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Columbia Valley Community Health Presents Two Nursing Scholarships
CVCH selection committee has chosen recipients for their Holly Williams Nursing Scholarship

Monday, July 8, 2013: Wenatchee, WA: The [Columbia Valley Community Health](http://www.cvch.org) selection committee has chosen two recipients for their **Nursing Scholarship in Memory of Holly Williams**. **Donaji Gonzalez-Maydole** and **Nina Nguyen** will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2013-14 school year. Eligible candidates for this annual scholarship must be a Wenatchee Valley College student enrolled in the nursing program with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and have demonstrated a strong commitment to the nursing profession and the community in which they serve.

Donaji Gonzalez-Maydole has been a student at Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) since 2012 and is scheduled to graduate from the nursing program in 2015. A working mother of three, Donaji didn't let age or financial restrictions stop her from following her dream to become a nurse. In her scholarship application, Donaji stated that it has not been an easy road, writing, "I have sacrificed a lot but my dream of being a nurse is bigger than life. It has taken ahold of my heart and it will not leave until I see it fulfilled."

Nina Nguyen is currently a first year, second quarter WVC nursing student scheduled to receive her RN licensure in summer of 2014. A mother of one, Nguyen volunteers in the Obstetrics unit at Central Washington Hospital, and with Life Choices in Wenatchee. She is a member of a group called S.N.O.W. (Student Nurses of Wenatchee) and works as a full-time intern at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center. Nguyen plans to pursue a Masters in nursing and become a nurse practitioner. In her scholarship application, Nina stated that "through the nursing program, I have learned to be a patient advocate and educator."

Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH) created the nursing scholarship in memory of Holly Williams. As a single mother, Holly graduated Cum Laude with her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Washington State University Intercollegiate College of Nursing in 1996. She was diagnosed with breast cancer while attending graduate school in 2004. Williams received her Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Degree in 2005 from Washington State University, and continued to battle breast cancer while working as a Family Nurse Practitioner at CVCH. Williams served her community until succumbing to cancer in September of 2009.

Kaci Ramsey, RN, BSN and Clinical Technology Specialist at CVCH, is on the scholarship selection committee. Of the scholarship and the person for whom it was created, Ramsey stated, "Holly was a role model to all, exhibiting a deep passion for nursing while delivering compassionate, patient-centered care. Holly believed in the power of kindness and the importance of maintaining integrity at all times. In honor of our

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friend and colleague, Columbia Valley Community Health is proud support the nurses of tomorrow knowing that Holly's memory will live on through every student this scholarship touches.”

The annual scholarship is managed by the [Community Foundation of North Central Washington](#), who manages over 70 scholarship funds available to graduating high school students and college students residing within Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties.

About Columbia Valley Community Health

[Columbia Valley Community Health](#) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that offers medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, WIC and outreach services to everyone in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Their mission is to provide access to improved health and wellness with compassion and respect for all.

Established in 1972, CVCH is now an industry leader and was the first in the Pacific Northwest to achieve the Joint Commission's Primary Care Medical Home certification. CVCH serves over 24,000 patients a year between all of its departments and locations in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Chelan.

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