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**CIENA HEALTHCARE & LAUREL HEALTH CARE COMPANY  
ANNOUNCE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES**

*Eight children of current Ciena and Laurel employees will receive funds for continuing education*

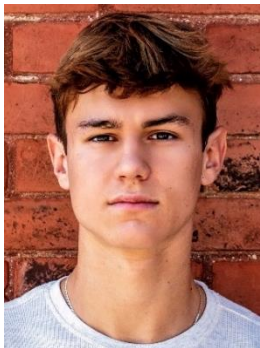
**WESTERVILLE, Ohio** – Ciena Healthcare and Laurel Health Care Company, operators of more than 80 skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities across five states, are proud to announce eight recipients of scholarship awards through the Ciena-Laurel Student Scholarship Program administered by Scholarship America®.

The Ciena-Laurel Student Scholarship Program, now in its second year, was established by Mohammad A. Qazi, president and CEO of Ciena Healthcare and Laurel Health Care Company, to assist the scholastic goals of the children of Ciena and Laurel employees pursuing degrees at universities, colleges, or vocational schools.

Applications were reviewed by Scholarship America’s evaluation team, and awards were granted to eligible recipients without regard to creed, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$500 to \$4,000.

“Ciena Healthcare and Laurel Health Care Company are honored to offer financial support to eight exceptional scholars as they continue their educational journeys,” Nancy Erwin, director of employee relations and development for Ciena Healthcare and Laurel Health Care Company, said. “It is a true privilege for our organization to annually invest in the futures of the children of our dedicated employees. We are very excited to see what the future holds for our honorees.”

**2022 Ciena-Laurel Scholarship Recipients**



**Caleb Graeber**  
Marshall, Mich.

Caleb Graeber is entering his first year at Ferris State University, studying nursing. He is the son of Matthew and Jenna Graeber, and his father is an employee of **The Laurels of Coldwater** in Coldwater, Mich.

*Awards, Interests, Honors*

National Honor Society ... Youth Advisory Council ... Student Council ... band ... soccer ... golf



**Nicolas (Cole) Graeber**

Marshall, Mich.

Cole Graeber is entering his fourth year of college and third semester at Western Michigan University, studying biomedical sciences. He is the son of Matthew and Jenna Graeber, and his father is an employee of **The Laurels of Coldwater** in Coldwater, Mich.

*Awards, Interests, Honors*

Lee Honor College ... Dean's List ... Tau Sigma National Honor Society for transfer students



**Amy Grummel**

Monroe, Mich.

Amy Grummel is entering her third year of college at Eastern Michigan University, where she is studying elementary education. She is the daughter of Villa and Jason Grummel, and her mother is an employee at **Hickory Ridge of Temperance** in Temperance, Mich.

*Awards, Interests, Honors*

Kappa Delta Pi member ... Dean's List, Fall 2021



**Daisy Hearn**  
Burgaw, N.C.

Daisy Hearn is entering her first year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, studying media and journalism. She is the daughter of Sunshine Neely, an employee at **The Laurels of Pender** in Burgaw, N.C.



**Mackenzie Miller**  
Hicksville, Ohio

Mackenzie Miller is entering her third year at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, studying dental hygiene. She is the daughter of Carrie Miller and Greg Miller, and her mother is an employee at **The Laurels of DeKalb** in Butler, Ind. Mackenzie was a member of the inaugural student scholarship class and was once again selected as an honoree by Scholarship America.

*Awards, Interests, Honors*

Enjoys working, spending time with family friends, learning more about dentistry, and frequenting coffee shops ... awarded the "Excellence Award" from IUFW



**Catherine Pilot**  
Henrico, Va.

Catherine Pilot is entering her second year at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, studying biological sciences. She is the daughter of Martha and Michael Pilot, and her mother is an employee at **The Laurels of Willow Creek** in Midlothian, Va. Catherine was a member of the inaugural student scholarship class and was once again selected as an honoree by Scholarship America.

*Awards, Interests, Honors*

Recipient of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Scholar-Athlete Award ... West Point Leadership Award ... high school class president ... RVA dental care internship ... honors student



**Garrin Salo**  
Escanaba, Mich.

Garrin Salo is a graduate student at Michigan State University, where he is studying human resources and labor relations. He is the son of Lori and Gary Salo, and his mother is an employee at **Christian Park Village** in Escanaba, Mich.

*Awards, Interests, Honors*

Vice President, Labor and Employment Relations Association ... graduate research assistant ... graduate teaching associate (22-23 academic year) ... member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Graduate Students Association ... intramural volleyball



**Elizabeth Taylor**  
Flint, Mich.

Elizabeth Taylor is entering her third year of college and second year at Saginaw Valley State University, where she is studying medical laboratory science. She is the daughter of Rebecca and Jason Taylor, and her

mother is an employee at **Willowbrook Manor** in Flint, Mich. Elizabeth was a member of the inaugural student scholarship class and was once again selected as an honoree by Scholarship America.

*Awards, Interests, Honors*

Shows and cares for horses; has earned numerous awards over a period of 11 years ... President's Award of Academic Excellence at Kearsley High School ... Dean's List

**About Ciena Healthcare**

Ciena Healthcare has managed skilled nursing homes and rehabilitation centers since 1998. Ciena's seasoned leadership team provides nursing homes throughout the state of Michigan with clinical, operational, regulatory, and financial management and expertise. Ciena Healthcare is striving to change the perception of nursing home care service by providing patients and residents with high quality of care in home-like environments.

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**About Laurel Health Care Company**

Laurel Health Care Company, operator of The Laurels skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, is a national provider of skilled nursing, rehabilitation, sub-acute, and assisted living services dedicated to one simple principle – achieving the highest standards of care and caring. We achieve this goal in partnership with our guests and their families, our associates, and the communities we serve.

At The Laurels, caring is more than providing excellent medical and guest services. It is also being a companion, and treating each guest with the utmost dignity, respect, and compassion.

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**About Scholarship America®**

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