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### **Slidell Memorial Hospital Announces Auxiliary Volunteer Scholarship Winners for 2010**

(Slidell, La.—June 25, 2010)—The Slidell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is pleased to announce the winners of its 2010 scholarship program. Scholarships in the amount of \$500 have been awarded to Rachal Braud from Slidell High School and Ashley Voorhies, from Pope John Paul High School, who will attend LSU; Mia Marie Chavanell from Salmen High School, who will attend Delgado Community College; Kelly Ponthier from Pearl River High School, who will attend Nicholls State University. These area students will continue their studies with a focus on healthcare in the fall.

This year's scholarship committee was co-chaired by Viola Cocran and Bea Kan. Their committee consisted of Jean Werner, Edith Cocran, and James Comeaux. Special thanks to Colleen Dale, Lottie Furr and Lurlene Rodgers for their help with the award ceremonies.

This annual scholarship program is a longtime project of the SMH Auxiliary Volunteers, whose volunteers help run the hospital's Gift Shop, Reception Desk and other support services. Members raise funds for the scholarship fund from book, jewelry and bake sales throughout the year.

For additional information on the SMH Auxiliary or to volunteer at Slidell Memorial, please contact Laurie Manley at 985-649-8531.

#### **ABOUT SMH**

Slidell Memorial Hospital is a full-service 182-bed acute care not-for-profit community hospital located at 1001 Gause Blvd., in the heart of Slidell. Founded in 1959, SMH serves as a primary healthcare resource for families in St. Tammany Parish, La.; Pearl River County, Miss.; and the greater Mississippi Gulf Coast region. SMH has received the **Platinum Level 2009 Louisiana Hospital Quality Award**, presented by eQHealth Solutions, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Louisiana. It is located online at <http://www.slidellmemorial.org>.

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