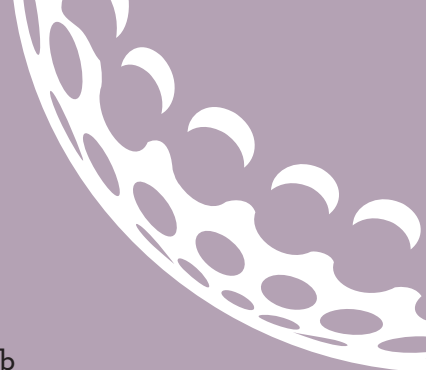


# SARATOGA HOSPITAL GOLF INVITATIONAL

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## Supporting Saratoga Hospital's Nursing Scholarship Program

Saratoga Hospital's Golf Invitational combines a spectacular day of golf at the award-winning Saratoga National Golf Club with the opportunity to benefit a very worthy cause: our Nursing Scholarship Program. This event is one of the region's most successful tournaments, typically sells out, and attracts business and community leaders from the Capital Region and beyond. In 2019, the event raised \$157,514 and had more than 300 golfers and dinner guests in attendance.

### An Investment in Nursing Education and Our Community

Through the Nursing Scholarship Program, we invest in some of our best, most promising nurses and help them realize their dreams of higher education. This investment produces a nursing workforce whose knowledge, skills, and compassion have a direct, positive impact on patient care. Nurses who continue their education tend to have a better understanding of the challenges of today's healthcare environment—and are better equipped to respond with innovative, evidence-based solutions.

Since the Nursing Scholarship Program started in 2002, 130 scholarship recipients have graduated with associate, bachelor's, or master's degrees in nursing. Another 41 are working toward their degrees.

### Magnet® Designation: The Gold Standard for Patient Care

The Nursing Scholarship Program allows Saratoga Hospital to remain at the forefront of healthcare. In 2004, Saratoga Hospital became the first in the region to earn Magnet® recognition for nursing excellence, earning re-designation in 2010 and again in 2015. Granted by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, Magnet designation is widely regarded as the gold standard for patient care. Only 8% of U.S. hospitals have earned the distinction.



## Removing Barriers Through a Unique Partnership

Since 2010, Saratoga Hospital has partnered with Maria College to create an on-site RN to BN (Bachelor in Nursing) program that removes barriers that can deter nurses from going back to school.

This unique program, carefully designed to be lean and relevant, features the following:

- An expedited admission process so nurses can focus on their coursework and patients
- Classes held at the Hospital so time is spent learning, not traveling
- Courses scheduled consistently each semester, making shift scheduling predictable for both staff and leadership and work-course conflicts a non-issue
- Practical coursework that nurses can immediately apply to their daily work
- A cohort-based program that fosters relationships and supports an integrated approach to care
- Program costs that are 100% covered by the Hospital

### SARATOGA HOSPITAL-MARIA COLLEGE PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS:

- To date, 29 scholarship recipients have graduated from this program.
- An additional 21 scholarship recipients are currently participating in the fourth program cohort.
- A fifth cohort is tentatively slated to begin in Fall 2020 pending enrollment interest.
- Over 90% of graduates remain current employees.