

## News Release

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### **MGH FOUNDATION AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AWARDING ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

SHELTON, Wash. – This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mason General Hospital Foundation’s Auxiliary Scholarship Awards, presented to individuals in the community who would like to pursue careers in the field of health care. Since 1968, the Auxiliary has raised scholarships funds from donations and from the proceeds of sales in the Hospital’s Auxiliary Gift Shop, which is completely staffed by volunteers. In the past ten years alone, this dedicated group of volunteers have raised over \$125,000.00, and this year’s scholarships total \$29,000.

This year, scholarships were presented to twelve outstanding candidates at the 2018 Auxiliary Scholarship Luncheon in May. The 2018 honorees were: **Tia Avey, Mya Decicio, Ian Frost, Jacqueline Jensen, Molly Gregory, Seth Pearson, Ashley Saeger, Hannah Thompson, Hannah Womak, Michelle Hults, Jaime McClanahan, and Abigail Ellyson.**

In a broader outreach to the community, the Auxiliary Scholarship Award categories include High School, Adult Community, Employees of MGH&FC, and Renewable Awards. There is also a special award funded by Centennial Guild, another chapter of MGH Foundation, in memory of Kristi Armstrong, RN, beloved, longtime employee of Mason General Hospital.

MGH Foundation deeply values this special group of volunteers who donate their time to the Auxiliary Gift Shop, and its customers whose support make these scholarships possible. The Auxiliary Gift Shop, located near the Main (south) Entrance of Mason General Hospital, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MGH&FC is approved by the Joint Commission and is a licensed and accredited acute care hospital with a level four emergency trauma designation. MGH&FC now offers Virtual Care – 24/7. For more information on Virtual Care or to find a health care provider, go to [www.MasonGeneral.com](http://www.MasonGeneral.com).