

## 2022 Nursing Education Scholarships and Research Grants Awarded

The Nursing Foundation of Rhode Island (NFRI) awarded scholarships and research grants to 23 nursing students at an Awards Ceremony held virtually on July 19<sup>th</sup>. NFRI Vice President Amy Nield welcomed the award recipients, family members, NFRI Board members and representatives of donor funds participating in the program. She gave a brief history of the Foundation which was founded in 1991 by her deceased mother, Betsy Nield, a graduate of URI College of Nursing, former Community College of RI Professor of Nursing and first NFRI President.

The Awards program was dedicated to Jeanne Sherman, a founding NFRI member, former Chairperson of the CCRI Nursing program and NFRI Vice President and her deceased husband Arthur Sherman, a URI educator and athletic coach. Both Jeanne and Arthur have been ardent supporters of the Foundation for many years establishing the Sherman Family Fund in memory of deceased family members.

In presenting the awards NFRI President Keith Scally thanked the Board members who volunteer their time and NFRI's many donors who give so generously to support the work of the Foundation.

Award recipients with the supporting Funds include:

### **Research Awards**

#### **Rhode Island College DNP Program**

Wendy Chicoine – *Stettler Fund*

#### **University of Rhode Island Ph.D. Program**

Joan Dugas – *RI Foundation Fund*

Esperanza Gutierrez – *Stettler Fund*

### **Graduate Scholarships**

#### **New England Institute of Technology**

Kristen Thurber – *Mulvey & Schmeiding Funds*

#### **Rhode Island College**

Vanessa Hampson – *Sullivan & Parkhurst Funds*

Nicholas Crowninsheild – *Sullivan & Parkhurst Funds*

Ana Gonzalez-Dickenson – *Schmeiding Fund*

Deborah Boory – *St. Joseph Hospital Nursing School Alumni*

*Fund*

Colleen Johns – *Schmeiding Fund*

Kayla Cross – *Calenda Fund*

Veronica Brimpong – *Schmeiding Fund*

Kailee Paulson – *Drew-Lewis Fund*

Andrea Hernandez – *Dwyer Fund*  
Ruth Demelo – *RIH Class of '51 & Calenda Funds*

## **Undergraduate Scholarships**

### **Endicott College**

Theresa Gilmartin – *Neild Fund*

### **New England Institute of Technology**

Andrea Jackson – *Schmeiding Fund*  
Monique Wilmar - *Schmeiding Fund*  
Shelisa Gauvin – *Schmeiding Fund*  
Jeremy Gentry – *Joseph Fund*

### **Rhode Island College**

Emma Hislop – *Drew-Lewis Fund*

### **Salve Regina University**

Michaela Farnum – *Stettler Fund*  
Rachael Polin – *Enright Fund*

### **University of Rhode Island**

Amanda Afriyieb – *Dwyer Fund*

Incorporated in 1991, the Nursing Foundation of Rhode Island's mission is to: provide nursing scholarships, award nursing research grants, and support nursing in Rhode Island. Since its inception NFRI has provided close to one-half million dollars to nursing students including 357 nursing scholarships and 25 research grants.