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MARIANJOY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS OVER \$500,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO DATE

26 Students Receive \$46,000 in Scholarships

June 14, 2010, Wheaton, IL – This year, \$46,000 in scholarships for post-high school education was awarded to 26 students from the greater Chicagoland area by the Marianjoy Scholarship Program, now in its sixteenth year. The students are attending colleges and universities all across the country including the University of Illinois, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Iowa, DePaul University, Butler University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Loyola University. In addition, nine of the recipients are former Marianjoy patients.

For nearly 40 years, Marianjoy has remained an advocate for individuals living with a disability. Though pursuing a college degree is not easy for anyone, doing so while living with a physical disability requires an even greater degree of determination, stamina and focus which is why the Marianjoy Scholarship Fund was established. This year's recipients include young men and women studying dentistry, information systems, architecture, medicine, broadcasting, and teaching.

The Marianjoy Scholarship Program combines the Bruce A. Schurman Endowment Fund (named after the former president and CEO of Marianjoy) and the Marianjoy General Scholarship Fund. Marianjoy plans to grow the endowment from the current level of just over \$50,000 to \$500,000 over the coming years. Most of the dollars kept in an endowment fund are there to stay. Only the interest earnings on those funds are used to provide new annual scholarships. The existence of an endowment means that funds will continue to be available for years to come.

Recipients of scholarships this year include:

- Devin Crockett of Bartlett
- Nicholas Giancana of St. Charles
- Megan Johannsen of Peotone
- Alyxandra Koch of Lake in the Hills
- Giavonna Landi of Naperville
- Elizabeth Lindstrom of Aurora
- Joseph Lyon of Villa Park
- Chelsea Mertz of Geneva
- Brandon Richards of Glen Ellyn
- Nina Sandner of St. Charles
- Guadalupe Solorio of Hazelcrest
- Sarah Strickland of Plainfield
- Blake Trchka of Clarendon Hills
- Gina Trotto of Wood Dale

- Shannon Webster of Naperville
- Stephanie Yarr of Naperville
- Justin Marshall of Benson
- Maria-Isabel Orozco-Vela of Chicago
- Molly Farrell of Wheaton
- Patrick Juris of New Lenox
- Katie McElheney of Wheaton
- Hannah Thompson of Glenview
- Shawna Culp of Wheaton
- Scott Nyquist of Arlington Heights
- Jonathan Plaskas of Oswego

Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital is a nonprofit teaching hospital in Wheaton, Illinois, dedicated to the delivery of physical medicine and rehabilitation programs including stroke, neuromuscular, orthopedic, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and pediatrics. Marianjoy's \$60 million, 120 private room replacement hospital is a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance the naturally holistic approach to rehabilitation. Founded in 1972, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital maintains an extensive network of inpatient, subacute, and outpatient sites and physician clinics throughout the Chicago area. Marianjoy is a member of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare.

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