

**CVS Health Foundation Awards Scholarship to Support Nurse Practitioner Students at University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing**

**Woonsocket, RI, November 09, 2016** – The CVS Health Foundation has awarded the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing a \$5,000 scholarship to assist students as they complete their studies to become Nurse Practitioners.

The grant is part of the CVS Health Foundation Advance Practice Nurse and Physician Assistant Scholarship program which launched this year. The program is aimed at reducing the nationwide shortage of Family Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants by supporting the academic aspirations of the most promising health care professionals of tomorrow. Scholarships are provided to accredited academic institutions across the country and funds are then distributed to students through the institution’s internal scholarship process to help cover the cost of tuition, books and academic fees.

“The School of Nursing is grateful to the CVS Health Foundation for providing financial assistance to our students through this scholarship. Obtaining an advanced degree is necessary to practice at the highest level of care and with this additional education comes a monetary obligation in the form of tuition and other expenses. The support of the CVS Health Foundations is lessening these financial obligations for our scholarship recipients. This support will enable students to increase their coursework, resulting in shorter time to graduation and earlier entrance into the healthcare arena as Family Nurse Practitioner.”

Dr. Julius Kitutu – Asst. Dean for Student Affairs and Alumni Relations.

“As the need for qualified medical professionals in the United States grows, we know how important having a strong pipeline of Family Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants is to making high quality, convenient and affordable healthcare services more accessible,” said Eileen Howard Boone, president of the CVS Health Foundation. “We’re proud to support schools like University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing who are providing quality education to students pursuing a career as a Family Nurse Practitioner.”

Students selected to receive scholarships by their school are in good academic standing and are pursuing an advance practice nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree as Family Nurse Practitioner. In addition, scholarship recipients must intern or volunteer some time with an organization that supports underserved populations. At least twenty-five percent of the school’s scholarship dollars were awarded to bilingual students.

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