

Students Selected for 2022 RADM Mishoe Scholarship Awards

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The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) is pleased to announce the 2022 recipients of the RADM Helena O. Mishoe "Believe" Scholarship – Yerahm Hong and Landon Lee.

The scholarship program was established by RADM Helena Mishoe, PhD, MPH to foster the career dreams of high school seniors from underrepresented populations who are interested in the health sciences and research, or health-related disciplines. Candidates for the scholarship are assessed on strength of character, a commitment to community service, resiliency in overcoming challenges, and leadership potential.

Yerahm Hong is the first-place award recipient. She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 2022 to pursue biomedical science on the pre-med track. In her scholarship essay, Yerahm wrote that she has a "goose mom" – a family where a young person migrates to a foreign county and the parent supports the student's education by working abroad. Seasonal visits are made the way geese migrate every year – hence the term. Although she misses her mother, Yerahm has used her absence as an opportunity to become more determined, independent, and adaptable.

Her letters of recommendation highlight the fact that she is an exceptional student who is extremely well rounded and has a "heart to serve others." For instance, she envisioned and organized the first ever String Ensemble at her high school. She then sought performance venues for the group including at a nursing home, a local Rotary Club, and school events. As a



Yerahm Hong

member of the Beta Club, she is involved in several community service activities. Yerahm is also active in content related clubs such as Science Olympiad, the Math Team, and the Academic Team. As the Chair of the Math Department at her high school writes, "Yerahm has already proven that she has success in her bones and a kind spirit to move mountains."

Landon Lee received the second highest score from scholarship reviewers. In the fall of 2022, he will begin at William Jewell College with a major in biology with the intention of becoming a physician. The college is known for teaching critical thinking with a goal of training and empowering students to make a difference in the world.

Landon is an excellent student with strong leadership skills who has served the community in a variety of ways. In addition



Landon Lee

to packing backpacks for the local food bank, he has distributed food with "Food on the Move" – a program that provides healthy and quality food to economically challenged and hard-to-reach communities. In his essay, Landon writes that his view of the world has "expanded through service." At age eight, he used his birthday money to donate to the Congo. This led him to later go on mission trips to places such as Haiti where his interest in helping others was reinforced. In addition to playing high school baseball and football, Landon is a member of the Premed club and the American Indian Education Program at his high school as well as the Young Men's Service League of Tulsa.

To learn more about the Mishoe Scholarship fund, please visit: <https://www.phscof.org/scholarships/mishoe-believe-scholarship/>