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**Durfee, Falmouth High School Graduates Awarded Lewin Scholarship**  
*Established in honor of late Standard-Times Editor*

Two area high school graduates have been awarded the **Charles J. Lewin Interfaith Scholarship** through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA).

The \$1,600 awards, named in honor of the long-time editor and general manager of The Standard-Times, were presented to **Scott Phuong**, a 2007 graduate of BMC Durfee High School in Fall River, and **Kristina Watts**, a 2007 graduate of Falmouth High School,

The Charles J. Lewin Interfaith Scholarship Fund was formed in 1958 as the Interfaith Scholarship Foundation of New Bedford. In 1966, the Fund took on the name of Charles J. Lewin, in honor of the long-time editor and general manager of The Standard-Times, one of the Fund's founders. The Lewin Scholarship seeks to promote access to post-secondary education among the residents of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes and Plymouth counties. In 1998, the fund was transferred to the Community Foundation.

**Scott Phuong** plans to study robotics engineering at Brown University. Scott graduated 25<sup>th</sup> in his class of more than 500 students and was named an "Outstanding Student of America Scholar." He was on the Durfee High School Principal's and All-A List. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, the Upward Bound program, Vice President of the Asian Club, President of the Astronomy Club, and on the Durfee Math Team. Scott has also been active in community service projects around Fall River.

**Kristina Watts** plans to study biology at Boston University. Kristina graduated 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Falmouth High School class, where she was a two-year member of the National Honor Society and recipient of several awards including the "Outstanding Academic Achievement" and "Academic Excellence While Competing in Sports" awards. She was very involved in extracurricular activities, including the Spanish Club, President of the "Best Buddies" Club, and the Mock Trial Club. She also played Field Hockey and Lacrosse.

The CFSEMA committee that reviews the scholarship applications includes The Standard-Times' Credit Manager Jill Ussach; Chair Eileen Farley; Margherita Baldwin, Seth Garfield, Albert Lees III and George Oliveira, CFSEMA board members; Kate Carney from the Patrick Carney Foundation; Lorraine Khazan from PACE; and Mary Schwartz, who was a member of the Lewin Scholarship Foundation when it merged with the Community Foundation.

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