MT CAHN AWARD Leading Change – Advancing Health

Amanda Roberts Senior Nursing Student Carroll College

We are pleased to recommend Amanda Roberts for the MT CAHN, Leading Change – Advancing Health Award. Amanda is a traditional student who has brought culture and caring into her career as a Carroll nursing student. She has bonded well with her classmates and cares for her peers on both the personal and professional levels. Amanda has led Patho/Pharm study groups successfully and has been a tutor for nursing topics for the past 2 years. She demonstrates exceptional academic performance and works well with peers and faculty as evidenced by her performance in her senior scenario group.

Amanda is an active member of the Carroll College Student Nurses Association as well as the Montana Student Nurses Association. She is currently the Membership Director of the state association working to enhance membership statewide, cooperating with other board members in fundraising activities, and preparing for 2016 Student Nurse Conference. Amanda is a member of Sigma Theta Tau. As a member of the Carroll College Women's Golf Team (Fall 2011- Spring 2015), Amanda was co-captain, team leader and received Academic All-Conference Honors.

Currently, Amanda is working on her Leadership certification. She has active CPR certification, an active CNA license, and is enrolled to obtain ACLS certification. She is a Carroll College Presidential Scholarship recipient, Athletic Golf Scholarship recipient, and the Roy F. Simperman Scholarship for Nursing Students recipient. For the past 5 summers, Amanda has volunteered with her church and Big Brothers - Big Sisters providing a mentoring relationship to children and young adults through golf camps held at Green Meadow Country Club and Bill Roberts Golf Course. In addition, she has worked as a CNA on the Oncology Unit at St. Peter's Hospital (May 2015 – present).

Amanda is an effective and safe health care provider. She uses appropriate communication and is a capable patient care manager. Amanda is adept at utilizing critical thinking and the nursing process. She effectively reviews nursing research and adopts appropriate practices into her delivery of healthcare.

In the clinical setting, Amanda's empathetic care increases the comfort level of her clients creating an environment that promotes healing. She has presented health care information to her clients, peers, and to community health populations. Amanda is a class leader, a hard worker, and is motivated to "Give 110% effort and do my best to complete any task in a timely and efficient manner." She is flexible and individualizes her patient to holistically address patient problems and care issues. During her preceptor experience, she worked in the ICU at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena demonstrating her ability to bring families together with the

healthcare team to secure optimal care. She is culturally aware and is able to advocate for her clients and for groups of clients. Her critical thinking skills are honed to enable her to provide excellent nursing care and participate fully in team collaboration in the community (both local and global), the acute care clinical setting, and in the classroom. Amanda helps her clients articulate their concerns and communicates their needs to the entire healthcare team.

It is with great pleasure that the Nursing Department at Carroll College recommends Amanda Roberts for the MT CAHN AWARD, Leading Change – Advancing Health.

Please contact us for further information as necessary. Thank you for your kind attention.

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