

WORDS FROM A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

My name is Jami McCarty Hicks. I received the Rusk High School Alumni Association Scholarship in 2006. I attended Lon Morris College for one year after graduation on a softball scholarship, and graduated with an Associates of Science degree in 2007. I married my high school sweetheart after graduating Lon Morris. He helps operate his family's business at Hicks Post Company in Alto, TX. He is a Rusk High School Alumni-2005. I continued my education at The University of Texas at Tyler-Palestine campus. During the summer of 2010 we had our first child, Gracie Lynn and I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing in December 2010.

After graduation, I worked at Trinity Mother Frances, Tyler on the spine and joint floor for just under a year before transferring to Rusk State Hospital. It was a difficult career choice but I wanted to spend more time with our little girl and not have such long days. I stayed at Rusk State Hospital for 5 years and did some work at Trinity Mother Frances, Jacksonville as well. We had our second child, Grady James in April 2013.

In 2015, I wanted to further my nursing career and was referred by a good friend, Tara Newman, to two pediatricians, George Fidone and Jeff Glass from The Children's Clinic of Lufkin. Little did I know that "meeting" would drastically change my life. I had planned on attending UT Tyler's Nurse Practitioner program but Dr. Fidone and Dr. Glass had different plans. They required me to attend the prestigious Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN as they are ranked number 2 for their Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program.

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2018 Scholarship Recipients

Recipient ~ Scholarship

Laney Birdwell ~ Student Memorial Scholarship
Emily Boales ~ Judge Morris W. & Mauriete Hassell Scholarship
Joycelyn Bradley ~ Hubbard Family Memorial Scholarship
Sarah Crysup ~ Frank Madden Scholarship
Kylie Davis ~ Texas National Bank Scholarship
Stormy Duran ~ Hubbard Family Memorial #3 Scholarship
Koby Henry ~ E. H. & Marie Whitehead Scholarship
Erynn Lee ~ Keith Conway Padgett Memorial Scholarship
Tatum Loya ~ Hubbard Family Memorial #2 Scholarship
Sarah Murray ~ Teacher Memorial Scholarship
Adam Patterson ~ Tom Sartain Scholarship
Travis Pepin ~ Dr. Jim Swink Scholarship
Chase Seabourn ~ Kay Epperson Scholarship
Antone Tilley ~ Harmon & Laura Schochler Scholarship
Kristin Tugwell ~ Hubbard Family Memorial #1 Scholarship
Kristen Villegas ~ Frank Summers Scholarship

Each recipient was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship

Annual Chili Supper Fundraiser

RHS Cafeteria

Friday, September 21, 2018

5:00pm-7:00pm

\$7 a plate—tickets available at the door

Biennial Meeting

RHS Cafeteria

Saturday, September 22, 2018

9:30 AM Meet and Greet

10:00 AM Meeting

Those Who Have Gone Before Us

THESE NAMES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE MEMORIAL BOOK FROM AUGUST 1, 2017-JULY 31, 2018

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| Carmen Sales Dotson '35 | Betty Jean Irwin White* '49 | Lawrence Ray Beasley '64 |
| Lorane Sparkman '38 | Wanda Faye Fulton Buckner '51 | Roy Alfred Beck '65 |
| Jess C. Martin '39 | Frank Perkins '51 | Gary Thomas Russell '65 |
| Virginia Belle Martin Vercher '39 | Nettie Jean Curtis Carney* '52 | Cathy Gambrell Folden '67 |
| Patricia Ward Gilbert '42 | Harold Hudnall* '52 | Larry E. Dossier '68 |
| Billie Jean Parnell Byrd '44 | Betty Hudson Lusk '52 | Grace Lee Cook Johnson '74 |
| Jean Hinton Bethel '45 | Eloise "Lella" McCarroll Henderson* '53 | Richard "Rick" C. Hardy '76 |
| Elna Jean Moseley Caldwell '46 | Kenneth O. Mann* '53 | Paul Ballard '78 |
| Jean Caveness Pearman '46 | Paul Sutton '54 | Tim Harris '78 |
| Gerald B. Kennedy '47 | Louis Caveness* '56 | William David DeFoor '79 |
| Kennith P. Maness '47 | Robert Wallace '57 | Allen Gault, Jr. '80 |
| Nelwyn Lloyd Roye '47 | Carole Lee Cartlidge Hardeman '58 | Abby Kendrick Swan '83 |
| Helen Nolley Goolsbee* '48 | Travis Halbert '59 | Bryan Martin Haddock '87 |
| Robert (R.C.) Hassell '49 | Joyce Wilcox Sparkman '59 | Angela Cromer Carnley '89 |
| Lois Murray Jones '49 | Kay "Baby" Coleson Epperson* '60 | Michelle Wilson Dean '91 |
| Lula Beth Vining Summers '49 | Donna Isaacs '60 | Kevin Ray Hughhins* '92 |
| | James Archie Norton '61 | |

** Rusk High School Alumni Association Member*

Every effort is made to keep the memorial record correct and current.

Please send updated information to fllong@aol.com

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I started working for the doctors at Angelina Pediatrics in November 2015 until I began the PNP program in August 2016. Every month from August 2016-May 2017 I would travel to Nashville and spend 5 nights/6 days at school then travel back home.

When I wasn't attending school in Nashville I was keeping up with school work online and working at The Children's Clinic of Lufkin Monday-Friday 8-5 obtaining my clinical hours. Myself and my friend that attended school with me had over 900 clinical hours during our school year, over 3 times what was required for graduation.

Upon graduation from Vanderbilt in August 2017 with Masters of Science in Nursing, I continued to work for the doctors at Angelina Pediatrics until our clinic in Rusk was finished. December 18, 2017 was our first day to open the doors of The Children's Clinic of Rusk and it has been such a blessing to serve the community I grew up in. For years, I have wanted to do something to give back and finally got the opportunity to do so, and for what better population...kids! It is so fun to watch these kids grow up and see them thrive.

I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to attend such great institutes and to have the clinical experiences I have had with two of the best pediatricians in the state of Texas. I also am very thankful for the people placed in my path who got me where I am today and supported me along the way.

Jami McCarty Hicks

Welcome New Members

Berniece Goolsbee Mason '38

Nelson W. Burton '56

Ronnie Norton '65

Dottie McClure Norton '66

Roger "Droke" McCrary '67

Sandy Berry Collins '71

Larry Gresham '71

Cynthia Hughes Campbell '90

Kevin Ray Hughhins '92 *in Memoriam*

Health Peloquin '92

Adriene Hughes Stanaland '92

David Trawick II '95

Patrick Douglas Ball 2017

