

A total of \$3,350 will be granted to 10 local students. They will be issued by the Perkins County Health Services Foundation. The scholarship committee consists of foundation board members Kenny Wykert, Grant; Diana Maupin, Venango; and Michele Cutler, Elsie.

Along with providing financial help to local health services, the PCHS Foundation Board feels that helping young people pursue their goals in medical studies is a high priority.

### **Kalyn Hanson**

Kalyn will receive the \$1,000 Jeppesen Christian or Health Education Scholarship. She is the daughter of Jim and Kelly Hanson of rural Elsie.

Kalyn plans to attend Frontier School of the Bible to seek a missionary education. Upon completing her studies there, she plans to attend an accredited college and obtain her teaching degree.

Kalyn has been involved in her church and also involved in various school activities. She hopes to someday be able to teach, either here in the United States or abroad and fulfill her dream of sharing God's word with others.

### **Leslie Burge**

With an interest in becoming a physical therapist, Leslie Burge is awarded a \$250 Max R. and Irene C. Kurkowski Health Services Scholarship. The daughter of Dan and Julie Burge and Val Hochstein, all of Grant, Leslie will major in business and pursue a physical therapy degree at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Leslie would like to return to a rural area and establish and maintain a career as a physical

therapist, helping people work towards healthier living. Leslie has also been awarded the Dean's Scholarship at UN-K.

### **Josi Hasenauer**

Josi Hasenauer, daughter of Todd and Donalyn Hasenauer of Wallace, is the recipient of a \$250 Max R. and Irene C. Kurkowski Health Services Scholarship. Josi plans to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University to study nursing. She will begin her college career with 18 credit hours already earned while in high school.

Josi plans to also participate in band and theatre while at Northwestern Oklahoma State and eventually return to rural Nebraska to practice nursing.

### **Jena Aylward**

Jena is the daughter of Jeff and Kendra Aylward of Dickens. She is to receive a \$250 Perkins County Health Services Foundation Scholarship. Her plans are to attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney and obtain her Bachelor of Science in nursing with a minor in Spanish.

Jena has been involved in various sports and other activities in school and hopes to be on the college dean's list. She would like to like to come back to this area to begin her nursing career.

### **Leigh Briggs**

Leigh, the daughter of Chod and Pam Briggs of Grant, will receive a \$250 Perkins County Health Services Foundation Scholarship. She will enter Southeast Community College in Lincoln to pursue her Bachelor of Science in nursing. She recently completed a Certified Nursing Assistant program and is a work-study student at PCHS.

Leigh has not lived in the Grant community long, but hopes to return to Perkins County and begin her nursing career after completing her education.

### **McKayla Vlasin**

McKayla Vlasin is the daughter of Pat and Patti Vlasin of Grant. She will receive a \$250 Perkins County Health Services Foundation Scholarship.

McKayla is currently a student at Bryan/LGH in Lincoln studying to be a sonographer.

In 2009, upon her graduation from PCHS, McKayla was the recipient of a \$300 Grinton United Methodist Church Scholarship, sponsored by PCHSF.

### **Mackenzie Hite**

Mackenzie is the recipient of a \$300 Grinton United Methodist Church Scholarship. The daughter of Shayne and Penny Hite of Grant, Mackenzie plans to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University with an intended major in biochemistry.

Upon completing her degree, she plans to then enter the field of radiology.

### **Dani Schimonitz**

Dani, daughter of Deb Schimonitz of Grant, is the recipient of a \$300 Grinton United Methodist Church Health Education Scholarship. She will attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney majoring in radiology.

Described as conscientious, hard-working, artistic and respectful by her teachers, Dani has worked hard as boys' basketball student manager, in museum maintenance and youth council endeavors.

### **Lyndee Schrotberger**

Daughter of Kelly Skinner and Chris Schrotberger, both of Grant, Lyndee has been awarded a \$250 Kroeker Health Education Scholarship.

Her plans include an education from Southeast Community College in Lincoln to achieve a career as a medical assistant. She has been working part-time at the Grant Pharmacy as well as active in academic and extra curricular activities. Jorje Jette Geisert of the Grant Pharmacy praises Lyndee as one who does her job as well as the unasked tasks at her work.

### **Annika Wickizer**

Annika is the recipient of a \$250 Kroeker Health Education Scholarship. She is the daughter of Clay and Cindy Wickizer of Wallace.

Her goal is to go to University of Nebraska at Kearney this fall to major in nursing. After her degree, she is thinking of becoming a traveling or pediatric nurse.

Helping others is Annika's primary drive when thinking about her future. Her work experience has variety: babysitting, waitressing, and weighing feed trucks at a feedlot.