

## Meet Leona McAndrew, a 2017 Foundation Scholar



*"With the help of colleagues, fellow students, friends and family, I feel so fortunate to have come so far in my nursing career."*

**Leona McAndrew** arrived in America 14 years ago from her home in central Europe. As a child, her interest in nursing was sparked by her mother, a pediatric nurse. Leona obtained her CNA certification and took a position at Clifton Rehabilitative Nursing Center in 2004. Since then, she has steadily advanced in her nursing education and career, first as a Unit Coordinator, and for the past 5 years as a nurse, after earning an RN degree from Bristol Community College, where she graduated cum laude.

Leona is a valued member of the nursing staff at Clifton Rehab, where she is recognized for her strong work ethic and attention to details. Her supervisor notes that her ability to communicate therapeutically is one of her greatest strengths, and is often complimented by patients, their families, nurse practitioners and physicians for her kindness, patience and the quality care she provides. Leona is currently enrolled in the BSN program at University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth, earning high marks in her classes and eager to continue advancing her career in long term care nursing.

The Massachusetts Senior Care Foundation is grateful for the generosity of our donors, whose contributions have helped Leona and nearly 1,600 other outstanding men and women achieve their professional and personal goals in long term care. Their success is our success. If you have not done so already, it is not too late to make a contribution to the [Foundation's 2017 Fundraising Campaign](#). For more information about the scholarship program and other Foundation initiatives please visit [www.maseniorcarefoundation.org](http://www.maseniorcarefoundation.org).