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Jefferson's Ferry to Offer Nursing Scholarships and Certified Nursing Assistant Training Reimbursement

S. Setauket, NY...April 8, 2021... Jefferson's Ferry, a not-for-profit Life Plan Community, is offering two distinct scholarship programs to Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) nursing programs. One \$2,000 scholarship will be offered to a high school senior; another \$2,000 scholarship is available to eligible Jefferson's Ferry employees and their dependent children. Applications are available now. The scholarships will be awarded later this summer.

To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must be a new, full time student who is enrolled or intends to enroll in a nursing program. A high school GPA of 75 or 2.0 is required, along with a letter of recommendation and an essay describing the applicant's interest in nursing. Applicants must be a resident of Coram, Centereach, Setauket (including East and South Setauket), Port Jefferson, Port Jefferson Station or Selden. For more information on SCCC scholarship programs, visit www.sunysuffolk.edu/Scholarships

Jefferson's Ferry full and regular part time employees and their dependent children may also apply for a SCCC scholarship. The employee must be in good standing and have 12 months' tenure at Jefferson's Ferry to be eligible. A GPA of 75 or 2.0, a letter of recommendation, and an essay describing the applicant's interest in nursing are required.

Jefferson's Ferry also offers full reimbursement to any employee who completes Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training at NorthShore Career Training Institute in Ronkonkoma and works as full time or part time CNA.

"The highest quality of care for our residents is always the topmost goal at Jefferson's Ferry," said Bob Caulfield, president and CEO of Jefferson's Ferry. "One way we fulfill this commitment to excellence is through our support of those interested in starting or advancing their training in the health care profession. Helping qualified students of all ages and experience further their education is just one way we look to pay it forward. These programs elevate the skills of our

employees, help us retain and recruit highly trained health care workers, and overall support Jefferson's Ferry and the larger community."

About Jefferson's Ferry www.jeffersonsferry.org

Jefferson's Ferry is a nonprofit Life Plan community for active adults aged 62 and above, with Independent Living cottages and apartments, assisted living apartments, and a quality health care center all on one site. A multi-million-dollar expansion and renovation project, "The Journey Toward Renewal," is currently under construction. Part of a larger strategic initiative launched in 2018 to create a life-enriching environment for all new and current residents at every stage of their life, Journey Toward Renewal will add 60 one- and two-bedroom independent living apartments, expand the Healthy Living Center, Fitness Center, and its state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Therapy Center. Expanded dining options are also planned. A new Memory Care building will provide a high quality of life and care for people diagnosed and living with Alzheimer's and other dementia-related diseases. Common areas in Assisted Living and the Health Care Center will be renovated.

Jefferson's Ferry offers exceptional living and amenities, including indoor pool, computer center, library, recreational areas, gardens, and gazebos. A mix of cultural excursions, civic activities, and a community of residents who help shape Jefferson's Ferry's future ensures a spirited and engaged lifestyle.

The Vincent Bove Health Center at Jefferson's Ferry enjoys 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. Jefferson's Ferry earned the industrywide Community Choice Award for resident satisfaction and engagement and Pinnacle Quality Insight's Customer Experience Award for 2019 and 2020. FitchRatings has assigned Jefferson's Ferry a BBB bond rating. Jefferson's Ferry has consistently been voted Best Retirement Community and Best Assisted Living on Long Island by The Long Island Press and has been recognized for Excellence by the Hauppauge Industrial Association's Business Achievement Awards program.

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