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## **Poster Contest Winners Are Announced**

*Maryland Nursing Workforce Commission Recruitment Committee Holds Competition*

BALTIMORE, MD (June 13, 2007) -- Three Maryland students, one each from lower, middle and high schools, are winners in a poster contest designed to promote nursing as a career choice by depicting the diversity of nursing skills.

Rashad Kitchen, Jr., a third grader at the Northwood Appold Community Academy in Baltimore won the top honors among those in grades one through five, and was awarded a \$75 Savings Bond. Eighth grader Devonte Jones, from Windy Hill Middle School in Owings, was awarded a \$100 Savings Bond for winning the competition among those in sixth through eighth grades. An overall grand prize \$500 gift card and a \$200 Savings Bond was awarded to Shelby Mae Rose, a senior at Harford Technical High School in Bel Air.

The contest, held by the Maryland Nursing Workforce Recruitment Commission, drew 34 applicants from throughout Maryland. It was sponsored with funds from Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States.

“This contest is part of the commission’s effort to spark interest in nursing as a career for young men and women,” Deborah Rowe, recruitment committee chair. “Students were asked to depict one of two themes to illustrate how nursing combines the art of caring and compassion with skills gained through the variety of settings in which nurses practice.”

The winning entries will be promoted in numerous ways. They will be posted on the Maryland Board of Nursing Web site, will be sent to newsletters in primary and secondary schools, and will be displayed at local and national presentations, as well as during presentations at primary and secondary Maryland schools. The three winners will receive a framed achievement award, and receive personal letters of appreciation from the Maryland Nursing Workforce Recruitment Committee. Medieval Times, of Hanover, contributed dinner and tournament tickets for the winners and their guests.

Awards will be presented to the winners on June 15 at 1:15 p.m. in the Board of Nursing Board Room located at 4140 Patterson Avenue in Baltimore. More information is available by contacting Pat Kennedy, director of the commission at 410-764-1903.

To view the winning entries, log on to [www.mbon.org/commission2/postercontest](http://www.mbon.org/commission2/postercontest).

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