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Evans Nursing Scholarship Awards Over $210,000 to Support Rogue Valley Nursing Students

Foundation awards record amount to nursing students in 2025

ASHLAND — Ashland Community Health Foundation (ACHF) announces the 2025 recipients of the William G. and Ruth T. Evans Endowed Nursing Scholarship, awarding over $210,000 to support nursing education in the Rogue Valley ahead of the foundation's annual awards luncheon.

Established in 2002 by Ruth Evans, herself a registered nurse, the scholarship program has now awarded more than $1.7 million over 23 years to students pursuing nursing degrees at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) at Southern Oregon University or at Rogue Community College.

This year, the scholarship selection committee awarded $198,500 from the Evans Nursing Scholarship to support fourteen students entering the 2025-26 school year across multiple nursing programs:

From the OHSU Accelerated Program:

Heather Daylene Ayers, Emma Baeth, Alyssa Buswell, Jasmine Centeno, Desiree Powell, Caitlyn Weinberger

From the OHSU 3-Year Program:

Hannah Bohnert, Mikayla Caddock, Ryan Oliver, Haley Yasui

From the RCC 2-Year Program:

Madison Herinckx, Jeremiah McGuffee, Caylee Mikels, Taylor Widlund

Additionally, more than $12,000 from the Evans Nursing Scholarship will support 24 students in the graduating class of Rogue Community College's Licensed Practical Nursing Program, covering state licensing and exam fees to help graduates move swiftly into the workforce.

“With nursing graduates often entering the workforce carrying significant educational debt, the Evans Nursing Scholarship continues to reduce financial barriers while addressing the need for qualified nurses in our community,” says ACHF executive director, Stephanie Roland.

All scholarship recipients will be celebrated at the Ashland Community Health Foundation's upcoming awards luncheon, recognizing their dedication to improving health care quality in the Rogue Valley.

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