



## Press Release

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### AHACareerCenter.org Announces 2011 NHCN Scholarship Winners

**CHICAGO, IL – December 16, 2010** - AHACareerCenter.org, the American Hospital Association's online site matching health care employers with the highest qualified candidates, announced the winners of its 2011 National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN) Scholarships. Renee Holst, attending St. Ambrose University in Bettendorf, Iowa, and Anne Monroe, RN, BSN, at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California, were awarded \$1500 scholarships to advance their careers in health care.

NHCN Scholarships recognize health care students and professionals for being life-long learners, mentors and volunteers engaged in professional societies, community organizations and networking groups as they advance in their careers.

"Every year, I am impressed by the applicants who demonstrate a high standard of commitment to health care," said Anthony Burke, CEO of AHA Solutions. "We're especially proud of this year's winners, a student dedicated to her career in Occupational Therapy and a nurse who made the honorable decision to serve our country in the Navy. We are confident these women will benefit the health care field for years to come."

A future Occupational Therapist, Ms. Holst worked on a research project addressing female adolescent physical activity levels and obesity rates from an Occupational Therapy perspective. This research allowed her to realize the importance of not only guidelines for physical activity, but also for social support to address an adolescent's physical environment. Ms. Holst chose the health care profession because she wants to provide client-centered care addressing an individual as a whole and not just treating the diagnosis.

"I would like to thank the AHA and the National Healthcare Career Network for supporting funding for this scholarship and for their support for students in the health care field. I'm honored to have been chosen as a recipient. I plan to use this funding to assist with my tuition for my last semester of graduate school in Occupational Therapy," said Ms. Holst

Ms. Moore began her professional career as an Emergency Room nurse focusing on acute trauma patients. As the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan escalated, Ms. Moore became an active duty nurse in the U.S. Navy to serve her country. Her deployment as a Critical Care Nurse and Combat Flight Nurse exposed her to caring for a variety of patients from the military to civilians. With limited physician access and supplies, she continuously exercised her critical thinking and materials management skills. Her experiences provided the motivation to pursue an advanced degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

"Growing up in Iowa, I saw how difficult it is to keep family medicine providers in rural areas," Ms. Moore commented. America's trend in provider education is moving away from family medicine, and I feel a strong desire to educate patients through health promotion and disease prevention. Nurse practitioners will be expected to fill that void to continue the health and well-being of America. After a tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom, I learned just how important primary medicine is and how blessed we are to have such excellent health care in the United States."

This year's scholarships have been made possible through the generous contributions of AHACareerCenter.org Charter Members, a group comprised of the nation's top hospitals and health care systems, whose leaders enthusiastically support health care education including St. Luke's Health System (ID), Regional Health (SD) Main Line Health (PA), Health First, Inc. (FL), Kettering Health Network (OH), Lakeland Regional Medical Center (FL), Scripps Health (CA), Memorial Health System (IL), Froedtert & Community Health (WI) along with the American



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For more information on the National Healthcare Career Network Scholarship Program, please visit [www.ahacareercenter.org](http://www.ahacareercenter.org).

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#### **About the AHA**

The [American Hospital Association](http://www.aha.org) is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals committed to the health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes nearly 5,000 hospitals and health care systems, networks, and other providers of care, and 37,000 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 [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

#### **About the National Healthcare Career Network**

Recognizing that critical staffing issues threaten hospitals' performance and quality of care, the AHA founded the National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN). By aligning more than 200 trade associations and professional societies on a common platform, NHCN provides health care organizations with access to a high quality talent pool of more than 2 million members, as well as vast data sources and HR-related tools housed in the affiliate associations. For more information, visit [www.NationalHealthcareCareerNetwork.com](http://www.NationalHealthcareCareerNetwork.com).

#### **About AHACareerCenter.org**

As part of the NHCN initiative, AHA Solutions manages AHACareerCenter.org, the lead online site matching health care employers with the highest qualified candidates. For more information, visit [www.ahacareercenter.org](http://www.ahacareercenter.org).

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