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## Six WCTC Certified Nursing Assistants Graduate at Three Pillars

*Training partnership sees its fourth class achieve CNA credential*



Back row L to R: Three Pillars' Director of Nursing, Courtney Lange, Administrator of Health Services, Marge Gozdowiak, CNA graduates Jacob Hoskins, Andrea Wieseke, and Gabriel Kollmansberger.

Front row L to R: CNA graduates Brianna Oliver, Julia Steiner, WCTC Instructor Mari Claire Zimmerman, Three Pillars resident Bob Kappel, and graduate Kourtney Zirbel.



CNA graduate Kourtney Zirbel accepts her graduation certificate from Three Pillars' Masonic Center for Health and Rehabilitation resident Bob Kappel at the ceremony.

**Dousman, WI September 20, 2017** – Six individuals recently completed a rigorous 12-week Certified Nursing Assistant training course led by Waukesha County Technical College at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities.

The CNA class was the fourth in a partnership program established in 2016 between Three Pillars and Waukesha County Technical College. Class courses were held onsite at Three Pillars' Dousman campus and led by WCTC nursing instructors. Program coursework consisted of 120 hours of classroom learning, three Saturdays of skilled training at the WCTC campus, and finally, clinical experience. All tuition fees were covered by Three Pillars, and upon graduation from the program, participants secured employment at the Masonic Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

This session, a new award, the *Bob Kappel & Oral Congdon Outstanding Student Award* was presented to its first student recipient, Jacob Hoskins. Created in honor of two Three Pillars residents who have been fierce supporters of the program, the award honors the memory of Congdon and recognizes Kappel's continued involvement in the program by recognizing a student who demonstrated exemplary dedication to the class and career.

“Certified Nursing Assistants are an integral part of what we do at Three Pillars. The work they do is at the heart of our mission, helping residents experience health and comfort,” said Courtney Lange, director of nursing at Three Pillars. “We are delighted to have worked alongside WCTC to help these six new caregivers achieve their CNA credentials and join our team.”

The next tuition-free CNA training program at Three Pillars will begin November 27<sup>th</sup>. Interested applicants may contact Three Pillars' recruiter Tracy Lechman by November 6: 262.965.7131 / [tlechman@threepillars.org](mailto:tlechman@threepillars.org).

Three Pillars Senior Living Communities is a not-for-profit organization located in Dousman, WI, and is sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity. We take pride in meeting the social, physical, and spiritual needs of older adults by providing high quality senior housing and services.

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