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Anthem College Student Named Student of the Year

FENTON, MO, May 10, 2011—Rodney Arnold, a 2010 graduate of Anthem College in Fenton, MO, was named Student of the Year by the Missouri Association of Private Career Colleges and Schools (MAPCCS).

Arnold, who earned a medical assistant diploma, “was an exceptional student,” who completed his program with a 4.0 grade point average, says Suzanne Marshall-Caby, President of Anthem College—Fenton.

Arnold came to Anthem College as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) with a desire to “further his education to get away from the limitations of his position. He knew he wanted to continue in healthcare,” Marshall-Caby says.

Arnold was on campus so often that other students sometimes became confused about their own schedules. He was an enthusiastic tutor, as well as a role model and someone who “was able to see the positives in every person he met,” according to Marshall-Caby. His empathy helped fellow students find “faith, courage and confidence.”

On one occasion, Arnold was deeply moved by a fellow student’s discussion about her husband’s struggle with end-stage renal disease. The husband needed a new kidney and the family was desperate to find a suitable match. Arnold had his blood and tissue tested and found he was an exact match for the patient—a total stranger he did not meet until graduation.

One week later, in October, 2010, he donated his kidney to the father of three. Recipient and donor are both doing well.

Arnold now works at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, on the same organ transplant ward where he donated his kidney. He continues to grow and learn, Marshall-Caby says, and is planning to study dialysis.

Arnold credits Anthem College for his success, emphasizing the college's dedication to educating and supporting students throughout their academic and training programs. "He still feels the commitment that the staff and faculty have for their students and graduates," marvels Marshall-Caby, who calls him "one of the most amazing people you will ever meet."

Arnold received his award at the 24th Annual MAPCCS Conference held in St. Louis Friday, April 29, 2011.

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