

The Camden Group Awards Nursing Scholarships

Annual scholarships help support advancement of future nurse leaders

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., September 9, 2009 -- The Camden Group, one of the nation's leading healthcare business advisory consulting firms, has awarded its annual Victor E. Schimmel Memorial Nursing Scholarships to three graduate students.

Nancy Blake, a doctoral candidate at University of California, Los Angeles is studying the impact of communication, collaboration, and leadership on patient mortality and nursing workforce retention. After completing her doctorate, Blake's goal is to serve as a Chief Nursing Officer with a joint faculty appointment at a university.

Scot Nolan is enrolled in the DNP program at the University of San Diego. His areas of focus are evidence-based practice models and the role of nurses in patient outcomes. On completion of the program, Nolan expressed interest in helping future nurses achieve desired patient outcomes.

Hildy Schell-Chaple is enrolled in the Ph.D program at the University of California, San Francisco. Her doctorate research focuses on the phenomena of fever management in acute and critically ill patients. Schell-Chaple plans to pursue her interest in clinical research as a nurse scientist.

Each recipient was awarded scholarships of \$3,500.

"The final impact of healthcare reform is still unclear, but we know that nurses will play an even more critical and key role in care delivery, improving quality and patient satisfaction, achieving desired outcomes, and managing costs in the new healthcare system," said Patricia Hines, RN, Ph.D., Vice President of The Camden Group. "We are proud to recognize these nurse leaders and are confident they will make significant contributions to the nursing profession."

The Camden Group provides a vast array of consulting services on areas ranging from hospital operations improvement, strategic and business planning, physician group advisory services, and facility planning. Since its founding in 1970, The Camden Group has advised more than 1,000 hospitals, medical groups, outpatient facilities, and other healthcare organizations nationwide. To learn more about these scholarships or The Camden Group, please visit www.thecamden.com.