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CRMC Honors Teenage Volunteers

Nine high school seniors were recognized for their volunteer efforts at Cortland Regional Medical Center during the recent Auxiliary Luncheon hosted by the Cortland Country Club. Teenage volunteers (TAV) made a significant contribution to the medical center during the past year. In all, 110 high school students provided assistance in areas such as: nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, clerical, laboratory, food service, coffee shop, and in the Cortland Regional Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

The nine graduates contributed a total of 2,872 volunteer hours to the medical center over the course of their high school careers. To help reward this dedication, these college bound seniors were awarded three memorial scholarships and nine CRMC Auxiliary scholarships. Total value of the scholarships is \$10,300.

The Lorraine McCarthy Scholarship, named in honor of a former CRMC nurse and TAV supervisor, was presented to Jennifer Osipov. The award is intended to help further the education of a student interested in a nursing or medical career. In addition, Jennifer received an Evelyn Crofoot Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Loyal Circle of King's Daughters and is awarded to a student intending to pursue a career in nursing. Jennifer also received a CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship. A graduate of Dryden High School, Jennifer is the daughter of Alexey and Svetlana Osipov. She plans to attend Tompkins Cortland Community College and major in Nursing.

The Thomas D. and Lucille F. Garrity TAV Scholarship was presented to Emma Capps. Emma also received a CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship. A graduate of Homer High School, she plans to attend Mercyhurst College to study Forensic Anthropology. Emma is the daughter of Patrick and Margaret Capps.

Seven other students were presented CRMC Auxiliary Scholarships. They are: Nichole Bennett, Joel Darmento, Maya Gebhardt, Amanda Joslin, Luke Pedersen, Elise Schmidt, and Shelby Withiam.

Nicole Bennett, daughter of Chauncey and Chris Bennett, will continue her education at SUNY-Alfred, majoring in Video Game Design. Nicole is a Homer High School graduate.

Joel Darmento, son of Paul and Joanne Darmento, is also a graduate of Homer High School. Joel plans to attend Nashville Auto Diesel College in the fall and major in Auto Collision Technology.

Maya Gebhardt, daughter of Jeff and Gonda Gebhardt, is a graduate of Cortland High School. She will attend Ithaca College to study towards a degree in Nutritional Sciences.

Amanda Joslin, daughter of Denise Rice, is a Cincinnatus High School graduate. Amanda will continue her education at Cazenovia College and plans to study Criminal Justice.

Luke Pedersen, son of Russell and Terry Pedersen, will continue his education at SUNY-Geneseo, majoring in Pre-Medicine. Luke is a Homer High School graduate.

Elise Schmidt, daughter of Kurt and Lori Schmidt, is a graduate of Cincinnatus High School. She will attend LeMoyne College in the fall and major in Psychology and Health.

Shelby Withiam, daughter of Mark and Carolyn Withiam, is a graduate of Homer High School. Nichole will continue her studies at Nazareth College where she will major in Physical Therapy.

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