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**Congratulations Brooklyn Martin and Brandon Kober!
Exceptional local nursing students recognized with
scholarships from NHH**

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Thursday, June 7th, 2018—Nursing students **Brooklyn Martin** and **Brandon Kober** are the recipients of Northumberland Hills Hospital's 2018 Health Professions Scholarships.

Presented tonight by NHH Board Chair Elizabeth Selby at the opening of the Board of Director's June meeting, the scholarships were first introduced in 2003 to assist students from west Northumberland who have chosen to pursue a career in the health-care sector.

"By helping our local students achieve their academic goals, we hope to encourage them to consider opportunities at NHH when the time comes to select an employer," said Selby.

In addition to being enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a full-time study program, applicants are evaluated on a combination of criteria, including:

- academic achievements;
- extra-curricular activities;
- a letter explaining their career goals; and
- written references.

"Once again, our 2018 applicants demonstrated a very inspiring combination of commitment to their community and academic skill," said Selby.

Details of the 2018 scholarship winners' achievements were shared as follows at the evening presentation.

Brooklyn Martin has just completed her first year of university studies. She is presently pursuing an undergraduate degree in Nursing Science at Queen's University, in Kingston.

A graduate of St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School in Cobourg, Brooklyn finished her high school studies with a final average of 91—high honours.

In addition to maintaining excellent grades, Brooklyn was active in a large number of extra-curricular activities, including the Duke of Edinburgh program, the environmental club, the ski club, the basketball team and the soccer club/team.

On the honour roll for each of her four years of high school, Brooklyn was the recipient of a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and a Queen's University Excellence Scholarship, all while contributing volunteer hours to a broad range of local sport, education, church and health care organizations in our region.

In her application, Brooklyn spoke very enthusiastically about her chosen line of study and the health-care field in general. Her work ethic and strength of character earned her high praise from those who endorsed her application with references. Drew Quemby, one of Brooklyn's teachers at St. Mary's, describes her as "an exemplary student with an innate ability to lead and learn, and in addition, she has a sincere desire for helping others."

Brandon Kober, who grew up in Castleton, is also a student at Queen's University. He is also working towards his Bachelor of Science in Nursing, having already completed a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology. He started his nursing studies in September 2016 and completed his second year this spring.

Dr. Kevin Woo, an associate professor in the Queen's School of Nursing and School of Rehabilitation, offered the following context on Brandon in his letter of endorsement submitted this winter:

"I have known Brandon for the last two years. He has worked for me as a research assistant on several research projects. It is with great pleasure that I am writing to nominate him for the NHH scholarship. Brandon had completed a degree in kinesiology in 2016 prior to studying nursing. He developed an interest in nursing through his experience as a volunteer at Kingston General Hospital Emergency Room in 2014/15, as well as Northumberland Hills Hospital in 2016....[H]e is deeply impressed and inspired by the role that nurses play to promote patient centered care and actualize desirable health outcomes. He has dedicated his career to nursing"

Described as a fast learner with an impressive attention to detail, Brandon has also earned a reputation as a strong researcher. Dr. Woo praised his work co-authoring two posters that were presented at a large US-based wound care conference.

Both recipients are considering furthering their studies to ultimately become Registered Nurse Practitioners—a specialty in high demand here in Northumberland and across the province.

"The values and commitment to excellence that both these students share are a tribute to the support they've received from their families, teachers and mentors," said Selby in her concluding remarks. "Please join us in congratulating them, and their families, on their achievements. We wish them all the best as they work toward their goals."

Applications for consideration for the 2018 Health Professions Scholarship may be submitted at any time before the next deadline of February 15, 2019. For further information see the Careers tab of the NHH website, nhh.ca, or contact Jennifer Gillard at jgillard@nhh.ca or 905-377-7757.

About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).