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Rhodes State College Student Awarded National Nursing Scholarship

LIMA, Ohio -- Rhodes State College Nursing student Nicholas J. Pratt received a \$2,000 scholarship from Cherokee Uniforms as a winner of the "A Nurse I Am" Scholarship Essay Contest. Recipients attend two-year and four-year colleges and universities throughout the United States.

"I am honored to represent Rhodes State College in this endeavor," Pratt said. "It is my distinct pleasure to serve patients in the clinical setting as a student nurse. Through this accomplishment I would like to inspire other young people to pursue a career in nursing. It is an extremely challenging and rewarding experience."

Pratt, of Lima, serves as a student member on the Shared Governance Committee at Rhodes and works as a Peer Tutor in the Academic Success Center. After graduating this Fall, he plans to seek employment as a registered nurse and begin pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Dr. Eric Mason, Chair of Nursing at Rhodes State, said, "Nicholas Pratt is a well-deserving recipient of this national scholarship. He is an inspiration to his classmates and his dedication to his nursing education is evident in the preparation he does prior to class, laboratory and clinical experiences."

Cherokee has been a leading uniform and accessory company for healthcare professionals since 1972. The company started the "A Nurse I Am" essay competition for students after learning that a large number of nurses were leaving the profession within a few years of practice. Since its inception in 2007, more than 80 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$160,000.

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