

Scholar a new nurse at MCH

Cooperation in the community

Priscilla Coffill, a 2007 ConVal High School graduate, was one of the first to win a scholarship grant from the ConVal Community Scholarship Foundation.

The foundation is a ConVal region community supported organization created in 2006 to help ConVal High School graduates with limited chances of postsecondary education. The foundation supplies not only financial assistance, but also mentoring.

John Vance of Peterborough, president of the scholarship foundation, has been Coffill's mentor.

Coffill graduated May 15 from N.H. Technical Institute in Concord with her Associate in Science in Nursing degree and has passed the state nursing exam.

She lives with her mother, Denise Hunt, in Hancock.

On July 13, she started her new job as a registered nurse at Monadnock Community Hospital, where she was born, and where she participated in a ConVal High intern program.

Familiar with Coffill, and taking her fine performance at NHTI during her first semester into account, hospital officials decided to match the foundation's scholarship grant for the remaining semesters of her associate degree program.

With a job at Shaw's in Hillsborough, hard work and her scholarship grants, Coffill graduated from NHTI with this recommendation to MCH from her faculty advisor who wrote, in part, "Priscilla is absolutely wonderful. She is bright, caring and compassionate with patients and relates well with everyone. She told me that a local organization and Monadnock [Hospital] had provided scholarship

monies to help her with her education. I have to tell you how well spent those dollars were. Priscilla has been a strong and responsible student throughout the program and is planning on continuing her education. It is a pleasure to recommend her as a registered nurse."

Coffill has said she wants to earn her baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Earlier this month, Coffill was introduced to the Monadnock Rotary Club, of which Vance and Peter Gosline, MCH President and CEO, are members.

In accepting her invitation, Coffill wrote, "I feel that the ConVal Dollars for Scholars organization played an enormous role in my success and I am so grateful for all the financial assistance as well as support and encouragement I have received. ... It would be a pleasure to give back to the community that has done so much for me."

Gosline said, "We are glad to provide an opportunity for Priscilla, and we are happy to have someone with her energy and talent to join our nursing staff."

Vance said, "This is a community success story. The ConVal Community Scholarship Foundation was launched in 2006 to give mentoring and financial assistance to promising students in the region with difficult disadvantages to overcome and by their successes inspire others with tough challenges to do the same. Since its founding, CVCSF has received more 300-plus donations from more than 130 individuals, businesses, foundations and other organizations."

The foundation's address is: CVCSF, P.O. Box 372, Peterborough.



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