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Fairhaven Grads Awarded College Scholarships

FAIRHAVEN – The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA) has awarded college scholarships to six 2011 Fairhaven High School graduates.

Brittany Teixeira, a 2011 FHS graduate who is enrolled in the Curry College School of Nursing, was awarded the \$500 **Daniel P. Bergeron Scholarship** established by Maureen and Russell Bergeron to honor the memory of their late son, Daniel P. Bergeron. Daniel Bergeron, a life-long resident of Fairhaven and graduate of Fairhaven High School, had a passion for music, took friendship seriously, and lived life fully. Dan was only 21 when he was killed by a drunk driver in October of 2006

The George Earl and Katherine Hartley Church Scholarship was awarded to **Allison Johansen of Acushnet** and **Taylor Gomes of Fairhaven**, 2011 Fairhaven High School graduates. Each was awarded a \$1,200 scholarship to study nursing. Allison planned to attend Northeastern University and Taylor attends Florida Southern College. **Cylyn Duarte of New Bedford**, a 2011 Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech graduate, also received a Church scholarship.

Lifelong Rochester resident George Earl Church established the scholarship fund at the Community Foundation in 2007 to honor the memory of his late wife, Katherine Hartley Church, who worked as a nurse her entire professional life. It is targeted for students from specific towns and high schools who wish to study nursing.

A \$1,500 scholarship has been awarded to 2011 graduate **Allison Johansen** from the **Fairhaven High School Centurion Scholarship Fund**, established by the Class of 1956 to celebrate the school's 100th Anniversary and to honor the contributions of Henry Huttleston Rogers to the town. Allison is studying nursing at Northeastern University.

Two 2011 FHS graduates, **Corinne Fortin and Christina Pottel**, have each been awarded \$500 **Matthew “Matty” Ryan Oliveira Scholarships**, established by his parents in 2003 to honor the 13-year-old's memory. Corinne is majoring in nursing at UMass Boston, while Christina is studying finance and marketing at UMass Amherst.

A Fairhaven resident, “Matty” was only 13 years old when a tragic go-cart accident on June 29, 2003 caused severe head injuries and claimed his life. His parents, Matthew and Kathleen Ryan Oliveira of Fairhaven, remember their son as a person who “inspired people to strive for more and challenge themselves. ...With his contagious spirit, he managed to touch thousands of hearts in his short stay here on earth.”

The CFSEMA committee that reviews the scholarship applications includes CFSEMA Board Members Seth Garfield, Chair, Margherita Baldwin, and George Oliveira; Mercy Cover of SEEAL; Lorraine Khazan from PACE; Kate Carney Larisa from the Patrick Carney Foundation; Albert Lees III, owner of Lees Market in Westport; Mary Schwartz, who was a member of the Lewin Scholarship Foundation when it merged with the Community Foundation; and Omari Walker, principal of Resiliency Preparatory School in Fall River.