Robyn Lambley
Minister for Health

Disability Scholarship winners announced

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Minister for Disability Services, Robyn Lambley has today announced the first recipients of the Territory’s new disability services scholarship program as the NT marks International Day for People with Disability (3 December).

“I am delighted to announce the four very worthy winners of this important scholarship program which supports workers to further their skills and ability in the disability sector through study,” Mrs Lambley said.

“As the Territory’s first Minister for Disability Services, it is my duty to drive excellence in the disability sector. By providing scholarships we are giving the support and incentive for workers to increase their skills and experience which will result in a better system for consumers.

The four annual scholarships are worth $2500 each.

The 2014 Disability Scholarship program winners are:

Sarah Alice Hona

Sarah currently works at the Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory as a support worker/trainer. Sarah’s role sees her support young adults in a social enterprise work environment, modelling and teaching skills associated with retail and barista skills.

Sarah is seeking to undertake a Certificate III in Disability at Charles Darwin University to further her skills in supporting people with disability.

Ernest Ukaegbu

Ernest currently works with Industry Education Networking Proprietary Ltd (ITEC) as a live-in disability worker with a client whom he supports. Ernest has demonstrated an innate ability to meet the needs of his clients while maintaining a high standard and in a safe and competent manner. He has a passion to work with both adult and young children who require a positive role model and guidance.

Ernest will be studying a Bachelor of Humanitarian and Community Studies at Charles Darwin University.
Diane Krepp

Diane currently works as a Disability Coordinator with the Office of Disability Katherine Region. She was a recipient of the 2013 Northern Territory Government Disability Sector Employee Award. Diane is extremely motivated in pursuing further study aimed at up-skilling and increasing her knowledge and career opportunities in the Disability Sector, particularly with the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Dianne is currently enrolled in the Diploma of Disability which she will be completing this month and will be commencing the Diploma of Community Services in February 2015.

Kim Allison Whitburn

Kim is a young Indigenous woman who is currently employed at Carpentaria Disability Services (CDS) as a Senior Therapy Assistant/Intake Coordinator with the Children’s Early Intervention Service. Kim coordinates new referrals of children to CDS and assists the psychologist with the assessment process.

Kim is in her first year of studying for the Bachelor of Social Work degree at Charles Darwin University. The Bachelor of Social Work will further support Kim in her current role as well as enhancing the service provided.

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