

Past Recipients of the Roseway Hospital Student Sponsorship Bursary:

Starling Nickerson, Diagnostic Imaging Technologist

As a young girl, Starling Nickerson remembers helping members of her family when they got sick. “I decided that if I enjoyed caring for my family, I’d also enjoy taking care of others as a career,” said Starling.

Starling first thought she might go into nursing. Then a guidance counsellor at Barrington Municipal High School organized a visit to the hospital where Starling got to experience the diagnostic imaging department. “This experience as a student made it clear that a career in radiological technology best suited me,” she said.

Starling said she always planned to return to Shelburne County. “My goal was always to come back and work at the Roseway Hospital to give back to my community. I feel very honored to be selected as one of the successful applicants of the Roseway Hospital student sponsorship program.”

Robynn Christie, Registered Nurse

As a graduate of the Dalhousie School of Nursing, Yarmouth site, Robynn Christie is fulfilling a family dream. Her mother and grandmother both dreamed of becoming nurses, but were not able to pursue it.

Robynn was the first nursing student from Shelburne County to receive a bursary from the Roseway Hospital Health Care Student Sponsorship Program.

“I love to work inter-professionally. It is great to have the views of many health care professionals and to work together to provide the best patient care,” said Robynn.

Kaitlyn Shand, Registered Nurse

When she was a child, Kaitlyn Shand remembers the time she spent visiting a relative in the hospital who had been diagnosed with cancer.

“The care they received from the nursing staff was phenomenal,” said Kaitlyn. “Among all the negative memories, the nurses are the one positive thing I will never forget.”

Kaitlyn continued to be inspired by those who mentored her as a student nurse at Roseway Hospital. “I know that sounds cliché,” said Kaitlyn, “But after taking the nursing program, and working in long-term care over the summers, nursing feels less like a job and more like a passion.”

Jessica Madden, Registered Nurse

Giving back to the community has always been important to Jessica Madden. Growing up in the Barrington area, Jessica has coached young people in softball and bowling, and has organized and hosted several memorial lob ball tournaments in her community. She also has been a fundraiser and participant in the Relay for Life in memory of a dear friend. It is the memory of her friend that helped shape Jessica's career plans.

"Having a friend with cancer who spent a vast majority of time in and out of hospitals certainly influenced my decision to become a nurse," said Jessica. "Being from a rural area has inspired me to want to give back to the community. I believe that working at Rose-way Hospital as a registered nurse is great opportunity to give back."

While still a relatively new nurse, Jessica has some advice for anyone thinking about nursing: "This career is very rewarding, and I cannot picture myself doing anything else at this point."

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