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**Lydia's Professional Uniforms and the AACN distribute scholarship money to nursing students**

*The Lydia's Uniforms/ AACN Excellence in Academics Nursing Scholarship program has selected two recipients. Both recipients are in their junior year at universities and both have achieved a G.P.A. above 3.5. They each have short and long term goals that involve the nursing profession.*

GRAND RAPIDS, MI, October 07, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Lydia's Professional Uniforms and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing have selected two candidates to award with the Lydia's Professional Uniforms/ AACN Excellence in Academics Nursing Scholarship for the fall 2008 semester. The award is designed to acknowledge the important role nurses play in the health care system and improve access to baccalaureate nursing education programs.

Gina Ryan who is a junior in college, a Navy wife and mother of six is one of the scholarship recipients. Gina attends the University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center where she is currently earning her license as a Registered Nurse. Upon receiving her license she would like to work in Hospice. Her long term goals include opening an assisted living facility/ hospice home. Gina will receive \$2500 to put towards her education.

Nicole Brainard, a student in her junior year at Oregon Health and Science University, is also a scholarship recipient. Nicole is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in order to fulfill her short term goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. Nicole also has long term career goals of becoming involved in public health. She would like to focus on traditional native healing practices and alternative medicine as well as conventional medicine. She believes that this combined focus will create an environment that promotes patient autonomy regarding treatment. Another of Nicole's career goals is administration within her tribe's health clinic or hospital, which is currently in the planning phase. Nicole will also receive \$2500 towards her education.

Both recipients will be featured on the Lydia's Professional Uniforms scholarship page. To find out more about the winners or learn more about the scholarship program in general, please visit the About Us section of [LydiasUniforms.com](#). Detailed information regarding application deadlines, how to apply and qualification requirements can also be found there.

**About Lydia's Professional Uniforms**

For over 40 years Lydia's Uniforms has been dedicated to getting you the latest, in-style scrubs and medical uniforms at the best value. In 1971 our privately held family company opened its doors with two medical retail locations in Grand Rapids. Today the Professional Uniforms headquarters is located in Grand Rapids, MI in a 100,000 square foot building. Over 140 dedicated staff members including customer service reps, designers, seamstresses, buyers, website gurus, warehouse personnel and more are all focused on getting your order right.