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Katahdin Valley Health Center Awards Scholarships

PATTEN, ME – June 7, 2007 – Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC), headquartered in Patten, Maine, today announced the recipients of the KVHC 2007 scholarships.

The six recipients are promising young students pursuing educations at the undergraduate level for future careers in the medical field. KVHC scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic achievements, community service and potential future contributions in the health field.

Since 2000, KVHC has assisted over 20 students with their higher education. KVHC scholarships of \$250 per student are awarded to graduating high school students who are committed to pursuing studies and careers in the medical and dental fields. Studies may include nursing, pre-med, physical therapy, physician assistant, medical assistant, counseling, social work, occupational therapy, dental hygiene, dental assistant, laboratory technical studies and related fields of study in the medical and dental professions.

KVHC's 2007 scholarship recipients are:

- Holly Burtchell, who graduated from Greater Houlton Christian Academy and plans to attend Robert Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York to study nursing.

- Jessica Willey, a graduate of Houlton High School whose plans include studying physical therapy at Husson College in Bangor.
- Clarissa Gallagher, who graduated from Katahdin High School in Stacyville. Clarissa will study nursing at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle this fall.
- Jennifer Fleming, a graduate of Schenck High School in East Millinocket. Jennifer plans to attend the University of Maine at Fort Kent to study nursing.
- Lindsay Desmond of Southern Aroostook Community School in Dyer Brook who received a KVHC scholarship to assist with her pursuit of a nursing degree at the University of Maine at Orono.
- Chelsea Sincyr, a graduate of Stearns High School in Millinocket. Chelsea is enrolled at St. Joseph College in Windham where she will pursue a nursing degree.

KVHC executive director Durward Humphrey said, “At Katahdin Valley Health Center, our mission is to address societal needs with a focus on improving access to health care. We feel it is very important to encourage our young people to explore higher learning because today’s youth are tomorrow’s caregivers. The KVHC scholarship recipients were awarded these honors based on their overall scholastic achievements, community service and future contributions to the health field.

“Each year KVHC awards scholarships to deserving high school individuals who demonstrate potential to improve access to health care. We are very pleased to be able to support these fine individuals and wish them well in their respective medical pursuits.”

Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC) is a provider of high quality, cost effective primary health, dental, substance abuse and mental health care to the people in the Greater Katahdin Region. A Federally Qualified Health Center, KVHC is a nonprofit business governed by a board of directors, comprised of area volunteers, funded by a federal grant under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. KVHC employs 60 people at its facilities in Houlton, Island Falls, Millinocket and Patten.

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