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## CHEROKEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Every spring, Cherokee Regional Medical Center and the Cherokee Regional Medical Center Auxiliary each give scholarships to area high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in health care. There were many outstanding applicants from the graduating class of 2017 so a total of eight scholarships were awarded.

Four CRMC Kenneth Hobson Memorial Scholarships were awarded this year. The recipients were MaKenna Carver and Madison Hodgdon, graduates of Cherokee Washington High School; as well as Kadie Bauer and Amanda Litka graduates of South O'Brien High School.

MaKenna is the daughter of Calvin and Susan Carver. She will attend Iowa Central Community College with plans to transfer to the University of Iowa to study radiation therapy.

Madison is the daughter of James and Karmen Hodgdon. She will attend South Dakota State University to major in pharmacy.

Kadie is the daughter of Scott and Kari Bauer. She plans to attend Northwestern College to specialize in critical care and flight nursing.

Amanda is the daughter of Dennis and Sharon Litka. She will attend Harvard University with plans to continue on to medical school to study oncology and neurology.

The recipient of the CRMC John M. Comstock Scholarship is Joel VandeLune, son of Dr. Chris and Lisa VandeLune. Joel plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in biology and human physiology, continuing on the path of pre-med.

The recipients of the CRMC Auxiliary Scholarships were Cherokee Washington High School graduate Kayla Riedemann; Alta-Aurelia High School graduate Hanna Westphal; and South O'Brien High School graduate Whitney Sickelka.

Kayla is the daughter of Bryan and Tina Riedemann of Cherokee. She will be attending the University of Iowa this fall to pursue her nursing degree.

Hanna is the daughter of Tim and Kate Westphal of Aurelia. She will be attending the University of Iowa this fall to study nursing.

Whitney is the daughter of James and Denise Sickelka of Primghar. She will be attending South Dakota State this fall to pursue her nursing degree.

Congratulations to all of the CRMC scholarship winners. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

## PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PHOTOS...

Photo #1:

The 2017 CRMC Kenneth Hobson Memorial Scholarship winners: (left to right) – Kadie Bauer, Madison Hodgdon, MaKenna Carver, and Matt Johnson, CEO/President. Not present, Amanda Litka.



Photo #2: 2017 CRMC John M. Comstock Scholarship winner: (left to right) – Matt Johnson, CEO/President, and Joel VandeLune.



Picture #3 Attached:

2017 CRMC Auxiliary Scholarship winners: (left to right) – Melanie Rice, Auxiliary President; Kayla Riedemann, and Hanna Westphal. Not Present, Whitney Sickelka.

