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WHCA/WiCAL Announces MacKenzie Scholarship Recipients

MADISON – The Wisconsin Health Care Association and the Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living (WHCA/WiCAL) last week presented scholarships to five students from the George F. MacKenzie Scholarship Program and a donation to the UW-Eau Claire Health Care Administration Program (HCAD) to support higher education in the field of long-term care.

“WHCA/WiCAL is pleased to announce the recipients of the George F. MacKenzie Scholarship Program,” said WHCA/WiCAL President & CEO John Vander Meer. “Each of these students has demonstrated a personal and professional commitment to the field of long-term care, as well as a dedication to advancing their education.”

The following UW-Eau Claire students received scholarships for demonstrating academic excellence:

- **Sierra Ballweg.** Sierra is a member of the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA), a Dean’s list student, and is a patient services representative.
- **Bethany Hakari.** Bethany is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), senior care volunteer, and Dean’s list student.
- **Morgan Rutta.** Morgan is a CNA, senior care volunteer, ACHCA member, and Dean’s list student.
- **Elisha Ullmer.** Elisha is a freshman, ACHCA member, senior care volunteer, and Dean’s list student with a 4.0 GPA.
- **Hanna Zevenbergen.** Hanna is a junior, the current ACHCA Social Coordinator, a CNA, senior care volunteer, and Dean’s list student athlete.

“On behalf of the students and our program, I would like to thank WHCA/WiCAL for their generous support,” said Dr. Doug Olson, Director of the UW-Eau Claire Center for Health Administration and Aging Services Excellence (CHAASE). “We are proud of our alumni who have gone on to be leaders in Wisconsin’s long-term care provider community and appreciate the ongoing partnership with WHCA/WiCAL.”

WHCA/WiCAL represents long-term care providers who are committed to advancing long-term care quality across Wisconsin. WHCA/WiCAL provides scholarships to qualified applicants in the field of long-term care. Support for these scholarships is received from attendance at the WHCA/WiCAL Care Classic Golf Outing. The 41st Annual Care Classic is being held on Monday, July 15 at the Oaks Golf Course in Cottage Grove. For more details on this event go to www.whcawical.org/careclassic. The MacKenzie scholarship is named for the late George F. MacKenzie, a former WHCA Executive Director, WHCA president and former Administrator of the Wisconsin Division of Health, in honor of his nearly 50 years of dedication to Wisconsin’s long-term care community.

The UW-Eau Claire Health Care Administration Program also received a donation as a part of the scholarship. WHCA/WiCAL is proud of its support of the nationally recognized program, and the qualified graduates the program produces to serve as long-term care administrators.

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