer graduated from Kennett High School this year and will attend the University of Missouri in Columbia this fall. Alli has participated in AHEC sponsored activities for the past 3 years, logging more than 100 hours of AHEC sponsored activities and countless volunteer hours for projects in her community and shadowing several local health care providers to learn more about their professions.

Southwest – Debra Wekesa, Springfield, will attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City six year medical school this summer. Debra joined the AHEC Career Enhancement Scholars (ACES) program in the Southwest region and immediately made a difference in our program with her enthusiasm to learn everything she could, to better prepare herself for a career in medicine.

Update on a few of the past MAHEC Tamra Lisy Scholarship recipients:

Kristen Alexander, Southeast Missouri, is a third year dental student at Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health. Kristen worked for SEMO AHEC prior to attending dental school.

Emily Pennick, MD, Northeast Missouri, graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and is now an OB/GYN resident at the Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington.

Adam Brown, MD, Southwest Missouri, graduated from the University of Missouri School of Medicine and is currently a resident in psychiatry.

Stephanie Richards, Southeast Missouri, is a registered nurse and working at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Caylee Hamann Johnson, West Central Missouri, is a registered clinical dietitian, working at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.



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