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**AHA Career Center Announces Winners  
of 2008 Fall NHCN Scholarships**

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*Scholarship program helps promote health care as a career choice and support continuing education*

WASHINGTON, DC – October 13, 2008 - The American Hospital Association's Career Center, announced today the six winners of the fall 2008 National Healthcare Career Network Scholarship program.

The goal of this scholarship program is to promote health care as a career choice for dedicated, ambitious and talented students who are preparing for their future. Additionally, it is aimed at those who are committed to being life long learners, sharing their knowledge through participating in professional societies, community organizations and networking groups.

Chosen from more than 200 applicants, the scholarship program will provide each winner with \$1,000 to help them prepare for or further their health care careers.

The 2008 fall scholarship winners are:

- Marisol Balistreti – University of San Diego
- Jessalyn Gale – Duke University
- Brittney Lutsch – Marquette University
- Nkechi Ileka – Catholic University of America
- Alona Dalusung-Angosta – University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Crystal Rae Kimble – Cardiac & Vascular Institute of Ultrasound, Inc.

The scholarships were announced during the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA) Annual Conference, October 11-14, in Austin, TX.

"The committee was very impressed with the submissions from the scholarship winners," said Anthony J. Burke, President and CEO of AHA Solutions, Inc., "and the AHA is proud to offer these scholarship awards to individuals who are passionate about making a difference in health care. We are delighted to help start them on their journey."

The winners were selected by a committee of AHA Career Center Charter Members (Frankford Hospital of the City of Philadelphia; Health First, Inc.; Main Line Health; Memorial Health System; Scripps Health; St. Luke's Health System; Thomas Jefferson University Methodist Division Hospital; Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc.) and select staff members of National Healthcare Career Network, American Hospital Association, and Institute for Diversity in Health Management.

"As a nursing professional committed to improving health and health care, this scholarship will allow me to give back to the community at large by utilizing the advanced knowledge gained from my degree to make a difference in ones life. I also hope to inspire future generations of nurses and the general public working as an Advanced Public Health Nurse," said Nkechi Ileka.

This NHCN scholarship program is made possible through the ongoing generous funding by the AHA's Career Center Charter Members (**Scripps Health**, San Diego; **Health First**, Rockledge, FL; **St. Luke's Health System**, Boise, ID; **Memorial Health System**, Springfield, IL; **Jefferson Health System**, Philadelphia, PA; **Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare**, Milwaukee, WI; **Lakeland Regional Medical Center**, Lakeland, FL; **Kettering Health Network**, Kettering, OH; and **Rapid City Regional Hospital**, Rapid City, SD;).

The 2009 spring NHCN scholarship cycle will begin in April 2009. For full details on the next cycle visit the website at [www.aha-solutions.org](http://www.aha-solutions.org) (under AHA Career Center). For information about the **AHA Career Center** visit <http://careers.aha.org> or the **National Healthcare Career Network**, visit [www.nationalhealthcarecareernetwork.com](http://www.nationalhealthcarecareernetwork.com).

**About AHA**—The American Hospital Association (AHA) is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, and other providers of care, and 38,000 individuals. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

**About AHA Solutions**—AHA Solutions, Inc. is a resource to hospitals pursuing operational excellence. As an American Hospital Association (AHA) member service, AHA Solutions collaborates with hospital leaders and market consultants to conduct product due diligence and identify solutions to hospital challenges in the areas of finance, human resources, patient flow and technology. AHA Solutions provides related marketplace analytics and education to support product decision-making. As a subsidiary of the AHA, the organization convenes people with like interests for knowledge sharing centered on timely information and research. AHA Solutions is proud to reinvest its profits in the AHA mission: creating healthier communities. For more information, contact AHA Solutions at (800) 242-4677 or visit [www.aha-solutions.org](http://www.aha-solutions.org).

**About the National Healthcare Career Network**—The National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN) brings together health care audiences across the health care spectrum and connects them through a single network. The NHCN aligns health care associations – asking each one to become involved – owning and participating together to create a network of linked professional health care membership organizations to provide job placement, career development and advancement opportunities to health care professionals. NHCN's Managing Partner, Boxwood is participating with founding partners, ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership and The American Hospital Association to promote health care associations as the preferred resource for finding healthcare talent. For more information on the NHCN visit [www.NationalHealthcareCareerNetwork.com](http://www.NationalHealthcareCareerNetwork.com).

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