

2016 AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

EXCELLENCE IN NURSING PRACTICE AWARD

**Melissa Charbonneau, RN, PHN; Peggy Slider, RN, MS, PHN;
Rhonda Crooker, RN, PHN**

"We need handouts" said the Public Health Nurses. Melissa, Peggy, and Rhonda were working with community groups, schools, and caregivers but were challenged with needing hands-on approaches for those working with children exposed to trauma. They utilized their nursing skills and research knowledge to develop a 178-page toolkit for people involved in the health and wellbeing of our children. The handbook is available online or can be ordered through SRHD.

EXCELLENCE IN NURSING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Robin Knaff Baker, RN

Robin began her leadership journey when she forged new territory by creating the role of a wound, ostomy and continence nurse in rural N Dakota, advocating for a particular standard of expert nursing care for wound and ostomy patients. Eventually making her way to Spokane, she created a role as a consultant to long-term care facilities. Robin has been the model of leadership with an impact that is not limited to the profession of nursing, but also on physicians, PT/OT, dieticians and patients. Over the course of 30+ years, she consistently provides leadership to nurses employed in a variety of settings. Robin has touched innumerable lives and as a leader has opened more doors of opportunity to fellow nurses than we can ever imagine.

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Jennifer Banks, ADN Student

Currently in her 4th quarter of the ADN program at SCC, Jennifer plans to pursue the RN-BSN program at WSU, followed by the BSN-DNP Family Practitioner program. She currently serves as Secretary of SCC's Nursing Club, and has been an active participant in IENA legislative activities. "Nurses have taken control of their careers, their lives, and their impact on patient care. Once graduated, I really hope to make a difference for patients individually and collectively.

Christina Duncan, BSN, MSN/DNP Student

Christina believes her passion for nursing is her calling. The compassion and empathy she gives to each patient comes naturally, and she is rewarded by knowing that she is making a difference, "Being active in your professional nursing organization is important personally as well as professionally to ensure our voices are heard." Upon completion of the DNP program, Christina plans to work as a family nurse practitioner, caring for women and children.

Anna Nedashkovskiy, ADN Student

Following completion of the SCC nursing program, Anna plans to complete her BSN degree while working as a nurse and focusing on the individual as a whole and encompass the mind, body and soul. It is her dream to earn a Master's degree of Nursing in Education and teach nursing students the legacy of the nursing profession that was founded by Florence Nightingale. She emphasizes the importance of being involved with your professional nursing organization to stay aware of current issues, research, and assume active roles as advocates in health care.

Allesondra Straggi, ADN Student

After earning her Associate's Degree from SCC, Allesondra will pursue her Bachelor's Degree from Boise State University, followed by completing the BSN-DNP program at WSU. With five years' experience as a CNA, she appreciates the invaluable relationships with her patients. Humbled and inspired by the courage and integrity of a hospice nurse during the passing of her mother, Allesondra is compassionate about being a positive influence to her patients and their families.

Valeriy Titov, ADN Student

A long awaiting dream for Valeriy is to graduate with his ADN in December 2016. He plans to pursue a nursing career, hopefully as a floor nurse, while returning to school to earn his BSN. He is also considering the nurse practitioner program. Valeriy enjoys one-on-one direct patient care, as it gives him an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and joy. He feels that nurses have the best jobs and can make all the difference for a patient during their hospital stay.