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Kiwanis club awards nursing scholarships

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SEMINOLE – The Kiwanis Club of Seminole Breakfast Foundation awarded the Colonel Mildred Imogene Butler Nursing Scholarship at their meeting on June 25.

This scholarship is awarded to Pinellas County students entering into or pursuing a career in nursing.

This year, the Kiwanis awarded two \$3,000 scholarships to students currently attending St. Petersburg College: Lacie Belcastro and Marissa Pitts.

Belcastro, 19, of Seminole is in her first year of college and working on finishing her prerequisites to get into the nursing program at SPC. She is a graduate of Seminole High School. She is a co-leader of the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida and currently has a 4.0 grade-point average in college. When Belcastro graduates, she hopes to work with children as a pediatric nurse.

Pitts, 23, of St. Petersburg has already received her AA degree and is currently enrolled in the nursing program. She is a graduate of Pinellas Park High school. She volunteers her time with the nonprofit organization Love Thy Neighbor helping local medical patients who can't afford routine maintenance of their home.

She currently has a 3.3 grade-point average. She is also a member of the National Student Nurse Association. When she graduates, she hopes to work as a nurse in home health care.

The Colonel Mildred Imogene Butler Nursing Scholarship program supports the mission of the Kiwanis Foundation to advance the ideal of “changing the world one child and one community at a time.”

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From left, David Green, club president; Lacie Belcastro and Marissa Pitts, scholarship recipients; Kris Hartland, past club president; and Sherry McGowan, representative for Colonel Mildred Imogene Butler.