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Brockton, New Bedford High School 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 \$1,900 awards, named in honor of the long-time editor and general manager of The Standard-Times, were presented to **Chantele Dalmida**, a 2009 graduate of Brockton High School, and **Pamela Racine**, who graduated from New Bedford 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.

Chantele wants to be a veterinarian, and will study biomedical sciences at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut to work toward that goal. She has been a volunteer for the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the past two years, working with lobbyists and petitioning for animal rights and welfare.

Pamela will study forensic pathology at Bay Path College. She has been a four-year Faculty Honor member with perfect attendance at New Bedford High, and a four-year member of the NBHS Orchestra.

The CFSEMA committee that reviews the scholarship applications includes New Bedford School Committee Member 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 distributed over \$7 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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