

Richard & Julie Westin Endowed Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies (approximately \$500)

Offered: Amount divided amongst two recipients

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2026

Special Criteria: Preference may be given to a health sciences student

Richard and Julie Westin are longtime supporters of Allen College and UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital who believe strongly in giving back to their community. Richard retired from the City of Cedar Falls as a firefighter, and Julie retired from Allen Hospital's laboratory after a dedicated 43-year career in healthcare. Julie is also an Allen College alumna, having graduated from Allen's former Medical Technology Program in 1980.

The Westins enjoy scuba diving, traveling and spending time with their family, which includes two sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren. Julie also enjoys gardening.

As UnityPoint Health – Allen Foundation Gerard Circle members, Richard and Julie viewed establishing a scholarship as a meaningful way to create a lasting impact. Julie is grateful for her years at Allen Hospital and felt a scholarship was a wonderful way to give back to the hospital and college that played an important role in her life and career.

Remembering the limited scholarship opportunities available to health sciences students when Julie was in college, the Westins established this scholarship to help students pursue their educational dreams. Allen College is sincerely grateful for Richard's and Julie's generosity and commitment to student success. Their gift will help future healthcare professionals achieve their goals while leaving a lasting legacy of support and compassion.