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**AHA Career Center Announces Winner  
of 2009 Spring NHCN Scholarship**

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

**WASHINGTON, DC – July 29, 2009** - The American Hospital Association's Career Center announced today that Pamela Rock has been awarded the 2009 **National Healthcare Career Network Scholarship**.

The focus of the scholarship program is to promote health care as a career choice for ambitious and talented students preparing for their futures. It is designed to award aspiring healthcare professionals who are committed to being lifelong learners, and who share their knowledge through participation in professional societies, community organizations and networking groups.

Chosen from over 150 applicants, Ms. Rock will dedicate the \$1,500 Scholarship award toward furthering her education and career as a Registered Nurse, a path she describes as her calling. Currently enrolled in Brevard Community College's Graduate Nursing program, Ms. Rock also works as a Paramedic ED Technician with Health First Holmes Regional and Cape Canaveral Hospitals. She resides in Cocoa, Florida.

"The committee was very impressed with the applicant submissions," said Anthony J. Burke, President and CEO of AHA Solutions, Inc. "The AHA is proud to offer scholarship awards to passionate individuals who want to make a difference in health care. We are delighted to support their educational advancements."

This NHCN scholarship program is made possible through the ongoing generous funding from the AHA's Career Center Charter Members. Winners were selected by a robust committee of health care organizations including: Health First, Inc. (FL), Lakeland Regional Medical Center (FL), Kettering Health Network (OH), Main Line Health (PA), Memorial Health System (IL), Regional Health (SD), Scripps Health (CA), St. Luke's Health System (ID), Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Methodist Division Hospital (PA), and Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc. (WI).

"I'm honored to receive this scholarship, which will allow me to fully focus on my school responsibilities," said Ms. Rock. "It is my immediate goal to excel in the Nursing Transition Program and to earn my RN degree. I will continue my personal growth by furthering my education and to educate others about health awareness."

For full details on the application process or for more information on the **AHA Career Center** and the National Healthcare Career Network Scholarship, please visit [www.ahacareercenter.org](http://www.ahacareercenter.org).

**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 5000 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. The AHA Career Center is a founding member of the National Healthcare Career Network and is managed by AHA Solutions, Inc., a for-profit subsidiary of the AHA. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org) or [www.ahacareercenter.org](http://www.ahacareercenter.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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