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### Strategic Community Health Careers Announces Scholarship Fund Recipients

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kahnawake November 15, 2011)** The Strategic Community Health Careers (SCHC) Project announced today that a total of \$12,200 in scholarships was awarded today at Tewaohnni'saktha, to eight Kahnawake students who are studying in the field of health careers. Scholarships were awarded to Wahienhawi Barnes (Nursing), Samantha Cross (Nursing), Doris Day (Nursing), Sarah Horne (M SC Nutrition), Kariwakeron Montour (Home Care Assistance), Kourtney Myiow (Nursing), Carrie-Ann Phillips (Nursing), and Laurie Whitebean (Nursing).

SCHC has been offering Algebra, Science, and Chemistry courses for students who need these pre-requisites to enter a health program. Now in its second year, evening courses are delivered through John Abbott College at Kahnawake Survival School. Nine students from last year's courses are now enrolled in the Champlain College St-Lambert Nursing Program. "As a community organization concerned with the health and well-being of all Kahnawakehro:non, we are very pleased that more and more young people are choosing a career in health. It is an honourable and rewarding field with so many wonderful opportunities right here in our community; now and in the future," said Valerie Diabo, Director of Nursing at KMHC.

Initiated in 2010 to meet the existing and expanding labour market needs of health careers in Kahnawake, SCHC is a collaborative project between Tewaohnni'saktha, Kateri Memorial Hospital Center and the Kahnawake Education Center, that promotes health careers and provides support to students who study in these fields. The SCHC Working Group is pleased with the success of this project so far, and are confident that these awards will help the individuals complete their respective programs. In addition this will serve to elevate the opportunities presented in the health sector.

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