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Nursing student honored with \$5,000 scholarship

Oakland University nursing student Shelley Ray, of Troy, Mich., recently was awarded a \$5,000 educational scholarship from Kelly Healthcare Resources, which is a business unit of staffing provider Kelly Services Inc., through its partnership with OU's **School of Nursing**.

"These are exhilarating times for me as a student and to be honored with this award is truly amazing," Ray said. "It's a pleasure to be a part of a community that takes steps to promote the nursing profession, and I thank Kelly Healthcare for their support and encouragement."

Ray is the chapter director and membership chair for the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA). She also serves on the Community Health and Image of Nursing Committees for NSNA.

Her exceptional essay, which proposed a creative solution to the nursing shortage, along with her drive and ambition earned her the scholarship.

"Kelly Healthcare Resources developed this annual scholarship program through Oakland University to encourage student interest in nursing and build awareness of this field as a career path with unlimited potential," said Carla Perrotta, vice president and general manager of Kelly Healthcare Resources. "Shelley is an amazing individual, and her ability to balance both school and family while she pursues a second career in nursing is inspiring. We are honored to support her efforts and wish her continued success in her endeavors."

Through this program, junior- or senior-level college nursing students attending Oakland University compete for a scholarship by submitting essays on contemporary nursing topics. Candidates are evaluated on their demonstrated potential for commitment to a career in nursing, outstanding academic performance and depth of knowledge about the issue addressed.

Ray is the first recipient of the scholarship, which will be awarded annually.

For more information on OU's nursing program, visit the **School of Nursing** Web site.

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