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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Earlier this month, Ouachita Baptist University nursing students Cassie Lackey and Jacob Moreno were awarded scholarships by the Scholarship Selection Committee of the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) for their involvement in Ouachita's NSNA student chapter and upon recommendation from their professors in the Department of Nursing. Lackey is a junior nursing major from Wylie, Texas, and Moreno is a junior nursing major from Little Rock, Ark.

Since its founding in 1969, FNSNA has awarded scholarships annually to qualified undergraduate nursing students to assist them in completing their education.

Lackey received a \$1,500.00 3M™ Littmann® Stethoscopes Scholarship sponsored by Littmann® Stethoscopes. According to Littman’s website, the scholarship is awarded to “foster the development of leadership skills in nursing students.”

“Cassie is a role model for her classmates,” said Dr. Becky Parnell, associate professor of nursing at Ouachita. “She is always well prepared for class, actively participates in group projects and encourages her classmates to support one another. She is a student that faculty can depend on to display a professional manner in her communication, course work and working with faculty, staff and students in other areas of the university. She is a positive image of nursing on our campus.”



Picture 1 Cassie Lackey

Parnell said Lackey also has been an active member of Ouachita’s SNA organization since its inception. Lackey currently serves in Ouachita’s SNA leadership as webmaster.

As a member of Ouachita’s second cohort of nursing students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in partnership with Baptist Health College Little Rock, Lackey said the scholarship will relieve financial stress as she enters the intensive clinical experiences of the program in 2021-2022.

“Through the past year, I have grown a deep appreciation for the nursing faculty at Ouachita,” Lackey said. “They were always ready to answer any questions I had about continuing my nursing education past my BSN or just about life in general. They have encouraged me to do my best even when classes are hard. As I continue throughout the program, I know that they will always be there to help me reach my dreams of becoming a great nurse.”

Moreno, who is a member of Ouachita’s first cohort of nursing students expected to complete the program in 2022, received a \$2,500 Our Race to Health Equity Diversity Nursing Scholarship, a new scholarship focused on encouraging diversity in the field of nursing; it is sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, Global Community Impact.



Picture 2 Jacob Moreno

“Jacob believes in supporting those that need help with navigating the healthcare system. He is bilingual and uses this ability to help others,” Parnell said. “Jacob also has been an energetic member of Ouachita’s SNA chapter. He contributes to our chapter through brainstorming for service activities, fundraising and recruiting new members.”

“This scholarship from FNSNA will allow me to complete my last year in Ouachita’s nursing program with less financial stress,” Moreno said. “Being a male minority and Hispanic, it is huge honor to have received a scholarship that celebrates diversity and equity in healthcare. We really need that in our society today, and as a future nurse I hope I can play a small part in breaking down barriers and stereotypes for minorities, the Hispanic community and for male nurses.”

Moreno also affirmed Ouachita’s nursing faculty, saying that they “expect excellence from us and our work, and they also demonstrate it. Their methods and direction push me to always do my best, not only because I don’t want to let them down but also because it is an honor to be a member of Ouachita’s first nursing class, and I want to represent that well.”

For more information about Ouachita’s nursing program, contact Dr. Becky Parnell at parnellb@obu.edu or (870) 245-5387.

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