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Greater New Bedford Students Win College Scholarships

Twenty-one recent high school graduates who are from Greater New Bedford have been awarded college scholarships by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.

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

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.

The Freitas-Rebello Fund awards scholarships to students of Portuguese descent attending an accredited college. Applicants must be residents of the Greater New Bedford area. This year, three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to **Marissa Pavao and Aaron Sughrue**, both of Dartmouth, and **Jillian Silva-Jones** of New Bedford. Marissa is attending Salem State University, Aaron is at UMass Dartmouth, and Jillian attends the College of the Holy Cross.

Three \$866 scholarships were awarded from the Half Marathon Scholarship Fund, which awards college scholarships to graduating seniors who are runners participating in track, cross country or a related interscholastic athletic program from **New Bedford High School, Dartmouth High School and greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School**. This year's recipients are **Devyn Prior of Dartmouth**, who is attending Providence College; **Christopher Phaneuf of New Bedford**, who planned to attend the College of the Holy Cross; and **Jenna Bouley of New Bedford**, who planned to major in nursing. Scholarship recipients are selected by the high school coaches and/or athletic directors

The **Ladies' Branch of the New Bedford Port Society** provides scholarships for high school seniors who have documented family ties to the sea, have received an acceptance letter from a Maritime Academy, or will major in maritime science. First consideration is given to families of descendants of seamen. This year, \$800 scholarships were awarded to:

- **Daniel Barry** of Dartmouth, who is attending Mass. Maritime Academy.
- **John Collins** of New Bedford, who is attending UMass Dartmouth.
- **Peter Collins** of New Bedford, an anthropology and jurisprudence major at Hampshire College.
- **Zachary DaCosta** of Dartmouth, a student at American International College.
- **Leslie Medeiros** of Dartmouth, a theater major at Rhode Island College.
- **Devyn Pryor** of Dartmouth, an English/education major at Providence College.
- **Brenda Rozario** of New Bedford, who is studying criminal justice at Johnson & Wales.
- **Emily Saunders** of New Bedford, who is majoring in political science and legal studies at UMass Amherst.
- **Trevor Sullivan** of Westport, a nursing student at UMass Dartmouth.
- **Jonathan Wilbur** of Mattapoisett, who is enrolled at Mass. Maritime Academy.

The **Charles J. Lewin Interfaith Scholarship** was awarded for a second year to **Lillian Phuong of Fall River**, a Durfee High School graduate who received \$1,200 toward her education at Northeastern University. A \$3,000 Lewin Scholarship was also awarded to **Rachel Hanley of East Falmouth**, a Falmouth High School graduate who is attending Colgate University. The Lewin 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.

Three Apponequet Regional High School graduates have each been awarded \$1,000 **Gregory D. Misodoulakis Memorial Scholarships**, a fund established by his family to honor the memory of the 2010 Apponequet Regional High School graduate Gregory Misodoulakis. The scholarships were awarded to **Kristin Mancuso of Lakeville**, a communications major at Hofstra University; **Tatiana Montilla-Oliver of East Freetown**, who is studying psychology at Bridgewater State University; and **Samantha Smith of Lakeville**, a pre-law student at Emerson College.

Gregory was a well-respected and gregarious member of his class, an honor student, athlete, student leader and dedicated volunteer who very much "lived in the moment" throughout his high school years. Gregory aspired to become a history teacher and had been eagerly looking forward to his freshman year at UMass Amherst. The annual scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the school community and who aspire to pursue liberal arts and/or education degrees.

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