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Stephanie Davis Waste Reduction Award and Scholarship

Award and Scholarship

With the death two years ago of Stephanie C. Davis, healthcare waste reduction and pollution prevention in healthcare lost a great and tireless champion. With the invaluable support of Environmental Health Fund, Stephanie's colleagues, friends and family have established this Award and Scholarship for CleanMed - to recognize and support those in health care organizations who struggle to "green" health care. CleanMed is honored to present our four award / scholarship recipients, selected through a competitive process, for their past accomplishments and their ambitious plans to continue health care waste reduction and pollution prevention in the healthcare sector.

Stephanie Davis

As many of you know, Stephanie had a passion for the environment and she directed that passion to waste reduction in health care. At the start of her career, Stephanie worked as a garbage and recycling guru for the New York Sanitation bureau. Around the same time, she forged a partnership with the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, initiating a Garlic Day and causing the New York Times to dub her New York's garlic queen! Stephanie created her own consulting firm - Waste Reduction Remedies. She worked for several hospitals including Alta Bates-Summit Medical Center and Sutter Antioch Hospital - both in Northern California. Shortly before she became sick, Stephanie landed a dream job - working with the San Francisco Department of the Environment on health care pollution prevention. But Stephanie's energies could not be contained by a mere job. She published articles on waste reduction in both the peer-reviewed and the popular press; she volunteered to run conferences, speak at workshops and help her community. Stephanie also believed in CleanMed - and would be delighted to know that this award and scholarship are supporting health care staff committed to her passion: greening the health care system and safeguarding the public's health.

The winners of the Stephanie Davis Waste Reduction Award and Scholarship for 2006 are:

Rachael Baker

Resource Recycling Systems, Inc. and Henry Ford Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan

John R. Ebers, Sustainable Practices Coordinator, LEED AP
Metro Health, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Kathleen S. Hall-Meyer, RN, MBA, CIC
Saint Luke's South Hospital, Overland Park, Kansas

Lori Peasley, RN BSN Safety Officer
UMass Memorial Medical Center, Worcester, Massachusetts



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Ford Foundation Minority Health Professionals Scholarship

In 2005, the Ford Foundation made a generous grant to CleanMed and Health Care Without Harm to support the participation at CleanMed 2006 of Minority Health Professionals. Health professionals from across the health care spectrum were encouraged to apply, and applications came in from nurses, materials and facilities managers, environmental services managers, infection control specialists, quality assurance professionals and physicians. The following seven individuals were selected because of their positive experience engaging environmental health issues and their ability to move their facilities toward sustainable products and practices. We salute their commitment to sustainability and trust that their presence at CleanMed will be mutually beneficial. Congratulations to all!

Scholarship Recipients

Maria Cristina Carganilla-Paruñgao, RMT, MBA in Health

Integrative Medicine for Alternative Healthcare Systems Philippines, Inc. (INAM Philippines)

Dean Cook

Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio

Teresa B. Brown

Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS), Little Rock, Arkansas

Keecha Harris, DrPH, RD

Southern Sustainable Agriculture Work Group, Sterrett, Alabama

Carmen Veronica McDermott, M.D.

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Tung Nguyen

University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, Washington

April Tenhunfeld, RN BS

Gateway Community and Technical College, West Harrison, Indiana