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RE: St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary awards \$16,000 in scholarships to local healthcare students

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On June 24, 2008, St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary awarded eight \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing careers in healthcare.

The St. Elizabeth's Auxiliary Scholarships are granted yearly to qualified candidates who plan to enter the healthcare field after they complete their education at an accredited college or university. Recipients agree to maintain a passing grade *average* and to submit their transcripts to the Scholarship Committee at the conclusion of each term.

The recipients included:

- **Aaron Archer** of Columbia. Aaron attends Southern Illinois University Edwardsville studying to achieve a Nursing degree. He plans to further his education in completing a Master's degree program in Anesthesia.

- **Kristen Avara** of Waterloo. Kristen is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree from Illinois State University

• **Arnè Burns** of Mascoutah. Arnè will attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to study Pre-Med. She hopes to work in the pediatric field some day.

• **Erin Killebrew** of Smithton. Erin attends Saint Louis University studying to become an Occupational Therapist.

• **Crystal Mabra** of Belleville. Crystal is pursuing a degree in Radiologic Technology at Southwestern Illinois College.

• **Amanda Rensing** of Mascoutah. Amanda will begin the Nursing program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She was a youth volunteer who completed her diocese senior project at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

• **Karen Schneider** of Mascoutah. Karen attends Lutheran School of Nursing studying to be a Nurse.

• **Yashmeen Zinn** of Belleville. Yashmeen is pursuing a Nursing degree at Southwestern Illinois College.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary was created in 1935 to support St. Elizabeth's Hospital, its numerous programs and partnering organizations. Currently consisting of 166 members, the Auxilians promote the hospital within the community and raise scholarship funds by planning special events throughout the year. To date, approximately \$170,000 has been awarded to area healthcare students since 1987.

For more information on the Auxiliary Scholarships call Holly at 618.234.2120, ext. 1280.

Photo provided, cutline: **2008 St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship winners**, from left to right: Yashmeen Zinn, Amanda Rensing, Aaron Archer, Kristen Avara, Arne Burns, Karen Schneider, and Crystal Mabra.