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### **Scholarships buoy three students returning to studies in nursing program at Santa Ana College**

**Santa Ana, CA**—Three students in the nursing program at Santa Ana College returned to classes this semester assisted by combined scholarship money totaling \$7,000 awarded by Kaiser Permanente through the Deloras Jones RN Scholarship Program.

They are Julie Krause of **Orange, CA**; Huong To of **Westminster, CA**, and Leticia Vasquez of **Anaheim, CA**.

Krause, who is in her second semester of studies, is a single parent dedicated to becoming an outstanding registered nurse and continuing the tradition of excellence in health care provided by her employer, Kaiser Permanente, where she has worked for ten years.

Huong To and Leticia Vasquez are in their third semesters of study.

To, a wife and mother of a five-year-old daughter, also works as a medical assistant at a clinic in Westminster that provides obstetrical and gynecological care.

Vasquez, who works at the Orange Education Center of Rancho Santiago Community College District, plans to transfer to a four-year university and to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

“We are so proud of these students,” said Becky Miller, MSN, RN, Associate Dean of Health Sciences/Nursing, Santa Ana College, “and so grateful for this scholarship program, especially in these tough economic times.”

The Deloras Jones Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$3 million to 1,702 students since it was established in 2001.

Scholarships of \$1,000 to \$2,500 are based primarily on financial need to assist individuals who are pursuing nursing degrees in the following categories: Academic Excellence (minimum 3.9 GPA required for this category only); Graduate/Doctoral Studies (registered nurses pursuing an MSN, DNSc or PhD with a minimum 3.0 GPA required); Underrepresented Groups in Nursing (minority and male students); and Nursing as a Second Career. Additionally, a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to a student in each nursing program affiliated with Kaiser Permanente.

Kaiser Permanente is an integrated health plan. Founded in 1945, it is a nonprofit, group practice prepayment program with Southern California headquarters in Pasadena, California.

For more information about students enrolled in the nursing program at Santa Ana College who receive scholarships, please contact Miller at 714.564.6839.

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