

# The JHG Texas Nursing Scholarship Program 2019 Update to Stakeholders October 24, 2019



## Stakeholder investment in JHG Texas Nursing Scholarships pays big dividends this year!

As we work to help overcome the critical nursing shortage in Texas, this year resulted in an increased number of scholarship awards along with added mentoring support to highly qualified, but financially needy nursing students. **Thanks to the generous investments made by our stakeholders, sixteen new JHG Texas Nursing Scholarships were awarded to student nurses in 2019, bringing the overall total to twenty-one scholarships awarded in just three years.**

### Eight Scholarships Awarded at TWU



In August, TWU College of Nursing Dean Rosalie Mainous, PhD (back row, far left) and JHG Texas officers awarded Nursing Scholar Certificates to eight junior and senior student nurses who are pursuing a BSN with a minimum 3.5 GPA. JHG Pins were also presented to your student nurses to wear proudly on their “scrubs” when on campus and during their hospital rotations as interns. Your JHG Texas Nursing Scholars in the front row (L to R) are: Edidong Umoh, Marisol Gallegos-Sanchez, Ciara Carr, Tiffany Kane, Rachel Anderson, Vanessa Canales, and lastly, John Jacob Kassen (wearing jeans and a cowboy hat!).

Your JHG Texas Nursing Scholars are quite diverse. The “Cowboy” Nursing Scholar John Jacob Kassen hails from Midlothian and broke the gender barrier to become our first male student nurse among twenty females!



A highpoint of the JHG Texas awards at TWU was made possible by Mrs. Betty Regard (center right), who is shown presenting the Gerard L. Regard Memorial Nursing Scholar Certificate to Rachel Anderson (center) along with Dean Rosalie Mainous, PhD (far left) and members of JHG Texas: Todd Weiss, Juergen v. Hoevell, Nicola Bremer and Henry Fink.

### Three Scholarships awarded at DCCCD

In other news during the 2019 scholarship awards cycle, we received ten applications from student nurses at DCCCD, of which five were deemed qualified and three JHG Texas Nursing Scholar Certificates were awarded along with JHG Pins at the DCCCD Foundation offices in September as shown below.



The photo at left shows the presentation of JHG Texas Nursing Scholar Certificates and pins to Kimberly Barton and Summer Brown, along with JHG Texas V.P. Todd Weiss, Suzanne Bristol of the DCCCD Foundation, and JHG Members Henry Fink and Marcus Edmonds. Student Nurse Paulina Smith is shown receiving her JHG Texas Nursing Certificate above at right.



## Five Scholarships awarded at UTA

JHG Texas wrapped up the 2019 scholarship awards cycle in October with Professor Elizabeth Merwin, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Innovation by awarding JHG Texas Nursing Scholarships for the first time at the University of Texas at Arlington. In this inaugural year at UTA we received twenty-seven applications for JHG Texas Nursing Scholarships, of which thirteen were deemed qualified and five awarded from the remainder of available scholarship funds. **Note that the demand for JHG Texas Nursing Scholarships at UTA far exceeded awards. Increased fundraising is now needed to cover the cost of ten or more scholarships at UTA in the next awards cycle!**



Your new JHG Texas Nursing Scholars at UTA are (front row L to R): Zuadh Leos, Kaitlin Lok, Yen Nguyen, Payton Jones, and Alexa Evans. Also in attendance (L to R) are Juergen von Hoevell, Dr. Ceil Flores, PhD - Director of Student Support, Dean Elizabeth Merwin, PhD (center, back) along with JHG Texas Officers Henry Fink and Todd Weiss.

### JHG Texas creates new “Value Added” to financial scholarships in 2019:

- We re-branding work on the [www.jhgscholars.org](http://www.jhgscholars.org) website by adding a “Resources” page for the use of JHG Texas Nursing Scholars. The Resources page offers numerous helpful links that your Nursing Scholars use to help advance their academic and professional careers as nurses.
- The **JHG Scholars Texas Legacy Group** was established as a closed Facebook Group in which JHG Texas Nursing Scholars may engage in peer-to-peer support and mentoring regarding academic and nursing career issues. The group includes recent graduates who are already working as RN’s in DFW area local hospitals.



- In “partnership” Texas Woman’s University College of Nursing, JHG Texas has applied for a \$10,000 educational grant from the Communities Foundation of Texas. If awarded, such a grant would help underwrite the cost of establishing a much-needed tutoring program at the Dallas Campus of TWU’s College of Nursing proposed by Dean Mainous. Given the diversity of student nurses at TWU, some are from families that have not traditionally attended college for higher education. The tutoring program is designed to **boost academic advancement** for those first-time college students and also for others who might have difficulty with one subject or another. Stand by as we await news if the grant is awarded for this worthy initiative.
- JHG Texas Nursing Scholars are invited to participate along with members and friends of JHG Texas in community service and also in our fun social events as shown below.



In the photo at left, JHG Texas Nursing Scholars Kaitlin Lok (UTA) and Vanessa Canales (TWU), in the front row center, volunteered with JHG Texas members and friends to serve food to the needy at the Salvation Army. At right, JHG Texas Nursing Scholar Edi Umoh and Gerard L. Regard Memorial Scholar Rachel Anderson (both TWU Nursing Scholars) take part in the fun at the annual JHG Texas “Eat Like a Knight” dinner.

**The fundraising goal in November/December 2019 for the new JHG Texas Fund for Nursing Scholarships (at the Communities Foundation of Texas) is \$60,000 (compared with \$44,000 prior year) to meet increased demand for JHG Texas Nursing Scholarships in the 2020 awards cycle.**

**Annual Program Results**

Year	Funds Awarded	Scholarships Awarded
2017	\$ 5,000	1
2018	\$ 20,000	4
2019	\$ 43,900	16
Total	\$ 68,900	21

For comparison, here is a recap of results in the JHG Texas Nursing Scholarship Program by the Numbers.

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