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May is National Nurse Appreciation Month

Over the past ten years, MAHEC has had the honor of working with more than 1,200 young adults who have chosen to pursue a degree in the field of nursing. We have provided extensive career exploration programming for high school students interested in becoming Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Educators, and have facilitated clinical training experiences for those in undergraduate and graduate programs.

Our students have come from every corner of the state and from a wide range of backgrounds, but they have all shared a common desire - to care for others. Today, in the shadow of a global pandemic, we recognize them for the heroes they are and thank them for putting the wellbeing of others before themselves. Following are a few of our former students who completed a minimum of 50 hours of pipeline programming as they explored potential career paths. They all chose careers in nursing and are now on the frontline fighting for the health of Missouri.

Abigail Groezinger - ECMO AHEC participant 2013-2016 (52 hours). Graduated Trinity Catholic High School in 2016 and Goldfarb School of Nursing in 2019. Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Peters.

JoHannah Garner - MIDMO AHEC participant 2012-2019 (78 hours). Graduated Rolla High School in 2012 and Cox College of Nursing in 2019. Phelps Health Medical Center in Rolla.

Lindsey Hoskinson - NEMO AHEC participant 2007-2009 (110 hours). Graduated Schuyler County High School in 2008 and Truman State University with her BSN in 2012. Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville.

Lyndsey Arnold (Bailey) - NWMO AHEC participant 2001-2005 (200 hours). Graduated Osborn High School in 2005 and received her BSN from Missouri Western State University in 2009. Mosaic Life Care in St. Joseph.

Amber Maples - SEMO AHEC participant 2006-2009 (345 hours). Graduated Poplar Bluff High School in 2007, completed her BSN at Southeast Missouri State University in 2012, and her APN at Maryville University in 2016. Saint Francis Healthcare in Poplar Bluff.

Laura Liang - SWMO AHEC participant 2012-2015 (410 hours). Graduated Logan-Rogersville High School in 2015 and received her BSN from Southwest Baptist University in 2019. Cox Medical Center South in Springfield.

Alyssa Albakour - WCMO AHEC participant 2006-2010 (265 hours). Graduated Harrisonville High School in 2008, received her BSN from Saint Luke's College in 2012, and her APN from University of Central Missouri in 2016. Department of Veteran Affairs in Kansas City.



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- University of Missouri- Columbia
- Saint Louis University
- Northeast Missouri AHEC- Kirksville
- Northwest Missouri AHEC-St. Joseph
- West Central Missouri AHEC – Lexington
- Mid-Missouri AHEC - Rolla
- East Central Missouri AHEC– St. Louis
- Southeastern Missouri AHEC – Poplar Bluff
- Southwest Missouri AHEC- Springfield



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