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### BSJ Corporation Announces the \$1000 Adele M. Stolder Scholarship Winner

La Crosse, July 11, 2023 – Bethany St. Joseph Corporation has announced that Jennifer Barnes, a dedicated Health Unit Coordinator at Bethany St. Joseph Care Center, has been awarded the Adele M. Stolder Scholarship. Jennifer will receive a \$1,000 award to support her educational expenses as she pursues an associate degree in nursing at Western Technical College.

Jennifer, currently a sophomore at Western Technical College, embarked on her career at the BSJ care center as part of the administrative team. However, she quickly discovered her calling to become a nurse, fueled by her unwavering passion for helping others. Reflecting on her experience at Bethany St. Joseph Care Center, Jennifer remarked, "Working here has been an eye-opening experience...the level of care and dedication exhibited by my colleagues is unparalleled." She is deeply committed to contributing her time and skills to the care center, both during her studies and beyond.

While pursuing her academic goals, Jennifer plans to continue her employment at the BSJ Care Center, initially as a part-time nursing assistant. As she progresses through her education, she aims to transition into a part-time nurse tech role, culminating in taking the Licensed Practical Nurse Licensure Exam. Once she successfully passes the exam, her aspiration is to become a Registered Nurse at the BSJ Care Center.

Expressing her gratitude upon learning about her selection for the scholarship, Jennifer stated, "I feel immensely grateful to have been selected as the recipient of the Adele M. Stolder Scholarship. Thank you so much for allowing me to continue towards my nursing dream with the support of your generosity. It means a lot that such a respectable nursing facility in our community sees the value in me. I will continue to work hard to prove myself worthy of this opportunity that has been given to me. BSJ has a special place in my heart, and I cannot wait to see where this path takes us."

The BSJ Foundation would like to extend sincere appreciation to all the applicants who applied for the 2023 AMS Scholarship. The overwhelming response this year set a record for the number of applications received. The Foundation is grateful for the exceptional quality and dedication demonstrated by each applicant.

In addition, we are thrilled to announce the recipients of this year's Runner-up awards, despite the challenge of not being able to award scholarships to all applicants:

- 2023 Runner-up #1: Ava Kloehn from Onalaska Care Center - \$100.00
- 2023 Runner-up #2: Alexis Smith from Bethany St. Joseph Care Center - \$100.00

The scholarship evaluation process at BSJ involves impartial judges external to the organization, ensuring fairness and confidentiality. The feedback from these esteemed judges was overwhelmingly positive for all the essays, making the selection process quite challenging. This attests to the outstanding quality of all the applications received.

### **About the Adele M. Stolder Scholarship:**

The Adele M. Stolder Scholarship was established by Mary Ellen Stolder, in honor of her mother who was a resident at the BSJ Care Center. Mary Ellen has been a devoted contributor to BSJ in various capacities, including serving on the board and as the board president. Her generous support has made this scholarship possible for the past four years, with the intention to continue it annually. The next round of applications will open in April 2024. To learn more about the scholarship or donate to the scholarship fund, please visit [www.bsjcorp.com/scholarships](http://www.bsjcorp.com/scholarships).

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