

GLORIA VOLLERS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The Gloria Vollers Memorial Scholarship is being awarded annually, thanks to a generous donation by Dr. Cyrus Beye of Yankton, South Dakota. Dr. Beye was a general surgeon who traveled to Pender Community Hospital from 1959 to 1981 from Sioux City, Iowa. While in Pender, he had many fond memories of working with Gloria Vollers, RN. He found her compassion and dedication to nursing an inspiration and wanted to honor her memory through a community gift. Gloria, a registered nurse, worked at Pender Community Hospital for over 30 years as a staff nurse, surgery supervisor, and Director of Nursing. She is remembered and admired for her leadership, caring spirit, and professionalism.

The new academic scholarship will be awarded in Gloria's name to a student who has been accepted into a Registered Nursing program of study. The recipient must be a resident of Thurston, Cuming, Burt, Dixon, Dakota, or Wayne County in Nebraska.

The annual \$2000 scholarship will be awarded through an endowment, established through the Pender Community Hospital Foundation. Criteria for selection include academic performance, health care experience, financial need, career objective in rural health, and school/community involvement. Applications are due May 15th and will be announced in early June. The application form is available on the Pender Community Hospital website: www.pendercommunityhospital.com. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Kaup at kelly.kaup@pchne.org.

MERLIN BRONDUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted until May 15th for the Merlin Brondum Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is established in memory of Merlin Brondum's dedication to rural healthcare. This \$2500 scholarship is available to anyone residing in Thurston, Wayne, Cuming, Dixon, Burt and Dakota Counties and currently enrolled in an Allied Healthcare course of study. Criteria for selection include academic performance, health care experience, financial need, career objective in rural health and college and community involvement. Merlin Brondum passed away on March 15, 2003 after a brief illness at the age of 49. Merlin worked at Pender Community Hospital for 27 years, most of which were as the Director of the Laboratory. Merlin was a dedicated professional who will best be remembered by the PCH staff as a friend and family member.

The application form is available on the Pender Community Hospital website: www.pendercommunityhospital.com. The recipient will be announced in early June. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Kaup at kelly.kaup@pchne.org.

JUSTIN J. SLAMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted until May 15th for the Justin J. Slama Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is established in memory of Justin, who was a young man that impacted many lives, young and old, always looking to help others. This \$1000 scholarship is available to anyone residing in Thurston, Wayne, Cuming, Dixon or Dakota County in Nebraska. The applicant must be enrolled in a pre-health science course of study. This includes courses to prepare for admission into health professional programs such as medical, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry and training as a physician assistant.

The applicant must have graduated from high school and have completed 30 hours of college credit. Eligibility for scholarship assistance is extended to both traditional and non-traditional students. Criteria for selection include academic performance, career objective in medicine as it benefits rural areas, healthcare experience, financial need and college and community involvement. The application form is available on the Pender Community Hospital website: www.pendercommunityhospital.com. The recipient will be announced in early June. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Kaup at kelly.kaup@pchne.org.