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Jefferson's Ferry Partners with Certified Nursing Assistant Internship Program

South Setauket, NY...February 15, 2018... Jefferson's Ferry, a not-for-profit Life Plan Community, has partnered with the NorthShore Career Training Institute's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program to provide the supervised, practical work experience that is required for the CNA students. The students have been working alongside experienced CNAs in the delivery of daily services to Jefferson's Ferry skilled nursing residents under the supervision and direction of Jefferson's Ferry's Director of Nursing, Richelle Rugulo, R.N. and NorthShore instructor, Frances Maro, R.N.

"We're very pleased to be able to partner with NorthShore Career Training Institute with an internship program that provides clear advantages for everyone involved," said Robert E. Caulfield, President and CEO of Jefferson's Ferry. "The student interns gain the hands on experience that is required for their certification while learning about the delivery of exceptional care. Our residents benefit from the extra attention they receive and we will also be able to identify quality applicants for future open positions at Jefferson's Ferry."

The inaugural class of the CNA Internship Program arrived at Jefferson's Ferry in October 2017 to complete their clinical experience, and every 6-8 weeks a new group arrives. "The interns are trained on Jefferson's Ferry's expectations of delivering exceptional standards in care and service to our residents," said Anthony Comerford, Vice President of Health Services at Jefferson's Ferry. "We are thrilled with their enthusiasm and energy and the opportunity to give them the valuable experience that helps complete their training."

About Jefferson's Ferry (<u>www.jeffersonsferry.org</u>)

Jefferson's Ferry is a nonprofit Life Plan community for active adults age 62 and above, with cottages, apartments, assisted living, and a quality health care center all on one site. Located in South Setauket, a vibrant community along Long Island's north shore, Jefferson's Ferry is surrounded by various attractions, shopping, beaches, theaters, and a world-renowned university. Jefferson's Ferry offers exceptional living and amenities, including restaurants, fitness center, indoor pool, computer center, library, recreational areas, gardens, and gazebos. A mix of cultural excursions, civic activities, and a community of residents who participate in shaping Jefferson's Ferry's future, ensures a spirited and engaged lifestyle.

Jefferson's Ferry earned a 5-star rating from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and was named a "Best Of" nursing home by U.S. News & World Report. Additionally, FitchRatings has

assigned Jefferson's Ferry a BBB+ bond rating. Locally, Jefferson's Ferry has consistently been voted Best Retirement Community and Best Assisted Living on Long Island by The Long Island Press. Jefferson's Ferry has also regularly been recognized for Excellence by the Hauppauge Industrial Association's Business Achievement Awards program.



Photo caption: Jefferson's Ferry has partnered with the NorthShore Career Training Institute's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program to provide student interns with supervised, practical work experience in the delivery of daily services to Jefferson's Ferry skilled nursing residents. Pictured here: Front row (I-r): Jefferson's Ferry Assistant Director of Nursing Kathy Koutouvidis, R.N., students Brianna Becker, Liana Domke, Angiee Vasquez, and Alyssa Pupilla and Jefferson's Ferry Director of Nursing Richelle Rugolo, R.N. Back row (I-r): NorthShore instructor Frances Maro, R.N. and students Kelly Shannon, Tia LaPuma, Dashekia Holland, Jamie Brooks, and George Kashy.