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Merrimack Valley Hospital and its Medical Staff Award a Total of 10 Student Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

Haverhill, MA –At a recent reception held at Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH), ten financial scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors from area high schools.

Six of the ten students received a scholarship from the hospital for their high academic standing and their intent to pursue a career in health care. "It is with great pleasure that we award these students for their dedication to their studies and their desire to pursue a career in the health care field," stated MVH's chief executive officer, Michael Collins. "There is an enormous amount of talent here, and I look forward to the positive contributions all these individuals will undoubtedly make to our society," added Collins.

The students are William Barrett, Georgetown High School; Kathleen Chenery, Pentucket Regional High School; Lindsay Desharnais, Timberlane Regional High School; Vincent Pham, Haverhill High School; Amy Puopolo, Pentucket Regional High School; and Jordan Marie Sanford, Amesbury High School.

The hospital's medical staff awarded four of the ten scholarships to students entering a four year college and majoring in a specified area of health care. The students were also selected for their academic performance and community service activities.

"The medical staff is happy to present these students with college scholarships because they have proven their desire to improve the health and well-being of our society by demonstrating their

commitment to community and their desire to enter the field of health care, "stated the president of the medical staff, Peter Rees, MD, FCFP.

The students are Danielle Epstein, Georgetown High School; Kaileigh Grams, Timberlane High School; Keenan Leonard-Solis, Pentucket Regional High School; and Heather Lee Smyth from Haverhill High School.

All scholarship applicants were reviewed by the hospital's CEO, the hospital's medical director George Kwass, MD, and the human resources director Joan Lyford.

Photo Attached:

Top Row: (From Left) Kaileigh Grams, Timberlane High School; Lindsay Desharnais, Timberlane Regional High School; William Barrett, Georgetown High School; Keenan Leonard-Solis, Pentucket Regional High School

Bottom Row: (From Right) Jordan Marie Sanford, Amesbury High School; Danielle Epstein, Georgetown High School; Heather Smyth, Haverhill High School, Vincent Pham, Haverhill High School; Amy Puopolo, Pentucket Regional High School

Not pictured: Kathleen Chenery; Pentucket Regional High School

About Merrimack Valley Hospital

Merrimack Valley Hospital maintains 108 acute care beds, 17 adult behavioral medicine beds. All are private rooms. The hospital's clinical strengths include a 24-hour emergency department; orthopedic, endoscopic and general surgery; adult behavioral medicine care with a focus on geriatric issues. MVH also provides a wide range of outpatient services, such as surgical day care; x-rays; MRI exams; PET-Scans; 64-Slice CT Scans; digital mammography; bone density testing; dysphasia testing; nuclear medicine; and physical therapy.

The hospital's awards for excellence include the Excellence Through Insight Award, 2008 (HealthStream Research); #1 Nursing Team in New England Award, 2003 (Advance for Nursing Magazine); National Quality Leader Award for Pneumonia Care, 2006 (CareScience Select Practice); High Reliability Cardiac Care Award, 2006 (MassPRO); Top 100 Best Acute Care Hospital Award, 2004 (Total Benchmark Solutions); and Top Ranked Community Value Provider Award, 2007 (Cleverley & Associates). An affiliate of Essent Healthcare, Inc., the hospital serves Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. More information can be found at www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com.

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