

2013 AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Award Recipient

Alicia Steed, BSN, RN-BC, Lifetime Achievement Award

As a Nurse Educator in the Department of Educational Services at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Alicia is the most tenured and experienced cardiac nurse educator. She functions in many nursing roles including nurse clinician, teacher, mentor, facilitator, collaborator and consultant for Providence ministries and the Spokane Community. Alicia's cardiac experience is legendary. One of the most popular classes she developed was *Rhythms without the Blues*. She can help anyone learn and understand cardiac dysrhythmias, even being asked to teach new physicians because they understand rhythms better from her than the MD teaching program. In the late 70s and 80s when TPA treatment became available, Alicia took on the role as an outreach educator for the Cardiac Emergency Network, promoting emergency cardiac care to rural hospitals. Alicia has been instrumental in promoting interdisciplinary education in the hospital setting, working collaboratively with medical residents, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, and anesthesia. Alicia has contributed to local nursing organizations throughout her career. She is a passionate cultural diversity advocate, and volunteers in her community and church activities. When asked about her passion, Alicia says it is her belief in teamwork, cooperation, and sharing is what drives her nursing practice. "I don't have the energy to do it all. My greatest satisfaction is to mentor others."

\$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

Rhianna Brady, WSU BSN Student

Pursuing a nursing career has been Rhianna's goal as soon as she started her first job as a caregiver for developmentally disabled individuals. As a single mother of two, she attended nursing school, followed by a Certification in Gastroenterology. She then completed training to care for patients with mechanical hearts and heart transplantation. Continuing to learn and expand her skills are important to Rhianna. She is currently working in an Advanced Cardiac Care Unit and hopes to move into a Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. With two years experience of ICU experience, her ultimate goal is to pursue a career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

Rebecca Clark, Chamberlain College BSN Student

After having the opportunity at age 12 to be a Candy Striper at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Becky knew she wanted to be a nurse. At that time, she was instilled with an understanding that her role in caring for patients was very important in helping them to wellness. She achieved her dream of becoming an RN in 1991. However, her ultimate goal was to earn her BSN, which she will finish in June 2013. For almost 13 years, Becky has worked as a Radiology Nurse, obtaining her specialty certification in 2004. However, she is eager to move on to another specialty and is considering Wound Care. Becky has been a nurse for nearly 37 years and still loves her profession because she can help people in body, mind, spirit, and soul.

Christiana Link, Spokane Community College, RN ADN Student

Christiana plans to complete her ADN degree in June 2013. She is taking prerequisites for the WSU BSN program and hopes to start this online program in January 2014, completing it within 18 months to pursue her DNP. Christiana is an advocate for organizations such as IENA and believes that lobbying efforts benefit the profession and are crucial to the industry as well as the safety and security of patients. She plans to become more involved in her local organization when she finishes school and enters the nursing workforce.