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## Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary Awards \$67,500 in Scholarships

Giving scholarships since 1973, Tri-City's exceptional volunteer unit upholds their standard of patronage to deserving students in North County

OCEANSIDE, Calif. -- The <u>Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary</u> is awarding scholarships to 89 students in North County at an annual scholarship night on May 5, 2016.

Since 1973, the volunteer services arm of <u>Tri-City Medical Center</u> has awarded scholarships totaling \$764,900. North County nursing students at Mira Costa and Palomar were eligible for the scholarship as well as the hospital's Junior Volunteers. Many recipients return as employees after graduation to contribute to the exceptional level of care and service at Tri-City Medical Center.

"We believe in giving back to our local community, and through this scholarship program we have been able to make a difference that directly impacts the future of our hospital and the future of these students," says Connie Jones, chair of the scholarship committee and past president of the Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary. "Through the generosity of our donors, we are funding education for future nurses in North County and beyond, and the importance of that cannot be understated. The students at these institutions will be the nurses of tomorrow, and we are proud to help them achieve success at any stage of their career."

The Auxiliary also believes in rewarding Junior Volunteers for devoting their time to serving others at the hospital. The Junior Volunteers who are receiving scholarships are graduating high school seniors who have volunteered at least 100 hours at the hospital through the Auxiliary and will be continuing their education at a college or university.

Scholarships are awarded to students selected by a committee which reviews and ranks each application.

Interested members of the community can learn more about volunteer opportunities by calling the Volunteer office at (760) 940-3125 or by sending a message from the website at <u>www.tricityhospitalvolunteers.org</u>.

## About Tri City Medical Center

Tri-City Medical Center has served its community for over 50 years and is a 397 bed full service, acutecare hospital in Oceanside, Calif. with a primary care clinic and over 700 physicians practicing in 60 specialties. Its Gold Seal of Approval<sup>®</sup> from the Joint Commission recognizes its commitment to safe and effective patient care for the residents of the community it serves. It operates the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in North County as well as an Orthopaedic & Spine Institute, a Cardiovascular Health Institute and a Neuroscience Institute along with the Tri-City Wellness Center in Carlsbad, Calif., recognized as one of the best wellness centers in San Diego County. It also specializes in women's health, robotic surgery, cancer and emergency care. Tri-City Medical Center has received its fifth consecutive "A" rating from the national hospital safety scoring organization, The Leapfrog Group.

For more information about Tri-City Medical Center and Tri-City Healthcare District, please visit <u>www.tricitymed.org</u>.

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