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**Advancement Of Public Health**

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## **Foundation Announces 2014 Dependent Scholarship Winners**

*Dependents of Public Health Service officers receive money for college*

The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health offers a scholarship program available to all high school, undergraduate and graduate students sponsored by a member in good standing of the [Commissioned Officers Association](#) (COA). The scholarships are funded by active and retired Public Health Service officers, local COA branches, and others. We thank them for their generosity.

The Foundation is proud to announce the following winners of its 2014 Dependent Scholarships:

- Elizabeth Hennessy: biochemistry at Creighton University (sponsor CDR Jodi Hennessy)
- Jordan Gemelas: public health at the University of Washington (sponsor CAPT James Gemelas)
- Angela Gonzalez: microbiology in the pre-med program at the University of Oklahoma (sponsor CDR Hugo Gonzalez)
- Whitney Johnson: nursing with a minor in public health (sponsor LCDR Erica Johnson)
- Colton Polczynski: engineering and hydrology at Colorado State University (sponsor CDR Eric Polczynski)
- Christopher Vakkur: international affairs and global health at George Washington University (sponsor CAPT Susan Wang)
- Kellie Holovac: bioengineering at the University of Maryland (sponsor CAPT Mary Ann Holovac)
- Matthew Guerrero: kinesiology at Western Washington University (sponsor CAPT Elmer Guerrero)
- Jennifer Himmes: marine biology (sponsor CAPT Thomas Bostwick)
- Deborah Backman: public health at the University of Pittsburgh (sponsor LCDR Bonita Malit)
- Torey Stutts: nursing at UNC Charlotte (sponsor LT Juula Stutts)
- Renae Dykstra: journalism (sponsor CDR Steven Dykstra)
- Jasmine Brown: dentistry at the University of Alaska Anchorage (sponsor CDR Cassandra Brown)

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