

Health sciences student receives scholarship award

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Melissa Hrinya, a second year Respiratory Therapy (RT) student at Jefferson College of Health Sciences (JCHS) in Roanoke, has won the American Association of Respiratory Care's (AARC) William Burgin, M.D. Student Scholarship Award.

This national recognition carries a monetary award of \$2,500, as well as a free trip to Orlando, Fla., where Hrinya will be recognized publicly at the annual AARC International Meeting in December.

The Burgin Award is given annually by the American

Respiratory Care Foundation and the National Board for Respiratory Care, based on research papers submitted by second year RT students nationwide. Hrinya's paper was entitled, "The Effects of Breathing Heliox at Rest and During Exercise on Lung

Volume, Airflow, and Exercise Endurance on Patients with Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease."

Participants are also required to be enrolled in an accredited respiratory therapy program leading to an Associate Degree.