***Grieshop Social Work Scholarship***

A $1000.00 scholarship will be granted to a Marion Local senior who plans to pursue a profession in the mental health field, which includes but is not confined to: social work, counseling, psychology, and mental health practitioner. This student should have a GPA of at least 2.5 overall and have a keen interest in offering professional support to persons with mental health issues so that they can live in a productive environment.

The student should also write an essay on a mental health issue like one of the following topics:

* Suicide
  + What are the warning signs?
  + How can you help someone who has lost a loved one to suicide?
* Imprisonment
  + What are pros and cons to jailing a mentally ill person for a minor legal infraction?
  + What is a realistic alternative to jail?
* Aging in America
  + What are some of the challenges related to elders remaining functional and independent in their homes?
  + Should an elder be forced into a nursing home when family states they cannot take care of them anymore? What are other possible solutions?
* Drug abuse
  + Should there be a limit to the number of times a person is given Narcan by first responders following drug overdoses?
  + Should a drug addict be placed in jail for buying/using drugs?

Essay should be about 750 – 1000 words long. Inclusion of personal interaction with someone with mental illness, attempted suicide, of family / friend of someone who has committed suicide.

The winner of this scholarship will be announced in the Spring of 2023. The award will be given upon proof of completion of Fall 2023 and registration of Spring semester (January 2024).

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**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO Mrs. Dippold BY MARCH 17**