Santa Monica College’s Nursing Program
Student Emergency Relief Fund

Great Nurses of Our Past

**Florence Nightingale**—Florence Nightingale is most remembered as a pioneer of nursing and a reformer of hospital sanitation methods. For most of her ninety years, Nightingale pushed for reform of the British military health-care system and with that the profession of nursing started to gain the respect it deserved.

**Clara Barton**—Clara Barton was a pioneer American teacher, nurse, and humanitarian. She has been described as having had an "indomitable spirit" and is best remembered for organizing the American Red Cross.

**Mary Eliza Mahoney**—America's first black professional nurse, Mary Eliza Mahoney is known not only for her outstanding personal career, but also for her exemplary contributions to local and national professional organizations. Mahoney inspired both nurses and patients with her calm, quiet efficiency and untiring compassion.

**Linda Richards**—America's first trained nurse, Linda Anne Judson Richards, has long been recognized for her significant innovations in the nursing profession. Richards, who graduated from the New England Hospital for Women and Children in 1873, introduced the concept of keeping patient records, such as nurse's notes and doctor's orders. She also instituted the practice of nurses wearing uniforms.

Santa Monica College’s nursing students frequently experience financial barriers to completing their education, and they have few places to turn for assistance. The sums are not huge, but they seem so to those who need them. Perhaps it’s a utility bill that they cannot pay or an emergency trip to the doctor. Maybe they can’t afford this semester’s books or the gas it takes to come to campus. Whatever it is, financial hardship is one of the reasons nursing students dropout, and the regional healthcare workforce cannot afford to lose future nurses.

For this reason, the college’s Nursing Student Success Initiative will establish a $40,000 annual relief fund, which will enable the program to provide a maximum of $250 per year to each one of SMC’s enrolled nursing students. Help SMC Nursing Students succeed by contributing today.

**Help Our Nursing Students Succeed!**

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