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COUDERSPORT, PA – The 2009 recipients of the Marian J. Wettrick Charitable Foundation Scholarship will be named soon following the final meeting of the Advisory Scholarship Selection Committee on July 23, 2009.

Marian J. Wettrick created the Charitable Foundation Scholarship to benefit female graduates of Pennsylvania colleges who are pursuing a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) degree from a Pennsylvania Medical School. Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling \$1,020,000 to 32 female medical students; of that amount, \$405,000 has been awarded to 10 female medical students with hometowns in Bradford, Cameron, Elk, McKean, Potter and Tioga Counties.



**Committee members, seated, from left, Virginia Russell and Netra Baker. Back, from left, Eileen Ballway, Justin Krellner and Dr. Mary Ann Rigas.**

The Foundation's Advisory Scholarship Selection Committee, which includes Eileen Ballway and Justin Krellner of C&N Trust and Financial Management Group, Dr. Mary Ann Rigas and Netra Baker of Charles Cole Memorial Hospital and Virginia Russell, former Charles Cole Memorial Hospital Director and Advisory Board Member, makes its recommendations to the trustee (Citizens & Northern Bank) based upon criteria that includes, but is not limited to, the applicant's performance scores, financial need, information demonstrating a record of well-rounded participation in many facets of school and community life, and an indicated inclination (nonbinding) to practice medicine at Charles Cole Memorial Hospital upon completion of the applicant's medical education.

Marian J. Wettrick was a well known figure in the Coudersport community, where her trademark hats are still recalled with fondness by many. A graduate of Coudersport High School where she was an accomplished basketball player on the team that won the 1929 Tri-County League Title, Marian went on to earn a bachelors degree in Physical Education and master's degree in Public Health Service. She returned to Coudersport High School to become the school's first female physical education teacher, coaching and refereeing girl's basketball teams. Following her teaching career, Marian entered Public Health Service in NY and PA, becoming a widely known authority on alcohol abuse and prevention. Upon retirement, she returned to Coudersport where she committed her time to church and civic activities, including serving on the Coudersport Borough Zoning Board, Family Crisis Center, charter member of the Business & Professional Women's Clubs, the advisory board of Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, and for a short time she served as the Coudersport Borough Manager. She was honored as Woman of the Year in 1994 and 1996. Due to Wettrick's advocacy for women's issues in the region, Charles Cole Memorial Hospital choose to name the Marian J. Wettrick Women's and Family Health Center in her honor.

Further information concerning the Marian J. Wettrick Charitable Foundation scholarships is available from the C&N Trust and Financial Management Group in Coudersport (814-274-1927).

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