

# Two OHSU students only scholarship winners in Oregon; funds from Tylenol will help offset cost of education

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Two Oregon Health & Science University students were among the 40 recipients of the 22nd annual **TYLENOL® Future Care Scholarship** and received cash awards to help offset the rising cost of education.

The 2012 Future Care program awards a total of \$250,000 in scholarship funds to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers in healthcare. Winners are named TYLENOL Future Care Scholars, and to date the scholarship program has awarded \$8.7 million to more than 6,700 people in amounts of \$5,000 or \$10,000.

The scholarship winners were selected based on leadership qualities, academic performance and community involvement.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least one year of undergraduate or graduate study by the spring of 2012 at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational/technical school. Applications for the 23rd annual TYLENOL Future Care Scholarship will be available in spring 2013.

"We are proud to support these students, whose collective passions and goals align with our commitment to the future of healthcare," said **Denice Torres**, president, **McNeil Consumer Healthcare**, the owners of Tylenol.

"Our 2012 class of Future Care Scholars is an exceptional group of students, dedicated to a diverse variety of healthcare fields including primary care, nursing, pharmacy, public health and health education."

Oregon's scholarship winners, **Kodria Haddock**, 20, a nursing student, and **Orly Moshe-Lilie**, 31, a medical student, have backgrounds that on the surface may seem as different as night and day.

Haddock was home-schooled and grew up in a tight-knit family in a rural Oregon area close to Pendleton where the family raised chickens, sheep, pigs, cows and horses. The nearest town is Pilot Rock with a population of 1,519. She's an accomplished fiddler who began playing the instrument at the age of 7, and to help pay for her tuition Haddock took a job this past summer driving a huge mint truck for Oregon Trail Mint out of Imbler, Ore.

Moshe-Lilie grew up on the other side of the globe in the border town of Haifa, Israel's third-largest city with a population of nearly 300,000. As a child in an unstable home, she became accustomed to the sounds of missiles propelled in the air as she tensely waited for them to hit the ground and explode while sirens wailed and people scrambled to find safety in shelters.

The two talented young ladies, however, share important similarities. Both are dedicated to excellence, have extensive volunteer backgrounds and a track record of high academic performance. And both students knew what they wanted to do with their lives at an early age.

## **Kodria Haddock** OHSU nursing student

Haddock says it is in her blood to become an obstetric nurse. When was just 18 months old, she bounced in time to her brother's heartbeat that was broadcast on the Doppler on her mother's stomach in the latter stages of pregnancy. At age 13, she assisted with a birth, and when she was still in her teens she job shadowed with nurses at **St. Anthony Hospital** in Pendleton, watched a second birth and helped with a delivery in the emergency room for nearly four hours.

"It was so invigorating," Haddock said. "I loved it."

Active in a wide variety of organizations including her church and student government at **Blue Mountain Community College**, she also made the president's list for her academic excellence. She was a member of the **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**, the **Young Farmers & Ranchers Club** and was named the Most Encouraging Girl by the **Pendleton Home School Association**.

One of her more unusual hobbies is playing the fiddle. She has been playing for 13 years, attending fiddle camps in Colorado and Alaska. She plays Irish, Bluegrass, Country and some Gospel and has competed and won many contests.

The summer before her senior year in high school, Haddock began her career path in earnest, taking anatomy and physiology, chemistry, and other prerequisites. When she was 18, she started full time at **Blue Mountain Community College** and volunteered at St. Anthony

Hospital in Pendleton in the obstetrics department. She assisted with births and witnessed circumcisions and C-sections.

"That just fanned the flames and made me want to be an OB nurse all the more," she says. Haddock also volunteered at a seniors assisted living facility.

She had a unique summer job. Haddock was one of the truck drivers who would transport the full payloads of chopped mint to a large distillery where workers would steam the mint to extract the oil. Driving a massive heavily loaded truck in the sun-baked back country of Eastern Oregon isn't a fun or glamorous job, but it was a blessing to Haddock.

Employment is crucial for her because she is determined to pay her own way through school by working and utilizing grants and scholarships. If she runs short of funds to finish, then she will stop school and work and apply for scholarships until she can resume her education.

"I am very respectful of cultural diversity and would like to participate in ways to increase diversity in our health care system."

—Orly Moshe-Lilie  
OHSU Medical Student

Currently maintaining a 4.0 grade average, Haddock has several family members who are or were in the medical field including a cousin studying to be a dermatologist, a grandmother who was a nurse and another cousin who was a doctor. Her mother found about the Tylenol scholarship on the Internet.

Upon graduating in 2015, Haddock hopes to work in a hospital OB department in La Grande, or perhaps Enterprise, and then to settle down and have a family.

This scholarship, Haddock said, is critical to her reaching her goals.

"Tylenol is making it possible for me to fulfill my dream and easing some of the financial stress," she says. "Thank you, thank you, Tylenol, thank you so much for your generous scholarship!"

## **Orly Moshe-Lilie** OHSU medical student

Orly Moshe-Lilie was 15 years old and a new volunteer in the **Israeli First Aid Ambulance Service** when a paramedic yelled at her and told her to assist him in administering CPR. For the very first time she began performing chest compressions on a real person and not a mannequin, then slowed her pace as her mind wandered.

"What if he dies?" the paramedic shouted at her. She began doing her compressions with a renewed vigor and after several minutes, the man began to cough and regained consciousness. Elated and filled with joy, she felt a sense of fulfillment beyond anything she'd known.

"Shortly after that, I committed to becoming a doctor," she recalls. "I began planning my path to medical school."

The journey has not been easy. Moshe-Lilie's unusual background in Israel has given her both advantages and disadvantages in preparing to be a physician in America.

Educational opportunities for economically deprived students are rare in Israel, and it is nearly impossible to get student loans with no savings and no job. This is one of the reasons she began her journey towards medical school in the United States a bit later in life.

When she was growing up, she hoped that all people living within the country's borders could coexist in peace, including the Muslims and Bedouins. Those feelings gave way to the harsh reality as peace still eludes Israel.

"This sense of harmony is not being shared by all, and radicals on both sides are not allowing the wounds to heal," she says.

Being reared in a dysfunctional family forced Moshe-Lilie to grow up early. Serving in the Israeli Air Force in a command center where she had great responsibilities for two years gave her the discipline and strength and to overcome many life challenges.

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