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**COLISEUM HEALTH SYSTEM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AWARDS \$10,000  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS**

**(Macon, GA)** – The volunteer program at Coliseum Health System recently awarded a total of \$10,000 in academic scholarships to local students. Ten individual scholarships worth \$1,000 were presented to graduating high school seniors and post-secondary students pursuing careers in healthcare. Volunteers from Coliseum Medical Centers and Coliseum Northside Hospital raise scholarship funds and select qualified, exceptional student recipients each year.

The recipients of the 2018 scholarships are:

- Elizabeth Chambers is a senior at John Milledge Academy and plans to attend the University of Georgia; she is pursuing a career in cardiothoracic surgery.
- Abigail Hightower is a senior at Mary Persons High School and plans to attend the University of Georgia; she is pursuing a career as a physician assistant.
- Alexis Kelley is a current student at Middle Georgia State University where she is pursuing a career in nursing.
- Courtney Knight is a current student at Mercer University where she is pursuing a career in pharmacy.
- Mary Jo McCary is a senior at Windsor Academy and plans to attend Mercer University; she is pursuing a career as a surgeon.
- Payal Patel is senior at Howard High School and plans to attend Mercer University; she is pursuing a career in dentistry.
- Eshan Shah is a senior at Howard High School and plans to attend the University of Georgia; he is pursuing a career in dentistry.
- Faith Siror is a current student at Wesleyan College where she is pursuing a career in nursing.
- Sarah Jane Thompson is senior at Mount de Sales Academy and plans to attend Auburn University; she is pursuing a career in speech therapy.
- Amy Wilkinson is a senior at Howard High School and plans to attend Georgia College & State University; she is pursuing a career in nursing.

**About Coliseum Health System**

*Owned by Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Coliseum Health System is comprised of Coliseum Medical Centers and Coliseum Northside Hospital, two medical/surgical campuses with a total of 413 beds. The hospitals feature an expansive range of state-of-the-art services designed to meet the comprehensive medical needs of central Georgia. Both facilities include a 24-hour emergency room, inpatient and outpatient surgery options, rehabilitation programs, and diagnostic services. In addition, Coliseum Health System's breadth of care options includes specialty facilities such as the Coliseum Heart Institute, an advanced cardiac center offering all services from non-invasive cardiology to open heart surgery, Coliseum Primary Stroke Center, Coliseum Orthopaedic & Spine Institute, Coliseum Cancer Institute, Coliseum Robotic Institute, Georgia Bariatric Center, Coliseum Rehabilitation Center, and the Family Ties Birthing Center, which includes a level III neonatal nursery.*

*Additionally, the Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health, located at Coliseum Medical Centers, provides treatment to adults with psychiatric and addiction issues through inpatient and outpatient programs, as well as, a specialty program for senior adults. For more information about Coliseum Health System, visit: <http://coliseumhealthsystem.com>*

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