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Partnership Announces Winners of Member Scholarships

FAIRFIELD – Partnership HealthPlan of California is proud to announce the winners in its inaugural Member Scholarship Program, which supports Medi-Cal recipients pursuing careers in health care, social service, and public service. One Partnership member received a \$10,000 scholarship, and four members each received \$5,000 scholarships, for a total of \$30,000 awarded.

“These recipients represent the resilience, commitment, and vision of our community,” said Sonja Bjork, CEO. “Their journeys reflect our mission of helping our members and the communities we serve be healthy across Northern California.”

The \$10,000 scholarship was awarded to Logan White of Humboldt County, who grew up in a rural town where access to mental health care was limited. With Partnership’s support, Logan was able to receive the care he needed, an experience that shaped his decision to pursue a master’s degree in social work and become a licensed clinical social worker. He hopes to blend clinical practice with system-level change, working to improve health systems in rural and tribal communities.

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Jessika Allen of Butte County, a single mother of two and nonprofit program coordinator, is committed to serving the unsheltered community in Chico. She plans to transfer from community college to a university to earn a bachelor’s degree in social work, equipping her team with trauma-informed practices and inspiring her children by continuing her education.

Robert Sexton of Lake County, a father of three, has overcome homelessness and substance abuse with the support of Partnership and community partners. Now an undergraduate student at Woodland Community College, he plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree at UC Berkeley and become a licensed substance abuse counselor.

His long-term goal is to direct a rehabilitation center that can bring healing to people struggling with chronic addiction.

Rosella Moon of Hoopa hopes to pursue a social work degree after earning her associate degree from College of the Redwoods. Motivated by her own experiences with the Family Wellness Court system and the shortage of indigenous clinicians, Rosella's goal is to return to her community as a social worker. She wants to support Native families through the Hoopa Indian Child Welfare division, building empathetic practices rooted in cultural understanding.

Tisha White, also from Hoopa, is charting a unique path in the funeral services field. A former foster youth, she envisions opening Feather Funeral Home in Humboldt County, a space that honors Native American cultural and religious practices. Inspired by Partnership's example of accessible, equitable care, she plans to create funeral services that respect the traditions of Native families while offering comfort and healing during times of loss.

The Partnership Member Scholarship Program was established in 2025 to recognize and support Partnership members who demonstrate exceptional commitment to careers that uplift their communities. "By investing in our members' education, we are investing in the future of health in Northern California," Bjork said.

Winners were selected based on Partnership member status, essay responses, and career goals.

About Partnership HealthPlan of California: Partnership is a community-based, safety-net health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. Partnership provides quality care to about 900,000 Medi-Cal members. Starting in Solano County in 1994, Partnership now serves 24 Northern California counties – Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba. Learn more about Partnership at PartnershipHP.org.