

Seematter Receives Hoppenstedt Nursing Scholarship

Cheyenne Seematter, a nursing student at Cloud County Community College, is the recipient of the Henry W. Hoppenstedt Nursing Scholarship from Community Memorial Healthcare (CMH). The scholarship amount is \$2,000. Seematter is a 2014 graduate of Marysville High School.

Seematter's interest in the healthcare field started at a very young age. "I have dreamed of being a member of the health care field for as long as I can remember, she said. "I have longed for the opportunity to impact those around me, and offer unwavering support for them in their greatest time of need."

In 2016 Seematter entered Southeast Community College (SCC) Beatrice (NE) Campus School of Practical Nursing, and graduated from the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program in June of 2017. Seematter has worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at CMH since 2015. "I have never felt more confident that nursing is my calling. I will always put my best foot forward, stretch myself academically, and care with all my power to make a difference in this profession."

Seematter and her mother Maria Seematter, have made nursing a family affair. Maria is a graduate of SCC and Cloud County Community College and is a registered nurse at CMH. This mother and daughter do more than share the same profession. They work together—in the same hospital, in the same unit.

When nursing is a family tradition, mothers and daughters can inspire and teach each other.

The scholarship program is made possible through the Henry W. Hoppenstedt Trust and was created in 2006 to advance nursing and nursing education. Hoppenstedt, born and raised near Herkimer, spent his life farming and raising livestock. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. A patient of Community Memorial Healthcare, Hoppenstedt was especially fond of nursing staff members who cared for him during his stays at the hospital. "Awarding the Scholarship reflects Hoppenstedt's high regard for our nurses and is an important way in which CMH can address today's nursing shortage and assist those individuals like Seematter who are dedicating their careers to the nursing profession," said Curtis R. Hawkinson, hospital administrator.