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# Patrick & Henry Community College

Patrick & Henry Community College, a comprehensive two-year institution, services Martinsville city as well as Patrick and Henry counties. P&HCC is a leader among community colleges in areas such as athletics, technology, and unique program offerings. By providing innovative curricula such as motorsports, entrepreneurship, and mechatronics, P&HCC changes lives and enriches the community. P&HCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

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## Donation Over \$70,000 Establishes Wanda Ayers-Slate Nursing Scholarship

MARTINSVILLE, VA— Living and working in Patrick County for nearly seven decades, Wanda Ayers-Slate made an impact in her community. Working as a Registered Nurse in Patrick County for twenty years, she touched countless lives. Now, even after her passing, Ayers-Slate continues to impact the lives of Patrick County residents

With a donation of more than \$70,000, the family will establish the Wanda Ayers-Slate Nursing Scholarship. The money, which was donated to the Patrick County Education Foundation (PCEF), will be used to establish an endowed scholarship fund at the Patrick & Henry Community College Foundation. The fund will provide two \$1,000 awards to Patrick County residents pursuing a degree in nursing at Patrick & Henry Community College. The scholarship will be offered for the first time starting in the Fall of 2022 and will be distributed annually.

“Those of us who knew Wanda Ayers-Slate as a friend, high school classmate, or as a patron of her successful business in uptown Stuart, are inspired still by her entrepreneurial spirit through this very generous gift to Patrick County. Wanda’s family and estate will continue to lift the condition of the community through this substantial investment in the nursing profession, where she had her first opportunity to demonstrate her genuine care for others. On behalf of the PCEF Board, I express our heartfelt appreciation for this wonderful commitment to Patrick County and its future nurses,” stated Stewart Roberson, Patrick County education Foundation Chair.

Representing the Ayers-Slate family and estate, Britt Williams of Schneider & Williams, P.C. said, “[...] Wanda was a wonderful woman who consistently gave back to our community throughout her lifetime, and will continue to do so through ‘The Wanda Ayers-Slate Nursing Scholars’ grant. Students who have a passion for and are pursuing a nursing degree will enjoy the generosity of Wanda just as we did during her lifetime.”

On a personal note, Williams added “Wanda was not just our client, but a dear family friend.”

Students who are interested in applying for this scholarship can do so by completing the application at [www.patrickhenry.edu/scholarships](http://www.patrickhenry.edu/scholarships). The application opens on April 1 and closes on May 31.

P&HCC uses one common scholarship application for all of its Foundation Scholarships. When students complete this one application, they are automatically considered for any of the Foundation Scholarships they are eligible for.

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