

## Mary Mahoney Professional Nurses Endowment 2004 Scholarship Recipients



**Lela Barnett** is motivated by a keen desire to “do a greater thing,” as she says, by becoming a nurse. She maintains high academic standards as a student at Seattle University. After graduating from Nathan Hale High School in Seattle, where she was valedictorian for 2002 and received the school’s Max Block Humanitarian of the Year Award, Lela continues to maintain high academic standards as a nursing student at Seattle University. Lela is the recipient of the MMPNE Academic Excellence Award. (\$500 award)



**Mohamed Coulibaly** is pursuing studies in the registered nurse program at Shoreline College. Described as a person who “lights up the room with his smile,” Mohamed has acquired a love of helping people serving as a nurse aid at Northgate Rehabilitation Center and at Providence Mount Saint Vincent. Mohamed finds spiritual rewards in caring for and communicating with people, particularly the elderly and disadvantaged. (\$1,500 award)



**Larry Haymes** finds the best challenges are the ones encountered helping people. As a member of the US Army for sixteen years, Larry worked on a medical team. He has received the Soldiers Medal, the Army’s highest for heroism outside of combat, and has been a Community Hero Torchbearer. He sees the MMPNE scholarship as an investment in the future of nursing, where he will relish bringing together his leadership skills and strong work ethics. Larry is enrolled in the ADN program at Highline Community College. (\$1,083 award)



**Janine Jones** has been an LPN for eight years, with experience in long term and pediatric care, currently working at Marionwood. She returns to school to pursue a course of study in nursing at Seattle University and eventually a master’s degree. Called a “lively” and “intelligent” student by her instructors, she thrives in academe. She wants to forge a challenging career “doing something she loves,” and finds working full time and studying a means to a very worthwhile goal as a Nurse Anesthetist. (\$1,083 award)



**Gayle Robinson** is a graduate student in nurse education at the University of Washington-Tacoma. She has been practicing as an RN for seventeen years. Described as a creative and insightful student, Gayle has been continually learning, first gaining her BSN in 2002. Gayle’s particular interest is research on HIV/AIDS in the African American community, on teaching, and on advocacy. Gayle has been a member of the Black Child Development Institute’s parent support group, and has worked as an RN with Adefua’s African Drum and Dance Company. (\$1,500 award)



**Tony Smith** has worked as a paramedic with King County Medic for eight years. An “exemplary” caregiver in emergency situations and a valued EMT instructor, Tony is pursuing his dream of extending his knowledge and experience in the Highline Community College ADN program. He finds great personal satisfaction in knowing that his visibility as an African American paramedic has provided a role model for many people throughout the Seattle community; he envisions that working as an RN will offer further inspiration to others. (\$1,083 award)