

Erpelding Annual Scholarship

Type: Annual gift

Amount: Typically, \$500

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2017

Special Criteria: BSN student who plans to work in the area.

The Erpelding Scholarship was generously established by Jan and Bruce Erpelding to support nursing students at Allen College. This scholarship reflects the Erpeldings' deep commitment to healthcare, education and the Allen community.

Jan Erpelding is a proud 1969 graduate of the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She began her nursing career at Allen Hospital, where she worked for ten years before returning in 1998 to serve as a nurse recruiter—a role she held with passion and purpose. Her dedication to helping students and new nurses find their place in healthcare has been a hallmark of her career. Currently, Jan is the coordinator of the UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital Legacy program, which provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the Allen College Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and guaranteed employment at Allen Hospital.

Bruce Erpelding joined UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital in 2010 and works in the Plant Services department. Together, Jan and Bruce have been long-time employees and supporters of Allen Hospital, contributing generously and becoming members of the Gerard Circle in 2015.

Jan's inspiration to establish a scholarship came from witnessing the impact of philanthropy in healthcare and education. After a memorial scholarship was created in honor of a friend, she was moved to start one of her own. Her goal is to help students graduate with less financial burden and more opportunity.

The Erpeldings believe in the power of giving to make dreams come true—for patients, students and fellow team members. Through this scholarship, they hope to support future nurses who will carry forward the values of compassion, excellence and service.

Jan continues to find joy in hiring Allen College graduates and celebrating their milestones, including passing boards and beginning their careers. Her connection to students during such a pivotal time in their lives is a source of pride and fulfillment.

Outside of work, Jan and Bruce enjoy spending time with their two daughters and seven grandchildren, often participating in whatever activities their grandkids are involved in.

The Erpelding Scholarship is a testament to their belief in giving back and investing in the future of nursing and healthcare.