

Widener announces doctoral nursing scholarship recipient



Meg Ambrose Hall, RN, MSN

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CHESTER >> Widener University is proud to announce that doctoral nursing student and Skippack, Pa., resident Meg Ambrose Hall, RN, MSN, will be recognized as the Eva Miller Nursing Scholarship recipient at the university's graduate award and commencement ceremonies this month. The \$5,000 scholarship, established in partnership by Widener and The Foundation for Delaware County, was awarded to Hall in September 2017.

Named in memory of donor Gerald Miller's mother, the award provides a scholarship each year for the next three years to a doctoral student in the Widener School of Nursing with funds to support the expenses associated with his or her dissertation costs. The student is selected by the School of Nursing and chosen with approval from the foundation.

"I am so incredibly thankful to have had the opportunity to receive the Eva Miller Nursing Scholarship and cannot thank Mr. Miller and Frances Sheehan enough," said Hall. "It was truly an honor."

The scholarship supported Hall's dissertation research on the topic of nurses' perceptions of their skills in administering end-of-life (EOL) care in the critical care unit. Through her research, Hall designed and conducted a study to understand and find the meaning of critical care registered nurses' perceptions of preparedness in the provision of EOL care to ultimately improve care for dying patients and their families.

"The Widener School of Nursing is thrilled to recognize Meg as the Eva Miller Nursing Scholar," said Dr. Laura Dzurec, dean of the School of Nursing. "Through her professional and academic career, Meg has demonstrated her commitment to not only providing high quality patient care, but to educating the next generation of nurses. Support through scholarships like this allow us as an institution to continue in our endeavor to support and develop leaders and innovators in nursing and nursing education."

Her years as a registered nurse working in critical care at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery inspired Hall to pursue nursing education so she may assist in preparing student nurses for their careers. “Nurses will always be needed, and I believe it is one of my many roles as a registered nurse to continue to educate and teach future nurses about the importance of nursing and quality patient care in healthcare today,” Hall said.

“We congratulate Ms. Hall on her upcoming graduation and are delighted that we could assist her in accomplishing her goals which align perfectly with the purpose of the Eva Miller Nursing Scholarship program,” said scholarship donor Gerald Miller. “With the counsel and leadership from The Foundation for Delaware County, when we established this nursing scholarship, we wanted to tackle the nursing shortage from both directions. First, we wanted to assist a student entering the field of nursing, and second, we wanted to work with Widener University’s doctoral nursing program to assist a student who will research and teach in the future. We need more nurses and we need more nursing professors; this dual-approach scholarship sets out to help meet both needs.”

In addition to the scholarship recognition, Hall will also receive the School of Nursing dean’s award at the Widener graduate commencement ceremony. Hall is also an adjunct professor at Villanova University.