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Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship goes to nine deserving students

(Kaka’ako, O’ahu, Hawai’i) The Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the 2019-2020 cohort of scholars. Our congratulations to all!

These nine awards are going to students attaining seven different degrees in six different professions: medicine, psychology, pharmacy, nursing, dental hygiene, and physician assistance.

Six are in school in the continental U.S.; three are studying at home, one each in Honolulu, Hilo and Kahului. Three students are from Maui; six are from O’ahu.

“We are inspired by the enthusiasm of these aspiring health professionals to serve their communities,” proclaimed Sheri-Ann Daniels, executive director of Papa Ola Lōkahi, which administers the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program.

The purpose of the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program (NHHSP) is to improve both accessibility and acceptability of health care. It has contributed to building a health work force that is knowledgeable and committed to serving the unique needs of Hawaiian communities.

The NHHSP is modeled after the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), which was established in 1972. As with the NHSC, the award obliges the scholar, upon completion of study and licensure, to serve full-time in a clinical capacity in medically under-served areas in Hawai’i for a period commensurate with the length of scholarship support.

Since 1991, almost 300 NHHSP awards have been made in 20 different primary and behavioral health care disciplines. More than 200 have been placed into the workforce across six islands impacting the well-being of the communities they serve. More than half of those who have fulfilled their service obligations have continued to serve medically underserved areas and populations in Hawai’i.

“The Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program has been vital to building capacity in the health workforce,” Dr. Daniels continues. “The students of today, will in 10, 15, 20 years be the leaders across Hawai’i’s health care system. This is the quintessential grow-your-own program.”

Visit www.nhsp.org for more information about the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program. The next round of applications will open on February 1, 2020.

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