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#### Franklin County Commissioners award nursing scholarships to local students

**July 19, 2021 - Chambersburg, PA** – Recognizing the extraordinary demand for skilled nurses in Franklin County, the Franklin County Commissioners recently honored six area high school graduates with a one-time \$2,500 scholarship in order to pursue their career in nursing.

This is the fifth year of providing scholarships to area high school graduates. Since 2017, 30 \$2,500.00 nursing scholarships have been awarded to deserving area high school graduates. The scholarships are funded by proceeds from the sale of the county nursing home in 2013. Funds are directly applied toward tuition and/or room and board. This year, there were 11 eligible applicants.

Congratulations to these 2021 Franklin County high school graduates:

**Alyssa St. Clair** is a graduate of **Waynesboro Area Senior High School**. She will be attending Shenandoah University.

**Emily Horst**, a recent graduate of **James Buchanan High School**, will be attending Bloomsburg University.

**Ryleigh Timmons** is a graduate of **Cumberland Valley Christian School** and will be attending Penn State Mont Alto.

There are two **Chambersburg Area Senior High School** recipients:

**Brynn Hammond** will be attending the main campus of Penn State University while **Emily Brechbiel** will be attending Wilson College.

Our first Fannett-Metal recipient is **Tori Brookens**. Tori plans to attend James Madison University.

**Tiffany Bloyer**, Franklin County Human Resources Director, along with two notable panelists from the local healthcare industry, **Joanne Cochran**, Keystone Health’s founder, President, and CEO; and **Elyse Fisler**, Chief Nursing Officer for Wellspan’s Chambersburg and Waynesboro hospitals, reviewed applications and awarded points based on a rigorous rubric. “We continue to be very impressed with the academic qualifications consistently shown by our local high school seniors, and especially the desire each student possesses. Their passion for wanting to help others through healthcare is commendable. We sincerely hope these enthusiastic students will seek a career path locally and create a positive impact on the lives of the residents of Franklin County,” said Franklin County Commissioner Chairman Dave Keller.

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The Franklin County Nursing Scholarship is open to all high school seniors living and attending high school for at least one consecutive year in Franklin County and who have been accepted into an accredited four-year nursing program.

Applicants are required to include essays, briefly indicating their short and long term goals, as they pertain to nursing school. Letters of recommendation are required of each applicant's high school Guidance Counselor, as well as two other adults. Every applicant is also required to submit a copy of their official transcript. A stronger consideration will be given to students requiring financial assistance.

The 2022 Franklin County Nursing Scholarship Applications will be available in the first quarter of the year from area high school guidance departments as well as on the County's website. [www.franklincountypa.gov](http://www.franklincountypa.gov).



Six local high school graduates were each awarded a \$2,500 scholarship during a Franklin County Commissioners' Meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2021. From Left to Right: Commissioner John Flannery, Emily Horst, Tori Brookens, Ryleigh Timmons, Commissioner Dave Keller, Emily Brechbiel, Brynn Hammond, Alyssa St. Clair and Commissioner Robert Ziobrowski.

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