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SBL Foundation awards scholarships to employees continuing education

Fifteen Sarah Bush Lincoln employees furthering their education received scholarships administered through the SBL Health Foundation during a recent reception.

The scholarships are funded through endowments and were established by donors for the sole purpose of continuing education for Sarah Bush Lincoln employees.

Dr. Stan and Maggie Huffman Award - This

award was created by the Huffmans to help employees pursue nursing degrees or for nurses furthering their degrees. The recipients are Lindsey Ball, Walk-In Clinic, Kale Lumpp, Emergency Department, Jeff Repking, Laboratory, Erika Roderick, Emergency Department, and Tyler Winkleblack, 4 Medical. This is the first year for this award.

Dr. Kiran and Nandini Joag Award - This award is in honor of Dr. Joag's long-time nurse Wendy Henson

and is to help employees pursue nursing degrees or for nurses furthering their degrees. This year's recipients are Lindsey Ball, Walk-In Clinic, Kale Lumpp, Emergency Department, Jeff Repking, Laboratory, Erika Roderick, Emergency Department, and Tyler Winkleblack, 4 Medical. This is the first year for this award.

Junie Longcor Award - This award was created by Junie's family, Gary Longcor, in honor of the care she

received in the Regional Cancer Center during her battle. It is awarded annually to a Regional Cancer Center staff member. This year the recipient is Donna Kreke.

Mildred Seidel Perry Award - This award was established by her son Keith Perry and his wife, Mary Herrington-Perry to honor his mother's nursing career, which spanned six decades. This year it is awarded to Emily Gilmore, 3 West, and Jamie Worker, Women &

Children's Center.

Dr. John Jemsek Award - This award was established by fellow physicians honoring the career of Dr. Jemsek. This year's recipient is Brandon Wilson, 4 Medical.

Li-Shiang Chang Award - This award was established by his grandchildren due to the wonderful care he received in the Critical Care Unit, and is awarded annually to a critical care nurse. The recipient is Karen Lidy.

Dr. James Van Poper-

ing/Gastroenterology Award - This award was created in honor of Dr. Van Popering, formerly a gastroenterologist at SBL, for the purpose of education and/or certification of a gastroenterology nurse. The recipient is: Courtney Croy, Special Procedures.

For more information about the Health Foundation scholarships, contact Amy Card, Health Foundation director, at 217 258-2511.



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Pictured right to left: Nandini Joag, Kiran Joag, SBL VP Patient Care Continuum Sandy Miller, Lindsey Ball, Karen Lidy, Brandon Wilson, Reba Fritz, Jeff Repking, Carrie Aitken, Kale Lumpp, Courtney Croy, Lana Keigley, Megan Martin, Donna Kreke, Gary Longcor, Maggie Huffman, Stan Huffman. Masks were removed briefly for the photograph. Not pictured: Tyler Winkleblack, Emma Maulding, Erika Roderick, Jamie Worker, and Emily Gilmore.



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Some of the volunteers that assisted the American Legion and VFW members collect funds for the Honor Guard. The Tuscola group raised \$9,332.41 for Operation Honor Guard.

ROE #11 to granting assistance to support future teacher organizations

As part of their initiative to highlight the teaching profession and remove barriers to becoming a teacher, Regional Office of Education #11 is granting assistance to inspire future educators and provide them a pathway to pursue their passion for educating future generations.

Dr. Zakry Standerfer, Assistant Regional Superintendent, added, "It is critical for the future of our schools that we encourage the best and brightest high school students to pursue the noble profession of education." Area high schools

are encouraged to apply for the funding by sharing a vision for their future teacher program. Five will be selected to receive \$1000 after applications are reviewed and selected by a designated committee.

It is a priority of ROE #11 to elevate the teaching profession, which includes providing support, resources, and recognition for educators. In addition to escalating development and recruitment endeavors, an annual Recognition of Excellence Award was initiated in 2020. Dr. Thompson shared, "It is with great



honor that we validate the meaningful impact made by our outstanding educators throughout our rural region."

The Regional Office of Education #11 recently awarded 28 deserving educators throughout the region with awards of excellence, recognizing exceptionally skillful and dedicated individuals who have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and co-workers. They also play active and useful roles within their communities as well as schools; often distinguishing themselves

as leaders. Their most important quality is their In an effort to attract more high school students to the teaching profession, Regional Office of Education #11 (ROE #11) is excited to offer five \$1000 scholarships to high schools interested in starting or improving future teacher programs. Regional Superintendent Dr. Kyle Thompson states, "I hope to see every ROE #11 high schools build a successful future teacher organization to ensure the vitality of this great profession in our small, rural school districts."

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