

# WILLIS FOUNDATION SCHOLAR



Callan Kinnard

Ochiltree General Hospital prides ourselves on providing quality healthcare with a family atmosphere here in the Texas Panhandle. With highly-educated and experienced staff members, dedicated volunteers and a community that is truly invested in our

purpose, Ochiltree General Hospital continues to grow and expand services in our community.

One of the vital entities helping to bring educational and technological advances to Ochiltree General Hospital is the Dean Allen Willis Foundation. The Dean Allen Willis Foundation was founded by the family of Dean Allen Willis who passed away in 1996 at the age of fifteen from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Since its founding, the mission of the Dean Allen Willis Foundation has been to fund both educational scholarships and equipment upgrades in the Ochiltree General Hospital Emergency Services department. These funds are used solely for emergency room and trauma education for Ochiltree General staff and our local physicians.

One recipient of a Dean Allen Willis Foundation scholarship – Callan Nicole Kinnard – is thankful for the opportunity to pursue her dreams of a career in the medical field. Callan, the daughter of Monty and Jyme Kinnard of Perryton, is a senior at Perryton High School and plans to attend Amarillo College this fall to obtain her nursing license. Callan eventually plans to go on to a university to get her master's degree and become a nurse practitioner specializing in emergency medical services and trauma.

Though a career in the medical field has always been Callan's dream profession, after going through some medical hardships of her own, Callan realized the impact healthcare professionals made in her life throughout her own journey.

"I have always had such a great support system and with so many family members involved in the medical field, the field was just always an interest of mine," Callan says. "Through my own journey, I encountered so many amazing nurses, nurse practitioners and doctors who really inspired me. I am truly motivated to help others as people have helped me and to give back to my community."

When asked where she see herself in 10 years, Callan says she will be back here in Perryton working as a nurse practitioner in the Ochiltree General Hospital Emergency Services department giving back to her community through serving others. That desire to give back through medical expertise is exactly what the founders of the Dean Allen Willis Foundation hoped to foster when they founded the scholarship program.

## Employee Spotlight

### BIRTHDAYS

#### MAY

Scotty Harrison - May 3  
Rudy Vasquez - May 3  
Jyme Kinnard - May 6  
Julia Burris - May 7  
Tonya Griffin - May 11  
Yolanda Herosillo - May 12  
Imelda Matias - May 13  
Kelly Cowan - May 16  
Iris Herrera - May 16  
Martha Ramirez - May 16  
Marcy Mitchell - May 17  
Corina Severn - May 18  
Megan Ward - May 21  
Leticia Gutierrez - May 25  
Neely Tarango - May 26  
Erika Rivera - May 30

#### JUNE

Zulema Miranda - June 3  
Jessica Russell - June 4  
Sandra Burton - June 9  
Charlotte Still - June 11  
Ilda Soto - June 12  
Patricia Garcia - June 15  
Joann Heck - June 17  
Marolan Smith - June 23  
Chrystal Cenicerros - June 30

### OGH ANNIVERSARIES

#### MAY

Carmen Ortega - 1 Year  
Lupe Cervantes - 1 Year  
Brenda Ortiz - 2 Years  
Brandy Wright - 2 Years  
Jessica Andrade - 2 Years  
Krystine Ramsey - 2 Years  
Julee Stringfield - 3 Years  
Marcy Mitchell - 4 Years  
Corina Severn - 5 Years  
Caitlin Tarvin - 6 Years  
Crystal Ponce - 8 Years  
Leticia Gutierrez - 8 Years  
Mary Sanchez - 9 Years  
Eva Hargues - 11 Years  
Carrie Olivarez - 14 Years  
Elena Borunda - 28 Years  
Dr. Tripps Childers - 31 Years

#### JUNE

Morgan Allen - 1 Year  
Sarah Aliff - 1 Year  
Kevelin Becerril - 1 Year  
Misty Lira - 1 Year  
Cody Tarvin - 1 Year  
Virginia Chairez - 2 Years  
Casey Money - 2 Years  
Laura Villalba-Arenas - 2 Years  
Madeleim Zavala - 3 Years  
Norma Romero - 4 Years  
Erika Rivera - 6 Years  
Florinda Villa - 6 Years  
Kristi Martinez - 10 Years  
David Daves - 12 Years  
Deirdre Floyd - 14 Years  
Melanni Schollenbarger - 19 Years  
Rhonda Daniels - 29 Years

"As a family, we wanted to help Ochiltree General in whatever way we could as far as supporting the emergency and trauma departments at the hospital," Suzanne Willis, mother of Dean Willis and founding member of the Dean Allen Willis Foundation, says. "The scholarship was established to encourage registered nurses to return to Ochiltree County. We are excited to be a part of the future of emergency healthcare in Perryton thanks to students like Callan applying for the scholarship and pursuing their nursing degrees." The Dean Allen Willis Foundation is a 501 (C) 3, Tax Exempt Private Foundation which is supported by gifts from individuals.

The Foundation posts notices in the newspaper and on the radio to inform the public regarding Foundation funded education and training programs and to give the Perryton-Ochiltree community an opportunity to participate with contributions. Contributions may be mailed to PO Box 1046, Perryton, TX 79070. 🌾