ACHF Establishes Kathy Mac Nurse Scholar Travel Funding Opportunity

Sponsored by the Kathy Mac Nurse Scholar Endowment Fund and in honor of the late Kathleen MacLachlan, NP, the new funding opportunity will financially aid nurses and nurse practitioner who are first-time attendees of the ACHA Annual Meeting.

SILVER SPRING, Md (January 14, 2020) — The American College Health Foundation (ACHF) announces its newest funding opportunity, the Kathy Mac Nurse Scholar Travel Funding Opportunity. This new opportunity will offer funding to one nurse or nurse practitioner to help offset registration, hotel, and travel expenses for attending the American College Health Association’s (ACHA) Annual Meeting. This funding opportunity is made possible by a generous donation from the MacLachlan family to honor the legacy of the late Kathleen MacLachlan, NP, known to those in her field as “Kathy Mac.”

MacLachlan was a nurse practitioner at Syracuse University and was a highly involved member of ACHA, as well as the New York State College Health Association (NYSCHA). She was a Fellow of ACHA, a key player in establishing the ACHA Advanced Practice Clinicians Section, and an author of numerous college health articles that were published nationwide. The news of MacLachlan’s passing in December 2018 was felt deeply by the ACHF Board of Directors, and the Foundation’s new funding opportunity seeks to honor her memory by financially aiding members of the association who are both nurses and first-time attendees of ACHA’s conference.

“Kathy’s passion for student health and her dedication to ACHA is immeasurable,” says Devin Jopp, EdD, Chief Executive Officer of ACHF. “This new travel funding opportunity created in her name gives us the chance to honor her legacy by supporting our nurse members who share her passion for student health.”

“As her life partner for fifty years, I had the great fortune to witness the everyday impact Kathy had on her college campus at Syracuse, as president of NYSCHA, and as a Board member and Fellow of ACHA,” said MacLachlan’s husband, Gary MacLachlan. “Together, we had two families: one with three of the finest children any couple could wish for, and a second as part of the family of college health, with Kathy being the matriarch who would ultimately pave the way for progressive health services for college students and colleagues alike. The next best thing to still having her at our side is to see both our families coming together to create a lasting professional endowment through the American College Health Foundation.”

The Kathy Mac Nurse Scholar Travel Funding Opportunity is one of many funding opportunities made available by the American College Health Foundation for the 2020-2021 school year. A full list of opportunities can be viewed here.
About ACHF
The mission of the American College Health Foundation (ACHF) is to promote, improve, and advance the health, well-being, and overall success of college students. ACHF accomplishes this mission by funding sustainable college health initiatives and programs, including education, research, advocacy and professional development in partnership with the American College Health Association (ACHA), the nation’s principal leadership organization for advancing the health of college students and campus communities. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.acha.org/ACHF.

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