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Martha's Vineyard, Harwich Students 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 \$2,000 awards, named in honor of the long-time editor and general manager of The Standard-Times, were presented to **Danielle Clermont**, a 2008 graduate of Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, and **Cody Ling of Harwich**, who graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and is attending Georgetown University.

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.

Danielle plans to study criminal justice at Suffolk University in Boston. In spite of difficult family circumstances, she has focused on overcoming adversity and working hard in school. According to her guidance counselor, Danielle motivated herself to move into all honors classes and continued to do quite well, improving her grades as high school progressed.

She has also held part-time jobs throughout high school, supporting herself and understanding the value of a dollar. Danielle participated on the basketball and softball teams the first two years at Martha's Vineyard Regional.

Cody is entering his second year studying finance and management at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business, where he earned straight A's in the fall semester. Since 2004, he has worked summers at the Chatham Squire, and worked last summer as a Marketing & Sales Associate for Signature Real Estate in Chatham, where he

composed online virtual tours, oversaw the website redesign and paid company accounts of up to five figures.

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 Larisa 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.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

While the Foundation's primary grantmaking focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Greater Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. To date, the Community Foundation has assets of more than \$18.5 million and has distributed over \$6 million from 110 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region. . More information about the Foundation can be found at www.cfsema.org.

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