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Community Foundation Announces Student of the Year; Awards More Than $175,000 in Scholarships

SPRINGFIELD – The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln announces 96 scholarship awards and scholarship renewals totaling more than $175,000. In 2020, more than 35 individuals, families and organizations made these scholarships possible through charitable funds established at the Community Foundation.

This year’s awards bring the cumulative scholarship distributions to more than $1,400,000 over the past 16 years.

This is the sixth year that the Community Foundation assumed responsibility for the administration of the local Student of the Year Award, made possible by the Susan Cook House Educational Trust:

- The second runner-up winners, both awarded a $2,500 scholarship are Varsha Iyer of Springfield High School and Mikaiah Okasili of Springfield High School.
- The first runner-up winners, both awarded a $5,000 scholarship, were Grace Beyers of Southeast High School and Adrianna Kanllakan of Pleasant Plains High School.
- Kenya Apongule of Southeast High School is awarded with the Student of the Year award, which includes a $10,000 scholarship.

“Thanks to the generous support of donors, students across our community are being acknowledged for their hard work and given tangible support to pursue their dreams during these uncertain times,” said Tricia Nelson Becker, chair of the Community Foundation’s scholarship committee. “It is truly remarkable to make a difference in the lives of our young people through the Community Foundation’s scholarship program for 16 years.”

For more information concerning the scholarship program or establishing a scholarship fund, please call the Community Foundation at 217-789-4431. The next application season for students is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2021, with applications due March 1, 2021. Scholarship criteria and information will be posted on the Community Foundation’s website, www.CFLL.org.

-MORE (List of Recipients Following)-
2020 Community Foundation Scholarship Recipients

**Camp Care-A-Lot Scholarship**
Patience Thomas, Lanphier High School, $1,000

**CFLL Service Scholarship**
Isabella Cippolla-Pruitt, Glenwood High School, $1,600

**Charlie Cottle Scholarship**
Luke Lehnen, Glenwood High School, $1,500

**COUNTRY Financial Community Scholarship**
Kenya Apongule, Southeast High School, $2,000
Katharine Baumann, Millikin University, $2,000
Morgan Douglas, Southwestern High School, $2,000
Erin Gheen, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, $2,000
Sarah Hudspeth, Belmont University, $2,000
Kylee Kazenski, North Mac High School, $2,000
Callie Krager, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, $2,000
Lucy Powell, Carrollton High School, $2,000
Calyssa Richie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, $2,000
Athena Try, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, $2,000

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship**
Kenya Apongule, Southeast High School, $500
Dontarianna Boyd, Southeast High School, $500
Caroline Braud, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, $500
Brittany Douglas, Lanphier High School, $500
Ashanti Hatchett, Lanphier High School, $500
Londarius Hayes, Eisenhower High School, $500
Kendra Hentz, MacArthur High School, $500
Zion Johnson, Springfield High School, $500
Jaelyn Logan, Springfield High School, $500
Mikaiah Okasili, Springfield High School, $500
Laine Sanders, Southeast High School, $500
Elizabeth Small, New Berlin High School, $500
Adam White, Lutheran High School, $500
Deandre White, Lanphier High School, $500

**Don W. Casper Memorial Scholarship**
Maggie O’Brien, Springfield High School, $2,500

**Don W. Estaque Jr. Scholarship**
Cannon Garcia, Lanphier High School, $2,000

**Donald Lee and Donna Wolaver Memorial Golf Scholarship**
Arielle Fisher, High School, $500
Farrell and Ann Gay Scholarship
Mercedes Bryant, Lanphier High School, $1,500
Lillianna Maguire, Lanphier High School, $1,500

Frontiers International - J.D. Washington $1K Scholarship
Chandler Coleman, Southeast High School, $2,000
Dominique Gross, Springfield High School, $2,000

Frontiers International - James Forstall Scholarship
Kenya Apongule, Southeast High School, $750
Calvin Brewer, Riverton High School, $750
Mervontes Butler, Southeast High School, $750
Kaya de Castro, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, $750
Diamond Dean, Southeast High School, $750
Brittany Douglas, Lanphier High School, $750
Zion Johnson, Springfield High School, $750
Mikaiah Okasili, Springfield High School, $750
Adam White, Lutheran High School, $750
Deandre White, Lanphier High School, $750

Gerald F. and Luanna R. Kennedy Scholarship
Anna Gould, Pana High School, $2,000

Girls on the Run of Central Illinois Founder's Scholarship
Kenya Apongule, Southeast High School, $1,000
Emma Carter, Springfield High School, $1,000

Henry Bunn Memorial Scholarship
Emmaleigh Anderson, Lanphier High School, $5,000
Kaye Bayaton, University of Illinoi at Chicago, $5,000
Steven Boucher, Springfield High School, $5,000
Cannon Garcia, Lanphier High School, $5,000
Ashanti Hatchett, Lanphier High School, $5,000
Julia Kienzler, Loyola University, $5,000
Desiree’ Marion, Southeast High School, $5,000
Cyrus Rhodes, Illinois State University, $5,000

Illinois Women in Leadership High School Scholarship
Kenya Apongule, Southeast High School, $1,000
Zoe Chase, Southeast High School, $1,000
Lillianna Maguire, Lanphier High School, $1,000

Jamie K. Patino Math and Science Scholarship
Zoe Chase, Southeast High School, $1,000

Jean Lee Hiller Memorial Scholarship
Miah Klay, Taylorville High School, $3,000

Jim Byron Scholarship
Arielle Fisher, Williamsville High School, $1,000
Joseph and Lois Morris Memorial Scholarship
Priscilla Bartelheim, Springfield High School, $1,000
Zion Johnson, Springfield High School, $1,000
Jaelyn Logan, Springfield High School, $1,000
Mikaiah Okasili, Springfield High School, $1,000
Steve Ressel, Springfield High School, $1,000

Linda S. Culver Memorial Scholarship
Zoe Nielson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, $7,000
Athena Try, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, $7,000

Lori L. Kashmer Scholarship
Shailynn Matthews, Lanphier High School, $3,500

Margaret Johnson Special Education Scholarship
Madelyn Haddick, Pleasant Plains High School, $1,000

Mary Lou & Dwight Pitman Scholarship
David Moldenhauer, Auburn High School, $1,000

O'Brien Scholarship for the Study of Nursing
Kaye Bayaton, University of Illinois at Chicago, $1,000
Raylee Griffin, Lanphier High School, $1,000
Devyn Heard, St. John’s College of Nursing, $1,000
Cole Lang, Illinois State University, $1,000
Chloe Young, University of Missouri-Columbia, $1,000

Paul V. Gage Community Service Scholarship
Reagan Johnson, Vienna High School, $800

Pearl Fairfield Scholarship
Lillianna Maguire, Lanphier High School, $750

Reverend Kenneth H. White and Evelyn N. White Scholarship
Emmaleigh Anderson, Lanphier High School, $1,600

Roland Machinery Scholarship
Tucker Hamm, Tayloville High School, $1,000

SAHBA Robert E. von Behren Memorial Scholarship
Valeria Crites, Williamsville High School, $1,000
Steve Ressel, Springfield High School, $1,000

Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Scholarship
Hunter Niemann, Litchfield High School, $1,000

Spanish American Cultural Center Scholarship
Juana Gomez-Perez, Southeast High School, $3,000
Elisa Orellana, University of Illinois Springfield, $3,000
Susan G. Conner Special Education Scholarship
Abigail Stockton, New Berlin High School, $500

The Association for Women in Communications Scholarship
Elizabeth Wood, Eastern Illinois University, $1,000
Calyssa Richie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, $750

Walter and Polly Roesch Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois Scholarship
Clayton Crawford, Lanphier High School, $1,000

World War II Illinois Descendants Scholarship
Jonathon Botterbush, Alton Marquette Catholic High School, $1,000
Kevin Botterbush, Alton Marquette Catholic High School, $1,000

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