

Learning Curve



What We Do

Address the critical need for nurses by providing a high-quality education leading to a bachelor of science degree and preparation for a career in nursing

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**Shalan Stroud, R.N., B.S.N.,
Saint Luke’s College
graduate and a nurse at
Saint Luke’s Hospital**

Saint Luke’s College helps nursing students boost their brainpower and their bedside manner

When Shalan Stroud was a little kid, she wanted to be a doctor. But instead she became a nurse.

“In college I discovered how busy hospital doctors stayed, moving from patient to patient,” said Stroud, R.N., B.S.N., who works in the Cardiac Care Unit at Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute.

“But once a doctor leaves the room, the family and patient are still there, trying to digest all that’s happened. They’re often scared to death. I like helping them understand why a doctor said this or why a nurse is doing that. It’s very important to me to see

my patients all the way through their illness and treatment.”

Stroud solved her dilemma by enrolling in Saint Luke’s College, which evolved from a nurse’s training school that started in 1887. There she maintained a perfect grade point average and earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 2003—thanks to financial help from the privately funded Mr. and Mrs. Marshall H. Dean Nursing Scholarship.

An Essential Potential

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, this country will need 1 million new and replacement nurses by 2012.

More than half of Saint Luke’s College graduates become nurses in the Saint Luke’s Health System. Contributions from generous donors like you ensure that we can continue to attract talented and caring students like Stroud, who might not otherwise be able to attend Saint Luke’s College.

“The program here is phenomenal but expensive,” Stroud said. “We learn more than just the nuts and bolts of medicine. They teach us a holistic view of our patients, so we can tend to all factors that help them heal, such as their emotions and where they can get support when they leave.

“I know people who would have excelled here, but didn’t think they could afford it. I was one of the lucky ones.”



How You Can Help

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