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Two PCC students win American Legion nursing scholarships

Two students enrolled in Piedmont Community College’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program have been awarded Colon Furr Memorial Nursing Scholarships by the North Carolina American Legion. The recipients are Jennifer Meadows, who was sponsored by American Legion Post 138 of Roxboro; and Mary Ellen West, who was sponsored by American Legion Post 90 of Oxford.

Meadows is a second-year student in PCC’s Associate Degree Nursing program. A resident of Roxboro, she is a 2008 graduate of Person High School, where she was a member of Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA). She previously earned a Phlebotomy certificate from PCC. A former preschool teacher, she would like to become a pediatric nurse since children are her “passion.”

West, a resident of Semora, is a first-year student in PCC’s Associate Degree Nursing program. She also was selected to serve as a PCC Ambassador and is a member of PCC’s Student Activities Council. A wife and the mother of two young children, she says she was inspired to become a nurse by her own experiences during the births of her children. Her hobbies are showing quarter

Piedmont Community College students Jennifer Meadows (pictured left front) and Mary Ellen West (right front) have received the Colon Furr Memorial Scholarships for nursing students from the North Carolina American Legion. They were sponsored by American Legion Post 138 of Roxboro and American Legion Post 90 of Oxford. Pictured standing are, from left: Dr. Walter Bartlett, PCC President; Alisa Montgomery, Director of PCC’s Associate Degree Nursing Program; Robert Ferrell, Post 138 Commander; Roy Laney, Post 90 Commander; and Kelly Holder, Dean, Health Sciences and Human Services.
horses and doing volunteer work with Roxboro Little League, Bethel Hill Charter School, and Relay for Life.

The nursing scholarship is named for former Department of North Carolina America Legion Commander Colon Furr, who passed away in 1988. Commander Furr’s goal had been to establish nursing scholarships by various posts in the state to help eliminate the nursing shortage in VA hospitals. Since the first scholarship was presented in 1992, a total of 105 scholarships have been awarded. The scholarships are valued at $600, and the local posts added $100 local scholarships for the two local recipients.

The scholarships are open to North Carolina residents who are enrolled in programs preparing students to become Registered Nurses. Award is based on scholarship and financial aid. Applicants must be sponsored by a local American Legion Post. Interested students should contact a member of their local North Carolina American Legion post.

Photo information (see attached file)
Nursing Scholarships awarded