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**Rachel Wardrip receives the Martha Jane Hamilton Nursing Scholarship  
from Central Kentucky Community Foundation**

**ELIZABETHTOWN, KY** (May 29, 2020) – Meade County High School graduate Rachel Wardrip is one of 145 students earning scholarships from Central Kentucky Community Foundation. She was awarded the Martha Jane Hamilton Nursing Scholarship.

Wardrip, a 2003 graduate of Meade County High School, is the daughter of Richard and Iris Mattingly. She is a current student at ECTC studying nursing.

Martha Jane Hamilton, a long-time resident of Meade County, studied nursing at St. Anthony Hospital in Louisville and retired from Ireland Community Hospital. Martha loved caring for patients and meeting other nurses with her same passion. Throughout her life, she inspired many people in the nursing field. Now, through the generosity of her family, she continues to inspire future nurses forever. The scholarship is open to graduating seniors as well as past graduates of Meade County High School to attend Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and pays up to full tuition.

"Through the generosity of our donors, students across our region can continue their education," said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of CKCF. "Our scholarship program, Scholarship Central, is a great way to empower local students and show them the impact of philanthropy. It's an honor to connect people to the causes they care about while helping people pursue their educational goals."

The Martha Jane Hamilton Nursing Scholarship is one of 170 scholarships being awarded by CKCF this year through Scholarship Central. The scholarships total nearly \$322,000 and were awarded to 145 students from 17 high schools and four colleges in the region. All scholarship awards were announced during Celebrating Achievement, Central Kentucky Community Foundation's scholarship awards program. You can watch it at [https://youtu.be/qqIS2Y\\_XyKw](https://youtu.be/qqIS2Y_XyKw).

To establish a scholarship fund or to find out more information on this scholarship and other scholarships available to students, go to <http://ckcf4people.org/scholarships/>.

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