



News Briefs

## Mason Health celebrates inaugural SHS Health Sciences Academy scholarships



Shelton High School Health Sciences Academy graduates – **Carly VanAagten**, **Gregoria Lizbeth Alonzo Tomas**, and **Eryka Delgado-Hernandez** – accepted scholarships from Mason Health to pursue careers in nursing and medical assistance.

Mason Health is investing in health care for future generations. In a landmark partnership with the Shelton High School Health Sciences Academy, Mason Health will fund the continuing education for three graduating high school seniors this fall.

“Mason Health’s collaboration with the Shelton School District’s Health Sciences Academy showcases the intrinsic value and strength of relationships,” said CEO **Eric Moll**. “Through this important partnership with the Health Sciences Academy and the Shelton School District, we are able to modernize educational opportunities for the youth in our community, thereby creating a solid path for the future generations of students and members of the health care workforce.”

**Eryka Delgado-Hernandez**, 17, and **Carly VanAagten**, 18, will receive full-ride scholarships from Mason Health to the competitive registered nursing (RN) program at South Puget Sound Community College this fall. At the same time, Delgado-Hernandez and VanAagten will work as nurse technicians at Mason General Hospital, gaining experience in multiple departments corresponding with the subject matter they are learning at school. Upon completion of nursing school, if Mason Health has open job positions, they will work at Mason General Hospital for a minimum of two years.

If there are no open positions at Mason Health when the students graduate from their programs, they do not need to pay the scholarship back.

**Gregoria Lizbeth Alonzo Tomas**, 17, will receive a full-ride scholarship from Mason Health to enter the Washington Association for Community Health’s 12-month medical assistant apprenticeship program. During her program, she will work at Mason Clinic as a full-time employee and afterward, Tomas will be able to take the National Healthcareer Association exam to work as a Medical Assistant-Certified (MA-C). After becoming certified, she will work at Mason Clinic for a minimum of two years.

Congratulations, winners!

## Mason Health collects food for local children



Mason Health employees collected 509.1 pounds of food for The Saints’ Pantry Food Bank’s Food for Kids backpack program! Executive Director Rabecca Marquez, center, picked up the food on May 17, with Mason Clinic-Pediatrics Clinic Supervisor Wyndi Herrera (left) and Clinic Manager Christine Dawson (right). The Food Bank provides on average 430 bags of food each week to our area schools on weekends and during the summer, when kids do not have access to free or reduced-price meals.

## Mason Health launches School Medical Autism Review Team with local partners

The June issue of SCOPE magazine will feature an in-depth look at Mason County’s new School Medical Autism Review Team (SMART).

The SMART is a collaborative effort among Mason Health pediatricians and occupational and speech therapists, Mason County Public Health, Shelton School District special education and early learning educators and other local partners to address the challenges families face in getting a timely autism diagnosis.

With earlier diagnoses, families are getting resources they need much sooner.



Watch for the June issue of SCOPE!

Special Kudos



**Congratulations** to **Amy Nussbaum, RN**, for being selected the May 2022 Employee of the Month!

MGH Foundation News

## MGH Foundation Auxiliary announces Medical Scholarship Winners

Mason General Hospital Foundation’s Auxiliary Chapter will award \$15,000 total in scholarships this year for 17 award recipients. The award winners include six high school scholarships, eight Mason Health employee scholarships and three renewal scholarships.

### Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors: \$1,000 each:

- Shelton High School student **Marissa Deemer**, 17, will study at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.
- Shelton High School student **Eryka Delgado-Hernandez**, 17, plans to study at South Puget Sound Community

College to become a Labor & Delivery nurse.

- North Mason High School student **Abigail Green**, 18, plans to study at Olympic College to study diagnostic medical sonography.
- Shelton High School student **Sarah Jacoby**, 17, will study sports medicine at Washington State University.
- Shelton High School student **Faith Linthicum**, 17, intends to study at Saint Martin’s University in Lacey to pursue a major in Biology and a minor in Public Health to become a neurologist.
- Shelton High School student **Helday Zacarias**, 18, plans to pursue a nursing degree at Saint Martin’s University.



Past scholarship winners **Ian Frost**, **Cristal Resendiz-Ramos** and **Chloe Wilder** received renewal scholarships.

The following Mason Health employees received \$500 scholarships for their studies: **Jennifer Bronk**, **Yvonne Edwards**, **Melissa Lawhon**, **Shelby Powell**, **Julia Solano-Martinez**, **Ian Strozyk**, **Amanda Wells** and **Jordan Willis**.

## Current COVID-19 & Vaccination Updates

**Current Mason Health Protocols**

**All subject to change.**

**Visitors Allowed**  
(Limited Exceptions for Special Circumstances)  
Cafeteria Open to Patients and Staff Only

**Policy and practice does not change regardless of vaccination status.**

**Visiting Hours**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon.-Fri. • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat.-Sun.  
All visitors please use Main Entrance except Emergency Department visitors

**For the most up-to-date visitor guidelines, visit [www.masongeneral.com](http://www.masongeneral.com).**

*Thank you for choosing Mason Health for your care!*

Mason Health is committed to the safety of its patients as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

**Masking** is still required at all Mason Health facilities and some **visitor restrictions** remain in place.

**COVID testing** is available Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., by appointment only at the Curative kiosk on the Mason Health campus (**Red circle**).

To schedule a COVID test, visit <https://book.curative.com/sites/31254>.

**COVID vaccines** can be scheduled with your primary care or pediatric provider or at the Mason Health Vaccine Clinic (**Red square**.)

**COVID treatment clinic** (**Red triangle**) hours are now 1 to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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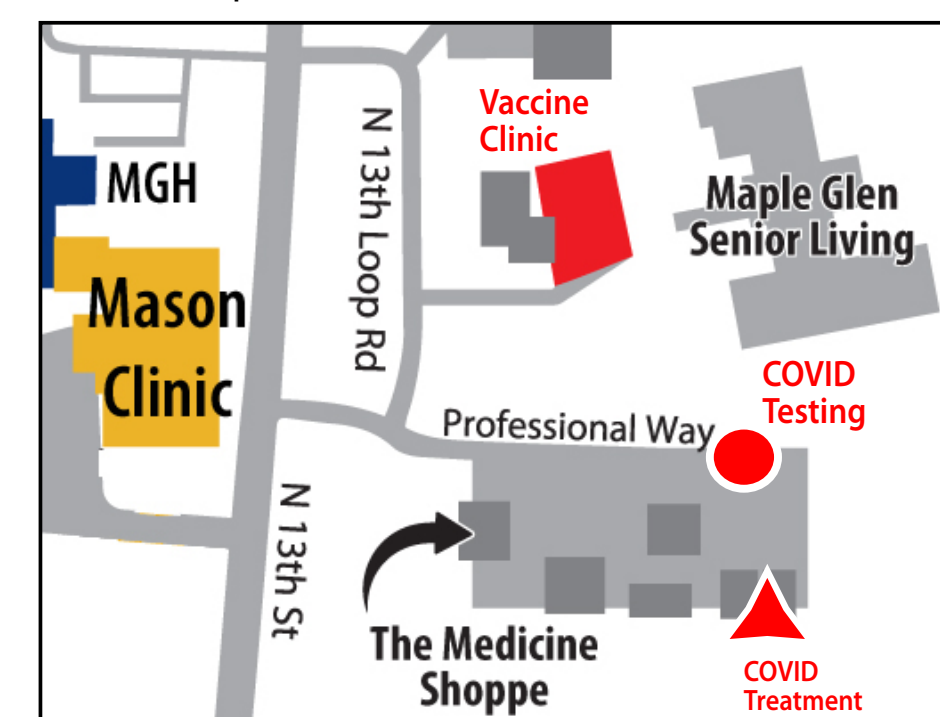
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Provide the best patient-centered care in the Pacific Northwest.

**Values**  
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