



## Educating Tomorrow's Healthcare Heroes

The COVID-19 pandemic has made one thing abundantly clear: our region needs well-trained healthcare providers. Fortunately, St. Luke's University Health Network is addressing this need.

The St. Luke's School of Nursing, established in 1884, is now the nation's oldest nursing school in continuous operation—while the Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine is our region's first and only medical school. In addition, almost 400 resident physicians are on site each day, learning advanced skills as they near the end of a journey that has required 10 to 15 years or more of higher education.

In recognition of the expertise and commitment to medical education at St. Luke's, IBM Watson Health recently designated our hospital as the [#1 Major Teaching Hospital in the country](#).

Philanthropy supports this important work through scholarships, research support, special programs, and advanced simulation technology. Thank you for the important role you play in supporting this journey to excellence.

Warmly,



Patrick J. Bower  
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## When Dreams Become Reality

One fateful soccer match inspired Riley McHugh to pursue a career in medicine. During his sophomore year at Tamaqua High School, Riley wound up in the Emergency Room at St. Luke's Miners Campus after a head injury. The care and compassion he received during his treatment made him feel immediately at ease.

Since that experience, Riley has dreamed of returning to his hometown to provide that same level of care to his neighbors. Thanks to a generous scholarship from the John E. Morgan Foundation Scholarship at the Temple St. Luke's School of Medicine, that dream is now becoming his reality.

[A Love of Home](#)



## The Start of a New Chapter

Each year, incoming Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine students are warmly welcomed to their new profession at the annual White Coat Ceremony, signifying the start of their journey to becoming a physician. Recently, the Class of 2025 started their journey off with a special gift—their first stethoscope—provided with support from generous St. Luke's donors who want to encourage these bright and talented young people who are the future of medicine.

[See the White Coat Ceremony](#)



## Achieving a Life-long Goal

Lashanda had long dreamed of being a nurse, but she never could have guessed that someone else's dream would make hers possible. In fact, shortly before Lashanda was accepted to the St. Luke's School of Nursing, Walter and Mary Ellen Bell had approached St. Luke's hoping to establish a scholarship program.

Today, Lashanda's new career is taking off because of their generosity—which will change our community for the better.

An Incredible Gift



## Celebrate the Power of Partnership

**Today:** Join us for the Autumn Hope-A-Thon, St. Luke's Penn Foundation's premier fundraiser featuring a telethon and online auction! You'll be inspired and entertained as we celebrate the Power of Partnership to help reach more people with mental health services and treatment for addiction. Special thanks to our friends at WFMZ-TV and Channel 69 News, who will livestream the telethon from their studio from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Give HOPE



## An Evening Among the Stars

**November 4:** Dinner by Starlight is back (virtually) for 2021! This year, we celebrate our Honorary Star: the Allentown Campus Frontline Workers who have worked tirelessly since the start of the pandemic to keep us safe. Admission to the virtual event is free, but donations to support the Allentown Campus Emergency Department are greatly appreciated. Tune in by visiting [sluhn.org/dinnerbystarlight](http://sluhn.org/dinnerbystarlight) on Thursday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m.!

Sponsorship Opportunities

## COVID-19 Resources and Vaccine Updates

Vaccination is our best shot to defeat COVID-19. St. Luke's is now offering a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for qualifying patients. To schedule an appointment and learn more about booster recommendations for high-risk and immunocompromised individuals, [visit our resource](#)

## A Final Act of Generosity

For Jane R. Kiscadden, a 1946 graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing, one piece of important advice led her down a path of serving others: the best way to make your way in life is to get a good education. She went on to do just that and continued to support

[center](#) or call [1-866-STLUKES](tel:1-866-STLUKES) (785-8537), option 7.

The resource center also offers important information about COVID-19 variants, FAQs, and the latest guidance for adolescent patients.

[Find Resources](#)

her alma mater throughout her career.

Jane passed away in 2020—but her legacy will live on through an incredible gift to help future generations of deserving students as they, too, pursue their passion for serving others in need.

[A Legacy of Generosity](#)



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