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CEO Josh Martin pictured above with Elma High School graduate Kenna Stoney at the awards presentation.

SPMC Employees Responsible for \$5,000 in Awarded Scholarships

(ELMA, WA) –Thanks to the generous nature of several Summit Pacific Medical Center employees, five local area high school seniors have been awarded \$5,000 in scholarships. Summit Pacific Medical Foundation oversees two scholarship funds, the Employee Scholarship Fund and the Mitch Cohen Memorial Scholarship fund. Since the scholarship program was established in 1993, local area seniors have been awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships.

The Employee Scholarship Fund is a long-standing tradition of the hospital district. The fund assists local students in obtaining further education in healthcare fields. This fund is strictly supported by donations from Summit Pacific employees. This year, the Employee Scholarship Committee granted four \$1,000 scholarships.

“This year was especially tough because we had such a highly motivated group of applicants, I wish we could have chosen them all. These students have gone above and beyond. I can’t wait for them to follow their passions,” said Joy Iversen, Diagnostic Imaging Manager and Scholarship Committee Chair.

The Mitch Cohen Memorial Scholarship Fund is supported from money raised by Dr. Shawn Andrews and volunteer staff. The scholarship is awarded in honor of the late Dr. Cohen’s generosity, and love for this community. This year, the Mitch Cohen Memorial Scholarship Committee granted two \$500 scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded each spring to graduating seniors. For more information or to download the scholarship applications, visit the Summit Pacific website at www.summitpacificmedicalcenter.org.

2018 Scholarship Recipients

Taylor Clapp, Elma High School: Awarded the Mitch Cohen Memorial Scholarship. Taylor plans to study business administration and counseling at Pacific university in Oregon.

Kenna Stoney, Elma High School: Awarded the Summit Pacific Employees Scholarship. Kenna plans to study nursing at the University of Washington.

Bailie Golding, Montesano High School: Awarded the Summit Pacific Employees Scholarship and the Mitch Cohen Memorial Scholarship. Bailie plans to study pediatric nursing at George Fox University in Oregon.

Morgan Malizia, Montesano High School: Awarded the Summit Pacific Employees Scholarship. Morgan plans to study nursing at the University of Washington.

Kaycee Ruggles, Montesano High School: Awarded the Summit Pacific Employees Scholarship. Kaycee plans to study nursing at Grays Harbor Community College.

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Summit Pacific Medical Center's vision is "Through Summit Care, we will build the healthiest community in the Nation." We passionately provide essential healthcare to all individuals of our community with an emphasis on quality, access and compassion. We are a Level IV Critical access Hospital with 24-hour emergency services. We also operate three rural healthcare clinics, an urgent care clinic and a virtual care clinic. To learn more about SPMC, visit www.sp-mc.org.