



## News Release

### Minister presents scholarships to nursing students

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 27, 2005)** – Minister of Health and Social Services Leona Aglukkaq today presented five students in the Nunavut Nursing Program with the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship for academic excellence.

“It is my pleasure to recognize excellence in academic studies, especially in the health sciences where Nunavut needs so many skilled practitioners,” Aglukkaq said. “It is so important to us all to see Inuit nurses active in our health care system.”

The scholarship winners for 2004-05 are Gloria Mimialik (Chesterfield Inlet / Year 1), Sharon Owlijoot (Arviat / Year 1), Charlotte Zawadski (Rankin Inlet / Year 2), Susie Pearce (Iqaluit / Year 3) and Rebecca Lonsdale (Iqaluit / Year 3). Each received a cheque and a certificate to mark the occasion.

The Department of Health and Social Services established the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship in 2002, the year the Queen last visited Nunavut. The \$2,500 scholarship is awarded annually to students who are beneficiaries of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and who achieve the highest overall academic standing among Inuit students in their year. Students in years one through three are eligible.

The four-year-long RN degree program is offered through a partnership between Dalhousie University and Nunavut Arctic College. There are now 28 students enrolled in the program, plus an additional 6 students in the access year. Just over half of the students are NLCA beneficiaries.

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