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Health Bursary Programs Award 10 Grants for 2009

WHITEHORSE – Ten Yukoners are recipients of this year's post-secondary health and medical education bursaries, Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart announced today.

"I am very pleased to announce the names of these Yukon residents who have chosen the health care field or medicine as a career," Hart said. We are proud to support them in achieving their goals."

Jovian Collins and Jamus O'Brien received the Medical Education Bursary. Collins is in her first year of Medicine at the University of Calgary while O'Brien is attending the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

The government currently supports 10 Yukon medical students at universities across the country.

Four students received the Health Profession Education Bursary. Gillian Smith is enrolled in the Emergency Medical Technology – Paramedic program at SAIT Polytechnic in Calgary. Lauren Trimble is enrolled in Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan and Julianna Lackowicz is in the Nutrition and Food Science program at the University of Alberta. Caitlyn Wintemute is studying in the Medical Radiological Technology program at NAIT in Edmonton.

The Health Profession Education Bursary currently supports 12 students in a variety of health programs.

In addition, four Yukon students received the Nursing Bursary. Tatiana Fras is attending BCIT; Amy Macdonald is in the accelerated program at the University of Calgary; Jodi Neufeld is at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton; and Julie Talbot is at Cégep de Sherbrooke.

Eleven nursing students are currently being supported through the Nursing Bursary program.

"I am encouraged by the number of young Yukoners who are entering health professions," Hart added. "From past experience, we know that many of them will return home to work and Yukon will benefit from their familiarity with the territory and their education."

The government provides the three different health education bursary programs under its Health Human Resources Strategy, which was launched in 2006. The three programs have provided support to 51 students since they were introduced. Medical students receive \$10,000 per year while nursing students and recipients of the Health Profession Education Bursary receive \$5000 per year for a maximum of four years.

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See backgrounder attached.

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Health Education Bursary Recipients

Medical Education Bursary – \$10,000

Jovian Collins – Medicine, University of Calgary.

Jamus O'Brien – Medicine, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Health Profession Education Bursary – \$5,000

Julianna Lackowicz – Nutrition and Food Science, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Gillian Smith – Emergency Medical Technology – Paramedic, SAIT Polytechnic in Calgary.

Lauren Trimble – Pharmacy, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Caitlyn Wintemute – Medical Radiological Technology, NAIT, Edmonton.

Nursing Bursary – \$5,000

Tatiana Fras – BCIT, Burnaby.

Amy Macdonald – University of Calgary.

Jodi Neufeld – Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton.

Julie Talbot – Cégep de Sherbrooke.