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Greater Fall River High School Graduates Awarded Community Foundation Scholarships

Eleven recent high school graduates from Greater Fall River have been awarded college scholarships through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Four 2011 Westport High School graduates each received a \$900 **Luther B. Bowman Scholarship**. Selected by the Westport High School Scholarship Committee were **Alexander Ferreira**, a nursing student at UMass Amherst; **Scott Goepfner**, who is studying biotechnology at Bristol Community College; **Katherine MacKillop**, a biology major at UMass Amherst; and **Jessica Pimentel**, a biomedical engineering student at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

The Luther B. Bowman Scholarship is available to **Westport High School** graduating seniors who plan to attend a two- or four-year college, business school, trade school, secretarial school or a technical school.

The Jim Haskins Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of long-time Lakeville resident Jim Haskins. Jim was well known in his community as an avid volunteer – he was active in numerous organizations, including the Rotary Club of Fall River, the Salvation Army, Special Olympics Massachusetts, Citizens for Citizens, the Durfee Alumni Association, the Marine Museum, and the Moby Dick Council of Boy Scouts of America. The \$500 Jim Haskins Scholarship was awarded this year to **Lauren Costa**, a 2011 Somerset High School graduate who is pursuing a pre-medical major at Boston University.

Lauren Costa also was awarded an \$8,500 **Frank D. Sylvia Trust Scholarship** through the Community Foundation. This scholarship fund was established by Frank D. Sylvia to honor the memory of his late son, Frank P. Sylvia.

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, an \$800 scholarship was awarded to **Trevor Sullivan** of Westport, a nursing student at UMass Dartmouth.

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 pharmacy education at Northeastern 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.

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.

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