Jenna Myers from Avon High School and Kelsey Shephard from Plainfield High School are the 2009 recipients of the Hendricks Regional Health Foundation Scholarships. The young ladies will receive $2,000 scholarships for their studies at Indiana University and Purdue University, respectively. Both intend to study nursing.

Jenna has a weighted GPA of 4.1. She ranks in the top 9% of her graduating class and has participated in numerous extra-curricular activities throughout high school. A member of Business Professionals of America, she earned several first place finishes in regional competitions with the group. She is a member of Avon’s cross country and track teams and served as cross country co-captain this year. Jenna also has participated in Student Council, FCA, National Honor Society, Best Buddies, Youth as Resources and the Avon Community Ambassador Program. Jenna says she is eager to become a nurse “because it will provide opportunities for me to interact with others, challenge myself and learn new things.” Jenna’s parents are Valerie and Jeff Myers.

Kelsey ranks in the top 4% of her graduating class at Plainfield High School with a weighted GPA of 4.3. She has played both volleyball and tennis throughout her high school years and has been involved with FCA, Spanish Club, Octagon Club, National Honor Society and Student Council. She also is very involved with youth activities at Calvary Baptist Church. Her work at a retirement community helped shape her goal to become a nurse. Kelsey plans to earn not only a BS in nursing, but complete requirements of a MS degree in order to become a pediatric nurse practitioner following her college graduation. Kelsey notes that she has “learned that helping people means I completely put my needs aside and focus on someone else. I know that nursing is the field that I am meant to be in.” Kelsey’s parents are DeeAnn and Benjamin Shephard.

Hendricks Regional Health Foundation is proud of the accomplishments of these fine students who represent the “treat people better” philosophy in their work and goals for the future. The Foundation has awarded scholarships since 1998 to graduating seniors who are Hendricks County residents and plan to pursue a health care career at an Indiana college or university. Executive Director Sue Bogan explains, “Through this scholarship program we hope to encourage area students to consider careers in health care, and we want to keep the best and brightest here in Indiana. With the addition of these two accomplished recipients, the Hendricks Regional Health Foundation has provided scholarship support for 43 students seeking careers as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, medical researchers, dentists and other important health care providers.”

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