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Bursaries awarded to 10 students in health and medical fields

WHITEHORSE—Ten Yukoners will share \$60,000 as this year's recipients of the Yukon government's post-secondary health and medical education bursaries, Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham announced.

"I am very pleased that Yukon residents continue to choose the health care field as a career," Graham said. "I am even more pleased that we are able to support them in achieving their goals. Given that many of these students will come home to Yukon, we are investing in not only their individual futures, but Yukon's future."

Four students will each receive \$5,000 per year, for the next four years under the Health Profession Education Bursary. Melinda Dolhan is embarking on a medical imaging degree; Laina Rushant is studying to become an advanced-care paramedic. Two other students are receiving funding for practical nursing and advanced-care paramedic degrees.

As well, Jessica Borgford, Natalya Brost, David Doan and Ariana Edelman are the recipients of the Yukon Nursing Bursary, which also awards \$5,000 per year for the next four years. Rachelle Blais and Emilie Bousquet are the two medical school students receiving this year's \$10,000 medical bursary.

In addition to the new bursary recipients, the Health Profession Education Bursary is currently supporting 10 students in a variety of health programs, and seven nursing students.

The Yukon government provides the three health education bursary programs under its Health and Human Resources Strategy. The bursary programs have provided support to 69 students since 2006.

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