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## **JNESO Announces 2022 Student Scholarship Award Recipients**

North Brunswick (March 31, 2022) – Three New Jersey students have been named recipients of the 2022 JNESO Scholarship presented by JNESO District Council 1 IUOE-AFL-CIO, the professional healthcare union that serves some 5,000 health care professionals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Each year, JNESO awards \$1,000 scholarships to eligible members and their families. The criteria are based on academic achievement and potential, character, leadership, social awareness, and career goals.

### **The 2022 JNESO Scholarship Recipients are:**

**Barbara Crosby Scholarship** - For the spouses or children of JNESO members advancing their education in healthcare.

**Jennavieve Chadziutko**, of Manalapan, N.J., is a student in the Nursing Program at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield Connecticut.

“I decided to go into nursing because I enjoy helping people, and I want to make a difference in somebody’s life. I have been inspired by my Mom and Grammy to pursue nursing like them. They support me each and every day,” says Chadziutko.

She will graduate with a BSN in the Spring of 2023. She is on the Dean’s List, maintains a 3.5 GPA, and has been accepted into several honors and leadership organizations, all while engaging in an impressive number of extracurricular and volunteer activities. Her career goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner (NP) specializing in psychiatry/behavioral health. In her essay, Chadziutko honored her mother Jamie, a nurse at VNAHG, and she acknowledged the role of unions in improving working conditions for all nurses. This scholarship will allow her to pay for her tuition and books for her undergraduate degree.



**Laura King Scholarship** - For the spouses or children of JNESO members advancing their education in any area of higher education.

**Collin Jones**, of North Plainfield, N.J., is a senior at Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains who will be attending New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in the fall.

“I see myself as a programmer who makes different forms of entertainment media that brings people together,” says Jones.

Jones is an inductee to The National Honor Society, The National Society of High School Scholars, and participates in track and field, Student Council, and Gaming and Service Clubs. He also served as a student tutor and volunteered as an usher at his church. His letters of recommendation note his leadership, intelligence, motivation, maturity, and ability to rise to challenges. He will major in Information Technology and Game Design at NJIT. Jones credits observing his mother’s union experience with instilling in him a desire to create positive change. It has inspired him to use his own voice to encourage others to stand up for their rights. His mother Florine Jones is a nurse at Hoboken University Medical Center where she is the JNESO Local Treasurer. She also sits on the JNESO Board of Directors and serves as the Vice President.



**Virginia Spiegel Scholarship** - For JNESO union members advancing their education in healthcare.

**Gina Gerace**, of Mount Laurel, N.J., is a student at Drexel University who will graduate with an MSN in Nursing Education in 2023.

“My goal as a future nurse educator is to create an environment where student nurses feel comfortable learning, making mistakes, and asking questions,” says Gerace.

She works as a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse at Virtua Hospital and has been a JNESO member since 2020. Her recommendation letters describe her leadership skills, her ability to collaborate, her professionalism, and her patient advocacy. Her essay demonstrates a heartfelt dedication to her profession as a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse. Gerace is able to find joy in caring for the most vulnerable patients while helping their families navigate a complicated healthcare system and understand intricate and often frightening medical procedures. This has led to a career path in Nursing Education that will no doubt inspire the next generation of nurses to make a positive impact on patients and families.



The awards will be presented during JNESO Education Day on April 6-7, at the Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino & Resort in Bethlehem, Pa. This year’s Scholarship Committee Members are Barbara Crosby, Laura King, and Virginia Spiegel. Education Day is part of JNESO’s ongoing commitment to making sure nurses have access to the latest information and training on important issues that can affect patients and the healthcare profession.

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