

Tennessee PA Foundation Report

By Frank Warren, PA-C, Foundation Secretary/Treasurer

We would like to thank all of our PA Foundation supporters this year. The Foundation started off at the end of 2020 with a bank balance of \$2,197.40 and through the continued generosity of several of our members, we were able to award five deserving PA students a total of \$4,000 in scholarships at TAPA's annual FallFest CME Conference.

While the scholarships were very much appreciated by this year's recipients, we would have loved to distribute more in scholarships to deserving students. In 2020 we awarded \$9,000 to PA students in several of Tennessee's PA programs.

Sadly, this year a few of our very loyal contributors have moved out of state, retired or are no longer with us. And with that I would like to say a word of thanks and remembrance to Eugene Platt. Last year, Eugene lost his battle with cancer, and we have all lost a dedicated, compassionate, humble, giving and kind provider and fellow PA. Eugene served several years on TAPA's Board of Directors, as a delegate to AAPA's House of Delegates and also in recent years on the PA Foundation.

For those who were not at FallFest, our scholarship winners were:

Eden Buchanan, Trevecca PA Program, expected graduation is August 2022. She is already a graduate of Austin Peay University with a double major in biology and chemistry. Her work experience includes working at the Vanderbilt Nuclear Medicine program and is a Member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Her goal as a PA is to work in oncology after graduation. Eden received a \$500 JC Carey Memorial Scholarship.

Melanie Kay Anderson, Lipscomb University PA Program, expected graduation December 2022. She is already a graduate of Brigham Young University in Medical Laboratory Science. She has been a volunteer church missionary, health education intern in "Needs Beyond Medicine" and even makes time to play the violin! As a future PA, she sees a need and already looks forward to precepting other PA students. Melanie received a \$500 JC Carey Memorial Scholarship.

Brenley Deters, South College PA Program in Knoxville, expected graduation December 2022. Brenley is already a graduate of the University of Missouri in Health Science and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Certified Nursing Assistant. She volunteers in the "Under the Bridge" medical care organization and her goal is to work in primary care upon graduation. She is a student member of the AAPA and TAPA. Brenley received a \$500 JC Carey Memorial Scholarship.

Kristina Harvey, Bethel University, expected graduation May 2022. Kristina is already a graduate the University of Kentucky in Biology and received her Master of Science in Medical Sciences a year later. She is the Class of 2022 Treasurer and Student Admissions Representative. Her goals as a PA are to work in surgery and obtain a doctorate in Medical Sciences to eventually become an instructor in PA education at an institution. Kristina received a \$500 JC Carey Memorial Scholarship.

John Munson, Bethel University, expected graduation May 2023. John served in the United States Marine Corps from 1997 to 2018 in linguistics and reconnaissance. He was a helicopter pilot for 20 years, including three combat tours of duty. He received a Bachelor's in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College. He is a Crossfit level 2 trainer and volunteer soccer coach. He also served as an air ambulance pilot. John states he is committed to become a PA to help people from all backgrounds to recover from illness and injury. John received the James Montag, Jr Military Service PA Scholarship of \$2,000.

We hope as this year comes to a close and you plan your charitable giving, you will consider a tax-deductible donation to the PA Foundation as the Foundation is an IRS 501(c)3 charitable organization. You may mail your donation to PO Box 150785, Nashville, Tennessee 37215 or you may contact TAPA's office at (615) 463-0026 and they can help you set up monthly automatic withdrawals or a onetime gift by other electronic means.

Help to make a difference in a future PA's career through helping them now. You will also be helping the PA profession by supporting our future fellow PAs and leaders of tomorrow.

Our hope is 2022 will be a wonderful and blessed year for you, your families, and your patients.