

2021-2022 Scholarships

New Ulm Medical Center Foundation



Charlotte West Anderson - Donor

Medical Career Scholarship

Charlotte established this scholarship in 2018. Her desire is to provide financial assistance to individuals who wish to pursue a career in helping others to reach their maximum level of well-being. Her original intention was to have one \$5,000 scholarship per year over the next several years. With her love for education, she has already supported 10 recipients since 2018!



August 21, 1927 – July 29, 2020

Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Renewal
Recipient - \$5,000

Alexa Alfred

Family Medicine MD

"I am currently a third-year medical student at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Receiving the Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship has been a true honor and blessing. Knowing Charlotte, she was extremely passionate about education and caring for others, and it is my goal to continue carrying out her passions. This scholarship has been an immense help throughout my three years in medical school and has significantly alleviated the financial burden. It has allowed me to devote my time, energy, and effort to becoming a family medicine physician that is well equipped to serve both English and Spanish-speaking patients in a rural community."

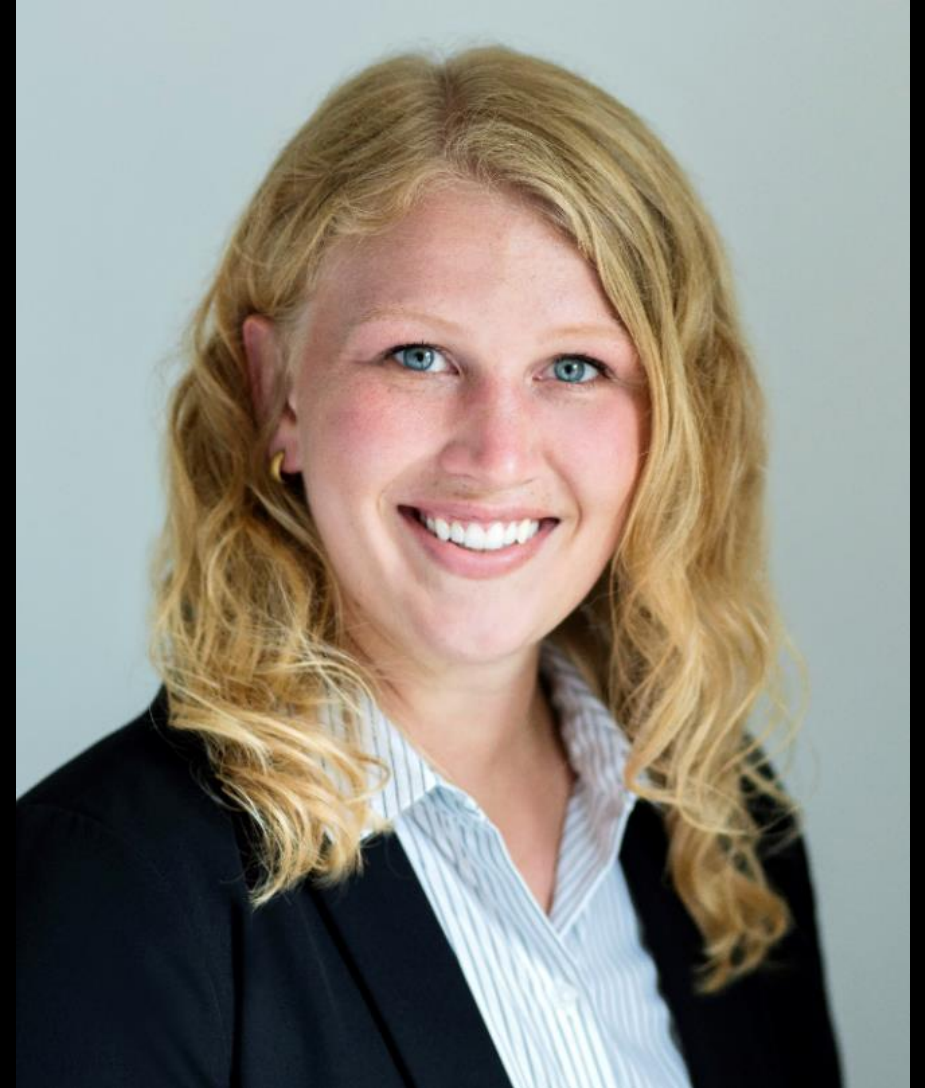


Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Renewal
Recipient - \$5,000

Marne Louters

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Dr. Marne Louters graduated May 2021 from Des Moines University as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.). Currently, she resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she works as an endourology research fellow at the University of Michigan. Dr. Louters plans to re-apply to the 2022 Match with the goal of entering the field of urology. Dr. Louters enjoys the field of urology because of the academic community, and the ability to form longitudinal relationships with patients and improve quality of life through medical and/or surgical management. She is appreciative of the Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship, which will allow her to re-apply to urology residency programs. Even though Dr. Louters was not able to meet Mrs. Anderson in person, she is grateful and hopes to make her proud.



Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Renewal
Recipient - \$5,000

Hannah Panitzke

Biology, minor in Psychology with emphasis
on Physician Assistant

“Receiving this scholarship for the second time now is something I am very grateful for. It has been helping me achieve my educational and career goals without the burden of how to pay for it all. It helps me realize that I am not all alone in this world and that people are willing to help others, and it has also helped build a strong foundation for my future. Thank you to everyone involved with the Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship, it truly means a lot!”



Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Renewal
Recipient - \$5,000

Sarah Preisinger

Biomedical Sciences, Grad school for Occupational Therapy

"As a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a Bachelor of Science in biology, receiving the Charlotte West Anderson scholarship will continue to help me pursue a career in Occupational Therapy as I begin the Occupational Therapy Doctorate program at the University of Minnesota this fall. The coursework of the program is rigorous and having additional financial support will allow me to focus more time on my studies and research in addition to hands-on experiences such as fieldwork and volunteering. I'm very excited to begin this new phase of education and appreciate the support and investment in me and my education that is provided by this scholarship."

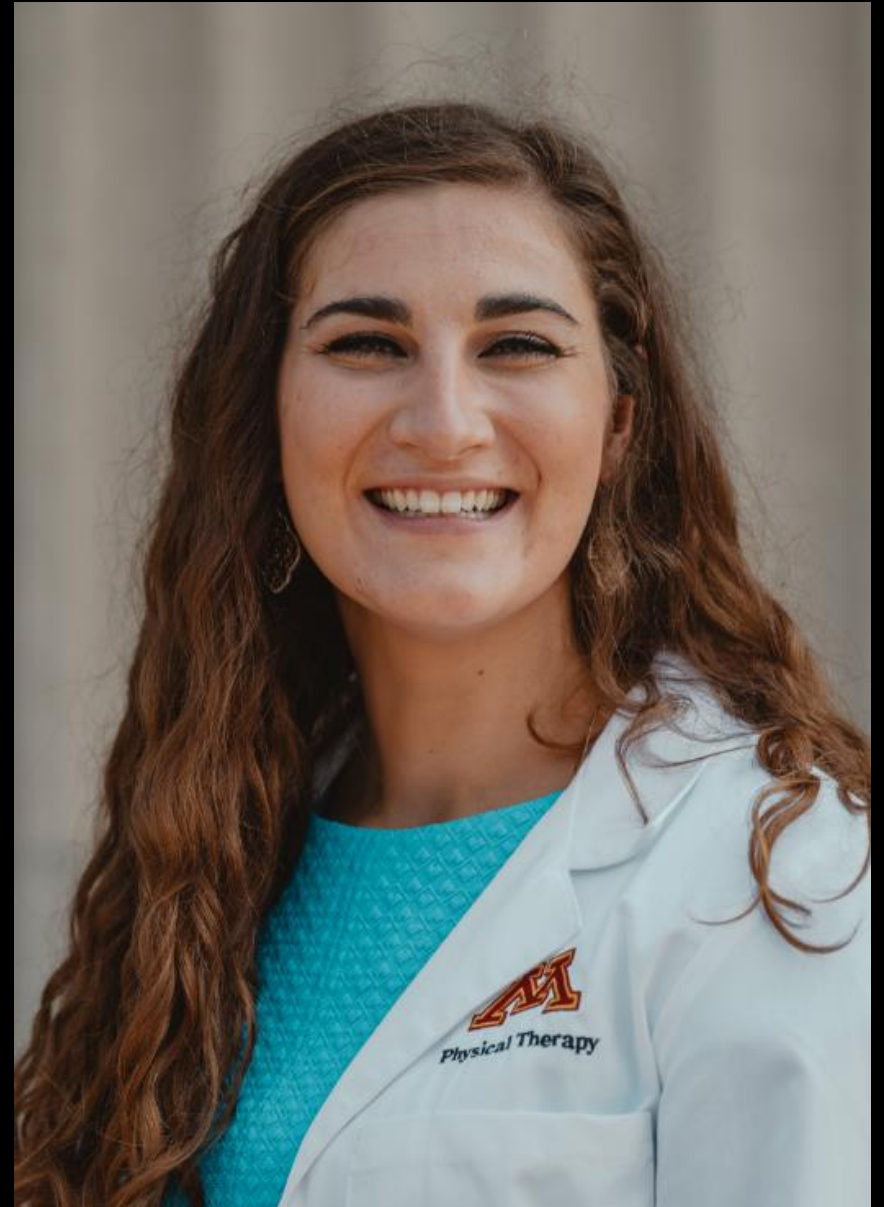


**Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Renewal
Recipient - \$5,000**

Anne Schwarz

Doctor of Physical Therapy

"I am currently a third year Doctor of Physical Therapy Student at the University of Minnesota. During my career as a Doctor of Physical Therapy, I plan to work with patients who are recovering from neurological conditions, such as strokes, traumatic brain injuries, and spinal cord injuries. I have greatly benefited from Charlotte West Anderson's generosity the past few years. Charlotte West Anderson's generous contribution to my education has allowed me to pursue my academic and career goals of becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy and my personal goals of providing future patients with empathetic, high-quality care. The benevolence of Charlotte West Anderson and the spirit behind which she charitably created this scholarship has motivated and inspired me to keep the patient at the center of my learning, reminding me of the importance of ensuring the patient is always heard, understood, and cared for in the deepest sense. I hope to emulate Charlotte's generosity in the way that I care for my future patients and the framework with which I approach my future career in physical therapy. Thank you to Charlotte West Anderson and all the generous donors for their contributions."

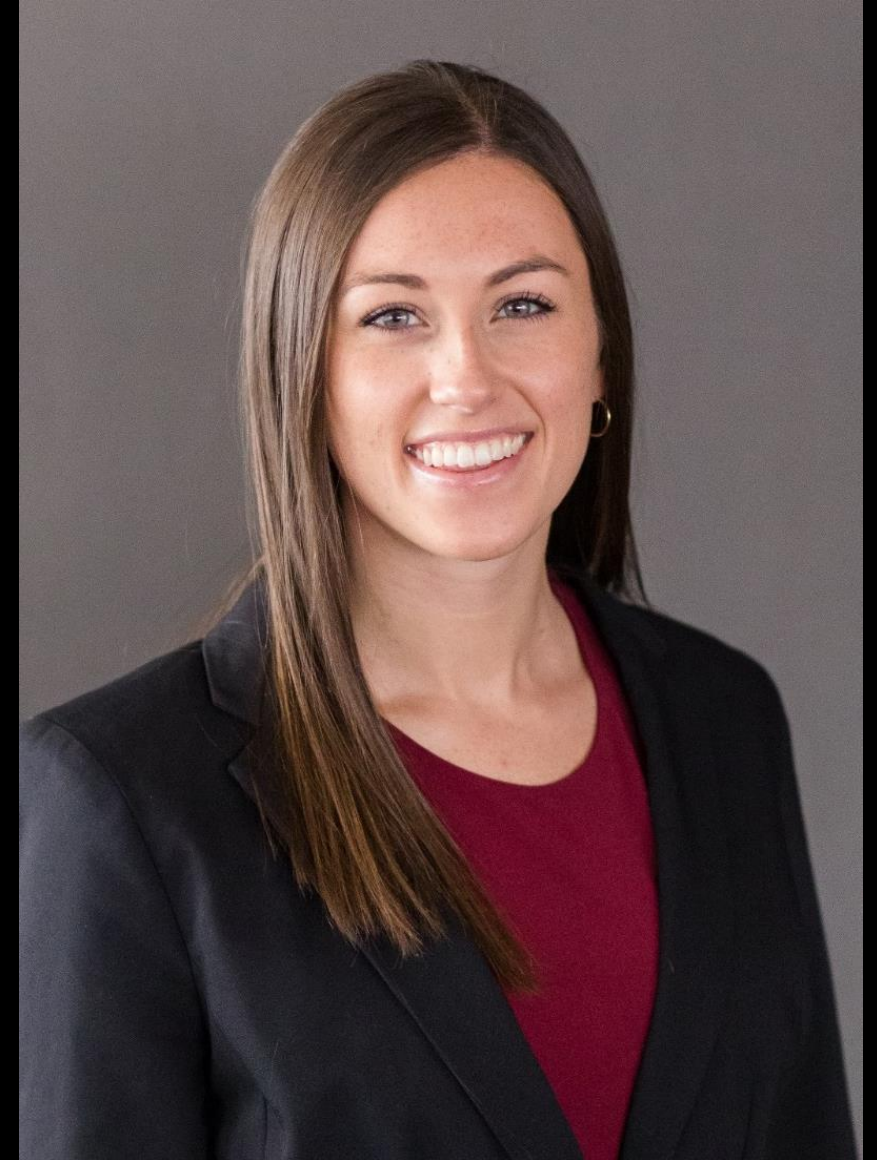


Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Renewal
Recipient - \$5,000

Alexa “Lexie” Weiss

Dual Degree: BS in Dental Hygiene and
Master in Dental Therapy

"Receiving this scholarship is such an honor! I am honored to be recognized for my efforts throughout my schooling and my dedication to rural health. It warmed my heart to hear how my application initiated conversation about Dental Therapy amongst the scholarship committee and the people they interacted with throughout the past year. This scholarship will help to relieve some of the financial burden of school tuition as I enter my final year in the program. Thank you again!"



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Medical Career Scholarship

*New recipients, beginning in 2021,
eligible for annual renewal going
forward*



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\$5,000

Samantha Guldan

**Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering,
emphasis in Biomechanics**

"For me, receiving the Charlotte West Anderson scholarship is receiving the gift of a continued education. After finishing my bachelors in biomedical engineering, I hope to pursue a masters in orthotics and prosthetics with the goal of becoming a practitioner in this field. I am grateful to receive this scholarship as it will make this education and career goal much more attainable in the next few years."



Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Recipient -
\$5,000

Amy Harris

Double Major: Human Biology & Public Health –
Pre Med

“Words cannot express how thankful and honored I am to be a recipient of the Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship. I have been employed at the New Ulm Medical Center since I was 16 and I am forever grateful for the lessons that NUMC has taught me and the various opportunities that it has provided me. This fall, I will start my senior year at University of Minnesota Duluth, and I will put this scholarship money toward my tuition fees. I look forward to graduating from UMD during the fall of 2022 with a double major in biology and public health. I will also be applying to medical school in the near future, with the intention of continuing my education at UMD. Someday I hope that I can give back and impact future students in the same way this scholarship has for me!”



Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Recipient -
\$5,000

Mark Schommer

Bachelors in Biomechanics

“Thank you for selecting me for the Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship, I am honored and extremely grateful! This scholarship helps me and my family immensely in my pursuit to be educated in a field of study that I find fascinating, exciting and fun. It will help me pursue my highest educational goals and I will continue to work hard to achieve these goals. I am thankful for the faith and support that you have put in me and my abilities! I am excited for my future that you are helping me pursue!”



Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Recipient -
\$5,000

Emily Weiss

Doctor of Pharmacy

“Receiving this scholarship will help me reach goals I have been working toward for many years. I have been battling health issues my whole life and have been taken care of by many in the health field, including many at New Ulm Medical Center. I can only hope that as a pharmacist I can care for others like I have been cared for and have a positive impact on their lives. I am proud and grateful to have received this scholarship.”



Kay Witt - Donor

Nursing Scholarship

Kay spent over 40 years in nursing. She began her nursing career in 1973 at Union Hospital in New Ulm which later through consolidations became New Ulm Medical Center. In the early years of her career she worked on Med/Surg and Geriatrics as and LPN. In 1985, she began working on the Substance Abuse Unit and later on the Psychiatric Unit where she continued her career until retirement in 2014. Kay spent 29 years of her career as an LPN and the remaining 12 years as an RN, retiring in a nurse management position in mental health. Her annual scholarship was established in 2015.



Kay Witt – Nursing Scholarship - \$2,500

Mark Newman

BSN

“This scholarship has helped me continue my education so that I can advance my nursing knowledge and skillset which ultimately allows me to improve upon the care I provide my patients and the community. I’m grateful to Mrs. Witt for this selfless gift. She was involved in hiring me at the NUMC roughly 8 years ago as an aide/tech, and I hope I represent her well!”



Carol Ryberg - Donor

- Carol L Ryberg, BSN, University of Illinois, 1974
- New Ulm Medical Center; Emergency and Operating Room, part time 5 years
- Brown County; Public Health Nurse, Full and part time, 30 years+
- Mother, Wife, and Citizen

NP/PA and BSN Scholarship, two separate scholarships

“My many years of nursing have driven home the importance of nursing in our health care systems, both private and public. I’d like my scholarships to encourage and assist bright young talent to pursue this honorable profession. Nursing bridges the space between the technical expertise of medicine and the personal needs of people. I want that space filled with qualified young folks.”



Carol Ryberg – NP/PA Scholarship - \$7,500

Kristen Medhanie

Master's to Doctorate Program as a Family Nurse Practitioner

"I am very humbled and honored to receive the Carol Ryberg Scholarship for the continuation of my Master's to Doctorate Program as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I will begin the Doctoral program this Fall 2021 through Minnesota State University- Mankato. It is hard to express how much this scholarship means to me. Education has always been an important part of my life and I feel fortunate as a woman, a mother, and a nurse, to be able to continue my journey in healthcare. The cost of graduate school made me pause when applying, knowing I would need to continue working through the completion of my program to both provide financially for my family as well as pay for graduate school. I was hopeful that the benefit of furthering my education would outweigh the financial risks. Being given the opportunity to utilize the scholarship funds Carol has provided takes a huge weight off of my shoulders and enables me to be less anxious about the cost of completing my graduate degree and will allow me to focus solely on the gift of this education."

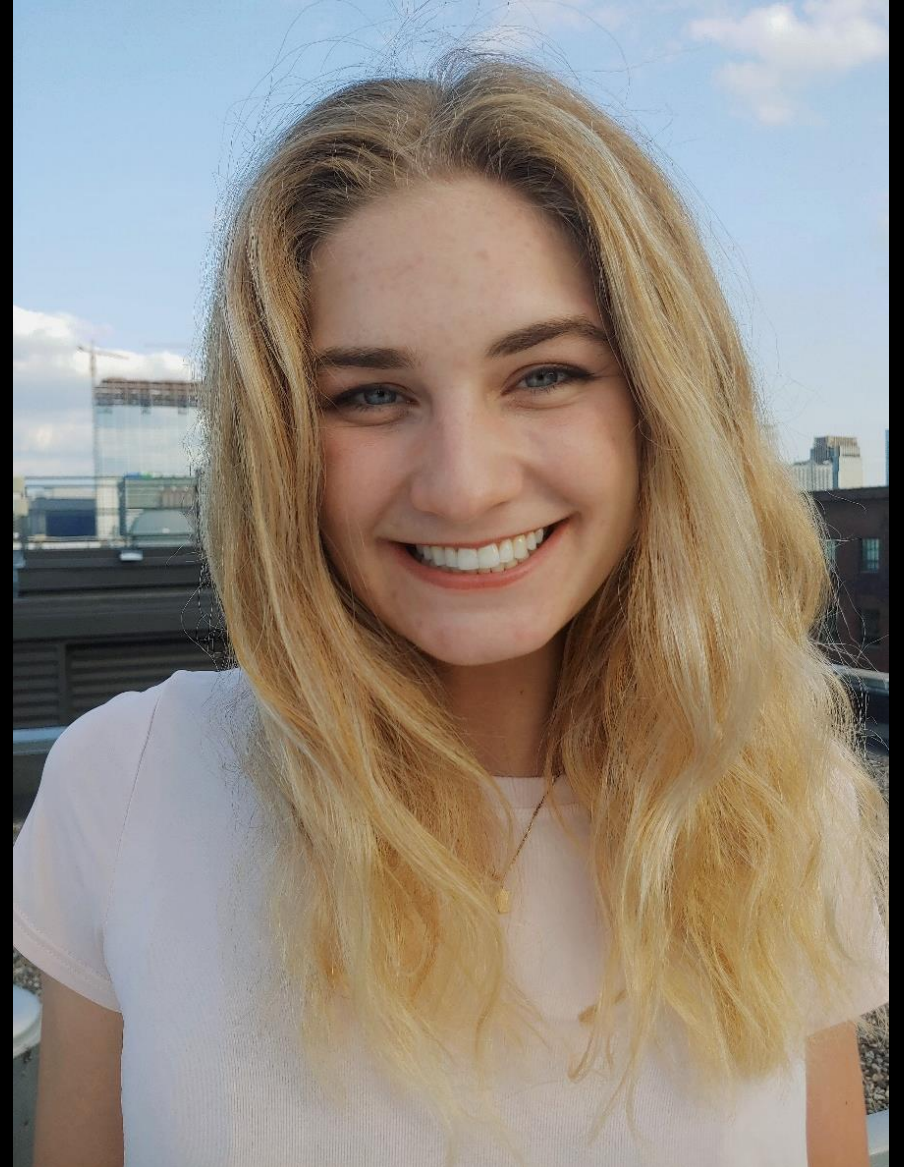


Carol Ryberg – BSN Scholarship - \$5,000

Rebecca Schwarz

RN – BA/BSN, 4 year

“I am currently a senior Bachelor of Science in Nursing student at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. For the past three years, Carol’s continued generosity has been efficacious of the work nurses do in their day-to-day responsibilities, as nursing requires selflessness and compassion. This generous scholarship has allowed me to fully immerse myself in a rigorous curriculum that has helped me grow in my technical nursing skills and advance my holistic clinical knowledge base. Upon graduation in the spring, I hope to go into critical care nursing and gain experience to eventually fulfill my career aspirations of becoming a nurse anesthetist. Without Carol’s continued support, I would not be where I am today. Thank you, Carol and all donors, for directly and vicariously touching the lives of others!”



Ida Ozias – Born April 29, 1886

2nd Year Nursing Scholarship

Ida immigrated to America from Germany at age seven. While she grew up in New Ulm and started a business career and family, she never forgot her relatives and family in the old country. Her efforts to help those suffering from the effects of war in Germany and Austria during WWI earned her a medal and citation from the German Red Cross to thank her.

Ida died in 1969 and in November 1970, Loretto Hospital (now NUMC) received \$2,000 in a trust, specified for a nursing scholarship which began distributing funds in the early 2000's. Each year a second year nursing student is eligible to receive her \$1,000 support.



Ida Ozias Nursing Scholarship Recipient - \$3,227.73

Carli Botten

Nursing, BSN

“Receiving the Ida Ozias Scholarship has been an honor for me. With this generous amount of money, I will continue to pursue my nursing career at Bethel University. Besides taking my nursing courses, I am active in working with the BUILD program and playing softball which is making me into a well rounded student. Nursing has been my passion since I was a little girl and what I believe is a way that God works through people. I am so excited to continue my education and be the best nurse I can be. Thank you to the Ida Ozias Group for choosing me. It is both an honor and a blessing. ”



Dr. Marc & Lori Burkhardt

Announcing: New Opportunity in 2022-2023

Dr. Marc & Lori Burkhardt Medical Scholarship - \$3,000

- By age 5, Lori knew she wanted to be a nurse just like her great aunt Helen. That desire never wavered during her 41-year career as a nurse, 28 years of those at New Ulm Medical Center. She enjoyed the flexibility and variety of this career at NUMC, working part time as a preoperative educator, procedure nurse, CPR instructor, recovery room nurse, developer of a public access defibrillator program in the New Ulm area, EMT for 13 years and assisting with the implementation of the computerized medical records at NUMC.
- When Marc was 7 years old, his mother showed him a magazine article, "Where Are Tomorrows Doctors?" There was nobody in his family that was in a medical field. He thought at that time that "I can be one" and so that was his goal through elementary school, high school, and college. He was only able to achieve this goal through the help of financial aid at Morningside College and committing to a Public Health Service Scholarship at the University of Iowa-College of Medicine and so he would like to help somebody else in a similar situation. Marc has had the opportunity to deliver over 6400 babies in Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Florida and during the last 33 years of his practice at New Ulm Medical Center. He was also Chief of the Medical Staff for 3 decades and helped implement Allina's electronic medical record."



The Dr. Marc and Lori Burkhardt Scholarship was established in 2021. One \$3,000 scholarship will be given to one recipient in a **bachelor's degree in nursing program or medical school** for the 2022-2023 school year.

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***Next Scholarships will be
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due by April 1, 2022***

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