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Cox College Robert Wood Johnson Scholars: Back row left to right Mason Crawford, Lauren Buerk, Markus Ross, Travis Young and Darrin Snodgrass. Front row: Lindy Biglieni (Cox College Admissions Director), Melissa Teal, Ashley Combs, Derek Williams, Elizabeth Richter, Carmel Rose, Cindy Bennett (MO Career Center Case Manager) and Tricia Wagner (Cox College Dean of Nursing).

Cox College awards Robert Wood Johnson Foundation scholarships

Cox College has awarded 10 \$10,000 scholarships made possible by a \$100,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The college was one of only 75 colleges in the country to receive the grant.

The scholarships were awarded to students seeking a second career in nursing through the weekend option of the college's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. This program is an opportunity for individuals with a bachelor's degree in another field to complete their education for a nursing career in 16 months if all

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appropriate pre-requisite classes have been completed. Graduates are then eligible to take the national licensing exam to become a registered nurse.

The ten Robert Wood Johnson scholars include five men and five women with existing degrees in topics as diverse as art, anthropology, business and animal science. Prior to enrolling at Cox College, these students worked in fashion design, archeology, business, manufacturing, education and veterinary medicine. “Their wide range of backgrounds brings real-life diversity to the classroom and the nursing profession,” says Dr. Anne Brett, president of Cox College.

Cox College has partnered with the Missouri Career Center to identify unemployed or underemployed individuals who might be a good fit for the program.

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