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BOTHWELL FOUNDATION AWARDS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation has awarded its Pat Gaunt Leadership In Nursing Scholarship to Bart Kuhns, Sedalia, and Stacey O'Donnell, Sedalia.

Kuhns, who is pursuing a Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, received a \$2,000 scholarship from the BRHC Foundation. He is currently a registered nurse in the Critical Care Unit at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

"I am excited to expand my education in nurse anesthesia," Kuhns said. "I have a strong belief in lifelong learning and want to advance my career in one of the most revered advanced practice nursing vocations."

O'Donnell, a registered nurse in Bothwell's Susan O'Brien Fischer Cancer Center, is seeking oncology nurse certification. Her scholarship will cover the cost of the certification exam.

"By obtaining certification in oncology nursing, I will give my patients and their family members the peace of mind knowing that they are receiving care from a registered nurse who has additional knowledge in the field of oncology," she said.

The Leadership in Nursing Scholarship is made possible by a bequest from the estate of Patricia Gaunt, who was a registered nurse at Bothwell from 1969 until her retirement in 2001. Her bequest provides resources for other nurses to have the training they need to better serve the patients they care for each day.

The Bothwell Foundation, formed in 2005, exists to generate private resources to support the hospital and improving the quality of health-care in this area. It is overseen by an 18-member Board of Directors comprised of community leaders in Pettis and Benton County.



Stacey O'Donnell, left, and Bart Kuhns received Pat Gaunt Leadership in Nursing Scholarships from the Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation. Lisa Church, director of the Foundation and Communications, presented the awards Monday, May 12, during the annual Nurses Reception at the hospital.