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2014 RECIPIENTS OF JEWISH FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

At a reception in the Community Room on August 28th, Yavapai College announced the recipients of the Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholarships for 2014. Excitement and gratitude were the catch phrases of the day, as the group of fifteen students expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to pursue their chosen healthcare careers. Coming from all walks of life and past experiences, the fifteen scholars expressed one common theme – their desire to help others in our community. Twelve of the students are enrolled in the Sciences and Health School of Nursing and three students are enrolled in the Allied Health School of Radiologic Technology.



Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholars for 2014 are: Front Row, left to right: Starr Cecil, Jaime Quasula, Jenna Bourque, Bethany Sidebottom, Anna Alporque, Jennifer Beard. Back row, left to right: Joseph O'Reilly, Rebecca Brown Moore, Michelle Greaney, Karl Tenney, Katherine Haas, Paula Arellano, Heather Higgs, Edgar Vargas, Casey Higby

Announced in 2012, the Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholarship Program is the largest scholarship program in Yavapai College's history. The scholarship program is designed as a community effort to identify, support, and train students who are committed to pursuing a healthcare career in the local community. The Margaret T. Morris Foundation has provided funding for an additional four nursing scholarships, bringing the total number of scholarships to 102 for the program. Dr. David Hess, president of the Jewish Foundation said: "The program simultaneously supports education and healthcare while ensuring a pipeline of vital healthcare professionals for the local medical community."

Speaking to the audience of more than one hundred people, that also included the 2013 JCF Scholarship recipients, were Diane Drexler, Chief Nursing Officer of Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Dr. Penny Wills,

President of Yavapai College, and Dr. David Hess, President of the Jewish Community Foundation. Each provided words of admiration and encouragement to the scholarship recipients, noting the students were embarking on a demanding but rewarding profession of service to others.

At the conclusion of the event, Jewish Foundation trustees, Jan Simmons, and Dr. Hess, a retired cardiologist, presented each of the nursing scholarship recipients with a stethoscope engraved with the student's name and each of the radiologic technology students with a set of engraved X-ray markers. These gifts will accompany these energetic and committed individuals throughout their journey as healthcare professionals.



“DEEDS OF GIVING ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD.”

FIRST CLASS OF JCF HEALTHCARE SCHOLARS GRADUATE YAVAPAI COLLEGE PROGRAMS

At pinning ceremonies on May 7th and July 23rd and at the formal graduation ceremony of May 10th, the first class of Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholars graduated from the Nursing School program and Radiologic Technology program at Yavapai College. The eight graduates included: Mary Dennis, LaRee Gray, Michael Kean, Sarah Little, Stephanie Reininger, Jason Sewell, and Linda Thornbro from the nursing program and Jennifer Jording from the radiology program. An additional three recipients of scholarships are scheduled to graduate from the nursing program on December 12th.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

This issue of Legacy reflects the Foundation’s emphasis on education, Israel, and religious expression. Our front-page education story announces the recipients of the 2014 Class of healthcare scholarship recipients at Yavapai College while the inside page describes the first graduating class of JCF Scholars.

The places, sights, and speakers of the 2014 Leadership Mission to Israel are described on the inside pages, along with the enthusiastic reviews from the delegates of the trip. And finally, the Foundation is proud to announce, in partnership with YRMC and the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce, Hanukkah Menorahs will again be displayed as part of the community’s holiday season.

None of these programs would be possible were it not for the generosity of the Foundation’s donors, the efforts of its volunteers, and the support of its community partners – to each I want to say thank you. Together we aspire to improve our community and promote diversity.

David S. Hess, M.D., President



2014 nursing graduates on stage at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center for the May 7th nurses’ pinning ceremony.

Entering their perspective fields of study in August of 2012, these students spent countless hours in the classroom, on their clinical rotations, and studying their textbooks to obtain their dream of becoming a healthcare professional. Each of these students successfully passed their licensing examination and has fulfilled their ‘promise’ to stay in Yavapai County to work in their field of specialty.

When asked about the first graduating class, JCF president, David Hess, said: “The Foundation takes great pride that these students have excelled in their studies and will now provide needed health care services for our community. Over the next four years the program will graduate an additional forty-four healthcare professionals who will provide care for the residents of our communities.”

When asked about the impact of her JCF Scholarship, Sarah Little said: “The scholarship was a godsend. Having my tuition and fees covered every semester by the Jewish Community Foundation was a tremendous help. Beyond that, just to know that they believed in me, that was a real honor.”



COMMUNITY LEADERS EXPERIENCE THE UNIQUENESS OF ISRAEL



Arizona Supreme Court Justice, Robert Brutinel lighting a candle at the Church of the Multiplication at the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel.

For nine days, beginning on October 26th, a group of twenty-two delegates from Northern Arizona immersed themselves in the diversity that is Israel. Because even a brief description of the highlights of the trip would far exceed the space of this newsletter, only a few of the outstanding encounters the delegates experienced can be spotlighted.

On their first full day in Israel, the group was provided briefings by military and political experts on the current status of Israel's relationship with its Arab neighbors. Brigadier-General Danny Gold, the developer of the Israeli 'Iron Dome' Missile defense system, discussed the challenges of defending Israel from terrorists' rocket attacks. Professor Uzi Rabi, Director of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Tel Aviv University, provided a somber summary of the difficulties of the peace process between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

While visiting an Israeli settlement in the West Bank just outside of Tel Aviv, the delegates got an up-close and personal look at the security barrier

separating the Israelis and Palestinians. In Tiberius, the delegates visited all of the major religious sites, along the Sea of Galilee, including the Church of the Beatitudes, the Church of Multiplication, and the Capernaum ruins.

At the site of the decisive tank battle in the Golan Heights during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the delegates heard first-hand how 177 Israeli tanks defeated a Syrian force of over 2,000 tanks. The hero of that battle and the recipient of Israeli's highest military honor, the Medal of Valor, Retired General Avigdor Kahalani, provided the delegates with a spellbinding account of how the weary Israeli force overcame all odds and prevented the Syrians from overrunning Israel.

In Old Jerusalem the group toured the Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and recent excavations under the Western Wall. No trip to Israel would be complete without a visit to the hilltop fortress of Masada and Dead Sea - the delegates enjoyed their float in the salty waters!

When asked to describe their experience, the most common remark from delegates was; "Unbelievable - It was a trip of a lifetime".



Delegates for the Leadership Mission to Israel pose for a picture in front of the Menorah at the Israeli Knesset in Jerusalem.



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This holiday season residents of Prescott and Prescott Valley will see Jewish Menorahs among the holiday decorations at the YRMC Hospitals and in the Valley of Lights display. Hanukkah, which in Hebrew means 'dedication', commemorates the re-dedication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E. Once the Temple had been restored for services, it was discovered that only one vial of sacred olive oil had survived. Although the vial contained only enough oil to light the altar Menorah for one day, *the sacred oil miraculously burned for eight days* – enough time to prepare a fresh supply of olive oil for the Temple. An eight-day festival was declared to commemorate this 'miracle of the oil'.

Symbolizing Hanukkah, the unique nine-branched Menorahs at YRMC hospitals and the Valley of Lights display nine candles. Eight of the candles represent the eight days of Hanukkah and the ninth candle, called the *shamash*, represents the candle used to light the other candles of the Menorah.



*Hanukkah Menorah display
in the lobby of Yavapai Regional
Medical Center East Campus
in Prescott Valley.*

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