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## **Twelve Yukoners receive bursaries to pursue health-related studies**

WHITEHORSE—Twelve Yukon students will share up to \$240,000 over four years from the Government of Yukon to support their health-related post-secondary studies.

"The bursary selection committees faced some tough decisions this year," Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon said while announcing the recipients. "They had to review a total of 49 very strong applications and narrow that down to just 12 recipients. It's heartening to know that so many of our young people are moving into the health care field."

This year, medical bursaries were awarded to Kyla Adams, Lia Johnson, Abigail Steinberg and Patrick von Wiegen – two more recipients than in previous years. Each will receive \$5,000 per year for each year they are at medical school.

Four nursing students were also awarded bursaries. Crystal Chabot, Benjamin Chief, Aliesha Day-Rentmeister and Alexa Gilbert will receive \$5,000 per year for each year in post-secondary institutions.

Health professional bursaries were awarded to Chantal Frangetti, Jennifer Freeman, Katelyn Peterson and Melanie Tait, who are pursuing respective careers in health care assistance, speech-language pathology, pharmacy and occupational therapy. They will also receive \$5000 per year for four years while they are pursuing their education.

"These 12 individuals represent the future of health care in the North and we look forward to welcoming them back to work as Yukon health care providers in the future," Nixon added.

Since the bursary programs began in 2006, 107 students have received financial aid to pursue careers in the health or medical fields.

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