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UAMS Nursing Students Receive Scholarships

FAYETTEVILLE – Nursing students from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) were recently awarded scholarships made possible by the Harvey and Bernice Jones Trust for Nursing of Springdale.

The eight UAMS College of Nursing students, all of whom live and work in Northwest Arkansas, were each awarded \$5,000 for the 2019-2020 academic year (\$2,500 per semester). The graduate-level nursing students and their families gathered at the Concourse Stage at the Jones Center in Springdale for the scholarship presentation.

Congratulating the students and presenting the scholarships were Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., R.N., dean of the College of Nursing; Pearl McElfish, Ph.D., MBA, vice chancellor of the UAMS Northwest Regional Campus; and Lauren Haggard-Duff, Ph.D., R.N., clinical assistant professor in the College of Nursing at the Northwest Campus.

“I know our students are very grateful to receive these scholarships,” Cowan said. “They already work full- and part-time jobs serving our region as nurses as they pursue their graduate-level degrees. Thanks to the Jones Trust for Nursing’s commitment to health care and education, these scholarships will help ease some of their financial obligations.”

The following students received scholarships, listed with the degrees to which they aspire:

- Jessica Harper — D.N.P., Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nicholas Hopkins — M.N.Sc., Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Amanda Potter — M.N.Sc., Family Nurse Practitioner
- Erin Roussell — M.N.Sc., Family Nurse Practitioner
- Alissa Scherer — M.N.Sc., Family Nurse Practitioner
- Marcie Schock — M.N.Sc., Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Megan Taylor — D.N.P., Family Nurse Practitioner
- Diana Torres — M.N.Sc., Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Daniel E. Ferritor, Ph.D., former trustee of the Jones Trust and former chancellor of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville spoke about the Harvey and Bernice Jones legacy.

“I know that Mrs. Jones would be thrilled because her dream was to have excellent nursing care in our Northwest Arkansas hospitals and clinics,” Ferritor said. “She advocated for all nursing excellence and sought strongly to advance graduate-level nursing in our region.”

After starting his business in 1918 with just two mules and a wagon, Harvey Jones eventually founded Jones Truck Lines, which became the largest privately owned and operated fleet in America. Throughout their lives, Harvey and Bernice Jones gave back to the entire Northwest Arkansas area, the state of Arkansas and especially the community of Springdale by generously supporting education and health care, among other regional projects.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS’ clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state’s Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

The UAMS Northwest Regional Campus includes 266 medical, pharmacy, nursing and health professions students, 57 medical and pharmacy residents, and 1,000 community-based faculty. The campus has nine clinics providing advanced health care. Faculty conduct research to improve community health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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