

MARIANNE WATTERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

In keeping with its mission to further excellence in clinical laboratory sciences, enhance the professional skills of its members, promote more efficient and productive operations, and represent the collective interests of laboratory management, the North Texas Chapter of the Clinical Laboratory Management Association is proud to announce the winners of the 1st Annual North Texas CLMA Marianne Watters Scholarship.

Marianne Watters served as Pathology Laboratory Director at Parkland Health and Hospital System from 1980 – 2000. She was a founding member of the North Texas CLMA chapter, serving as Education Vice President and President. She served as President of the National CLMA organization from 1987 – 1989 and received the Sterling Silver Award in 1992. Ms. Watters has served as a speaker for multiple laboratory conferences, and has been editor/contributing editor for several Laboratory publications. She has held Board of Directors positions for CLMA and the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Science.

The scholarship was established to aid local Medical Technology and Medical Laboratory Technician students in obtaining the educational requirements necessary to complete their degree. Two separate scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$600 each. Funds can be applied to any expense incurred while in the pursuit of a clinical laboratory degree, baccalaureate or associate, at an accredited institution in the North or East Texas area.

The winners for the 2009 Marianne Watters Scholarship are Danisha Gopal from Wichita Falls, Texas, and Kimberley Palacios from Corsicana, Texas. Danisha is a recent graduate of Michigan State University and an MT student at United Regional Healthcare System. Kimberley is a phlebotomist at Ennis Regional Medical Center and an MLT student at Navarro College. Congratulations to Danisha and Kimberley and best of luck to them in their future careers in laboratory medicine!



Kimberley Palacios



Kimberly Palacios, Danisha Gopal, Marianne Watters, Joy Anderson



Danisha Gopal