

## **Nursing Foundation of Rhode Island** **2019 Scholarship and Research Awards**

### **Nursing Education Scholarships and Research Grant Awarded**

The Nursing Foundation of Rhode Island (NFRI) awarded scholarships to 22 undergraduate and three graduate nursing students from area colleges and one nursing research grant at an Awards Ceremony held on July 17, 2019 at The University of Rhode Island College of Nursing. The Awards program was dedicated to the memory of Betsy Nield, former URI nursing faculty member and past President and co-founder of the Nursing Foundation. Barbara Wolfe, Dean of the College of Nursing, welcomed the students, their families and guests and thanked the Board members of the Nursing Foundation for their dedication to promoting nursing and nursing education.

NFRI President Trudy Mulvey was joined by Foundation Trustees and donor family members in presenting the scholarship and research awards. “Thanks to the generosity of our many donors, this is the largest group of scholarship recipients in our history,” she said. The scholarships, ranging from \$1000 to \$1,500, are awarded to students based on their good academic standing and demonstrated need. Recipients of the research and scholarships awards, their school affiliation and donor fund are listed below:

#### **The Betsy Nield Memorial Scholarship**

Katie Christie - URI

#### **The Kathleen Gremel Memorial Scholarship**

Sarah French - RIC

#### **Research Award**

Maisaa Albkkerat – URI, *Ferrara Fund*

#### **Clare Sullivan Leadership Award**

Elizabeth Coelho, BS, RN – *Sullivan and Schmeiding\* Funds*

#### **Graduate Scholarships**

Andrea Sharkey, RIC - *Schmeiding\* Fund*

Ana Dickenson, RIC - *Schmeiding\* Fund*

Michael Rock, RIC - *Schmeiding\* Fund*

#### **Undergraduate Scholarships**

##### **Community College of Rhode Island**

Margaretta Huiberts, *Zanella Fund*

Bernelle Richardson, *Zanella Fund*

Shelia Kaiser, *Zanella Fund*

Priscilla Lavoie Tobey, *Briant Fund*

Amanda Pearson Botelho, *RWGH Alumni*

*Joan Melaragno Award*

Nabeel Almohtade, *RWGH Alumni Fund*

Mattie Turco, *Enright and RIF Funds*

**New England Institute of Technology**

Alexa Laing, *Enright and Schmeiding\*Fund*

**St. Joseph School of Nursing**

Hillary Mielbye, *Stettler Fund*

Malick Sow, *Stettler Fund*

Ebony Tubman, *Stettler Fund*

Madison Silva, *Stettler Fund*

**Rhode Island College**

Roberta Osei Bonsu, *Drew Lewis Funds*

Amber Archer, *Dwyer Fund*

Taylor Bowser, *Sweetland-Fry and Sherman Family Funds*

Michelle O'Neil, *McGarry Fund*

**Salve Regina University**

Angela Nardi, *Ferrara Fund*

Brooke Neller, *Ferrara Fund*

**University of Rhode Island**

Shea Poland, *Murgurdichian Fund*

Incorporated in 1991, the Foundation's mission is to provide nursing scholarships, to award nursing research grants, and to support nursing in Rhode Island. Since its inception, it has awarded a total of \$387,467; \$341,379 in Scholarships and \$46,097 in research grants.