

# The 2019 PDSA College Scholarship Winners!

## \$1,500 RECIPIENT

Luci Takas, Hamburg, NY  
Daemen College



"I learned that I am capable of facing adversity with great courage. While I was in the hospital I learned that it is best to stay focused on the immediate challenge, one obstacle at a time. I learned that having a plan and focusing on one task at a time makes overwhelming problems manageable. While facing adversity I learned that I have the strength to remain calm in the face of danger. I am able to think logically and maintain faith in my doctors that are working to find me the best line of treatment. Challenges have the power to inspire growth or defeat in a person. I believe that I have grown through my crisis and am stronger than before."

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## \$750 RECIPIENT

Emmelee Newhouse, Hurricane, WV  
Marshall University



"Although originally planning a career in speech pathology, my diagnosis of ITP has caused me to reconsider and now reach for a medical degree. I feel that the experiences I am facing will help me to become a thorough, thoughtful and successful physician. I am so appreciative of the help that I have received, and I want to help others in the same way. I have found the dedication and determination needed to be successful in overcoming the obstacles I have faced, and I am ready for the challenges that medical school will hold."

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## \$250 BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS



Caroline Emerson,  
Moore, SC  
Clemson University  
Calhoun  
Honors College

"I am so excited to continue challenging myself, and I hope to use my platelet disorder as a way to inspire others."



Jack Kerr,  
Gambrills, MD  
Furman University

"...Keeping a positive attitude has made my journey much easier to deal with and keeps me moving forward towards my goals."



Colin Roberts,  
Cedarhurst, NY  
Louisiana State  
University

"...As I overcame each obstacle, I gained more strength. Now, I not only have the strength to get by, I am demonstrating that I possess the strength to thrive..."