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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS 68 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING MORE THAN \$186,000 TO AREA STUDENTS

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The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region has awarded 68 scholarships totaling more than \$186,000 to area students. Presentations were recently made from 30 different scholarship funds within The Community Foundation at a scholarship reception held May 22, 2011 at The Community Center at Chatham.

“We are so excited to help open the doors of the future to so many students,” said Debra L. Dodson, Executive Director for The Community Foundation. “We have awarded 523 scholarships totaling more than \$1,500,000 since the Foundation began in 1996.”

The **Bennett-Bushnell-Jones-Kaufman Scholarship** was established from four individual scholarships to benefit outstanding nursing students at Danville Regional Medical Center School of Health Professions. These scholarships were transferred to The Community Foundation in 2008 by the Piedmont Health Foundation. Recipients will be announced after June 4th.

The **James W. Bryant, Sr. and James T. Collie Scholarship** was established with The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region in 2005 by a retired school teacher. The scholarship is for Pittsylvania County Public Schools graduates, with a preference for those pursuing education or nursing. A scholarship of \$2,300 was awarded to Virginia Tech student, **Lesley Stowe**. A scholarship of \$2,300 was presented to high school senior, **Chelsea Webb** (Gretna High School).

The **Bernard C. Calvert Scholarship** was established in 2004 by the Brosville Council #51 of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. The scholarship is restricted to Tunstall High School graduates, preferably students who attended either Brosville or Stony Mill Schools. **Sarah Terrell** (Virginia Tech) is receiving \$1,475.

The **John Watson Daniel Scholarship** was established by the JWD Retirement Club in 1997. A scholarship in the amount of \$575 was presented to **Erika Garcia** (Dan River High School).

The **Danville Academic Boosters Club Scholarship** is awarded to the top five scholastic students in Danville Public School system. This year there is a tie for fifth place. The following students are receiving scholarships – **Joshua Southward** (Galileo Magnet High School), **David Jones** (GWHS), **Marissa Hardison** (GWHS), **Joseph Campbell** (GWHS), **Rebecca Dey** (GWHS) and **Chandler Tyrell** (GWHS).

The **Danville Regional Medical Center Auxiliary/Volunteers Scholarship** was established in 2007 for Danville Regional Medical Center employees, volunteers and their immediate families, who are studying a medical field. Three scholarships of \$3,600 each were awarded to **Rochelle Madejas** (GWHS), **Morgan Oakes** (GWHS), and **Rebecca Stevens** (Danville Community College).

The **Roy L. and Mary G. Doss Scholarship** was established in 2010 to benefit graduating seniors of Danville or Pittsylvania County. The following students received \$5,500 each – **Calvin Bagby** (GWHS), **Victoria Cox** (Chatham High School), **Claire Francisco** (GWHS), **Mary Katherine Houser** (Dan River High School), **Jacob Irby** (Dan River High School), **Latasha Jennings** (Gretna High School), **Nathan Unger** (Tunstall High School), and **Christopher Waters** (Chatham High School).

One student received the **John R. and Betty B. Eggleston Scholarship**, established in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Eggleston in 2002. The scholarship was presented to **Calvin Bagby** (GWHS) in the amount of \$725.

The **Margaret Spruce Floyd Scholarship** was established in memory of Mrs. Floyd and transferred to The Community Foundation in 2003. The scholarship is awarded to female high school students from Pittsylvania County. **Alexander Thuku** (Galileo Magnet High School) received \$1,425.

The **Gantsoudes Scholarship** was established with The Community Foundation in 2008. The scholarship benefits George Washington High School students attending college in Virginia or North Carolina. **John Culley** (GW/Langston Focus High School) received \$1,350.

Two Danville area **Gignac Scholars** will continue their studies at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago with annual support totaling more than \$65,000. The Gignac Scholars are **Patrick Bray** and **Sayiddah McCree**.

The **John B. Grubb scholarship** was established in 2007 in memory of Mr. Grubb to benefit Danville and Pittsylvania County Public School graduates. **Austin Moon** (Tunstall High School) received \$850.

The **GW Class of 1957 Scholarship** was established in 2007 with The Community Foundation. The Class of 1957 created the scholarship for their 50th High School Reunion to benefit George Washington High School students. **Andrew Cox** (GWHS) received \$1,300.

The **Ray M. Harris Scholarship** was created in memory of Mr. Harris and transferred to The Community Foundation in 2004. The scholarship gives primary consideration to Pittsylvania County high school graduates. Two Ray M. Harris scholarships were awarded this year. **Lynellen Gregory** (University of Virginia) and **Jordan Richardson** (South College) each received \$2,200.

The **Stuart Harris Drama Scholarship** recognizes outstanding drama students in the Danville Public Schools. **Brian Daniels** (Averett University) received \$1,000.

The **John L. Hurt, Jr. Scholarship** supports students from Gretna High School, with a preference for students who have attended the John L. Hurt, Jr. Elementary School. **Nicholas Hagood** received \$1,750 to continue his studies at Radford University.

The **Main Street United Methodist Church Scholarship** was established in 2007 with the closing of Main Street United Methodist Church and is for local seminary students, with a preference for United Methodist applicants. **Edith Robinson-Davis** was awarded \$2,250 to continue her education at Duke Divinity School.

The **Robert and Bernice Milam Scholarship** was transferred to the foundation in 2010 from Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church to benefit its active members. The following students each received \$2,000 – **Stuart Davis** (Westover Christian Academy), **Carrie Hartgrove** (Tunstall High School), **Aaron Porterfield** (Union University), and **Gwendolyn Turner** (Lafayette College).

Three scholarships totaling \$4,440 were awarded from the **Onnie H. & Bertie W. Milloway Scholarship** to assist area students who attend Averett University. Scholarships were presented to current Averett students **Dennis Bouse III** and **Margaret Burnette**, as well as **Jasmine Reid** (Tunstall High School).

The **Patrick H. Musick Scholarship** was established to provide funding for deserving Averett University students who have a tennis-playing background. **Morgan Epstein** (Grimsley High School) was awarded \$700.

The **Arnold B. Porter & Elizabeth J. Porter Scholarship** was established in 2006 for students who are members of Fairview United Methodist Church. Two students, **Kaitlyn Ferrell** (Averett University) and **Amber Sulter** (Westover Christian Academy), received \$1,225 each.

Two area college students received scholarships for \$1,475 each from the **Irene L. Pritchett Scholarship**, created years ago to benefit area black students. The Pritchett scholarship was transferred to The Community Foundation in 2001. **Sharlicia Chambers** (Old Dominion University) and **Jazmine Willard** (Liberty University) were the recipients.

The **Alger Pugh Memorial Scholarship** was created in memory of Alger Pugh, GW High School football coach, after his death in 1984. The scholarship was then transferred to The Community Foundation and is given to deserving GW athletes. Two students were awarded scholarships of \$1,475 each – **Lindsey Kreger** (former GWHS athlete continuing her education at James Madison University) and **Andrew Cox** (GWHS).

Ten Gretna High School seniors were awarded \$635 each from the **Richard Ramsey Scholarship**. The Scholarship was created in memory of Mr. Ramsey, a Gretna High School teacher, many years ago and transferred to The Community Foundation in 2010. This scholarship was created to benefit Gretna High School students. The recipients are **Kelsey Adams**, **Brittany Dix**, **Ryan Gibson**, **Elizabeth Hall**, **Latasha Jennings**, **Matthew**

Marstin, Wyatt Mayhew, McKenzie Pickeral, Mary Ann Scruggs, and Reese Wilmoth.

One scholarship in the amount of \$2,150 was given from the **Riddle-Francis Scholarship**, which was created in 2005 by a retired teacher to benefit Pittsylvania County students, with a preference for Tunstall and Dan River students. The scholarship was awarded to **Catherine Kefauver** (Tunstall High School).

The **Percy and Velna Searce Scholarship** was created in 2001 to benefit area students. **Shamaica Tarpley** (Tunstall High School) received \$1,325.

The **Spiros Skenderis Memorial Scholarship** was created by the Danville Bar Association in memory of Judge Spiros Skenderis. Judge Skenderis served as a compassionate judge of the Danville Juvenile and Domestic Relations District for 19 years. A \$1,550 scholarship was awarded to **Mia Echols** (Dan River High School).

The **Eileen and Joseph Stendig Scholarship** was created in 2005 to benefit area students. **Hunter Cassidy** (University of Virginia) was awarded \$1,900.

The **Louise P. Surles Scholarship** supports area students who attend the University of Virginia. **Carrie Hartgrove** (Tunstall High School) was awarded \$2,425.

The **Florence P. Wagner and Jennie Lee Wagner Scholarship** was established in 2008 to provide scholarships to Pittsylvania County high school graduates. **Andrew Tickle** (Dan River High School) was awarded \$1,025.

The **Andy Warren Memorial Scholarship** was created in memory of GW High School assistant football coach and is given to deserving GW athletes. **Rachel Kilgore** (former GWHS athlete continuing her education at Virginia Commonwealth University) was awarded \$2,375.

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region, formerly known as DPC Community Foundation, is a public charity with total assets of \$23 million. The Foundation serves a region from Martinsville-Henry County to South Boston/Halifax County, including the neighboring North Carolina counties.

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region is a fully tax-exempt organization. Individuals or businesses may establish their own endowment or scholarship fund or may contribute any amount to existing funds. For more information, contact Debra L. Dodson at 541 Loyal Street, Danville, VA, 24541, (434) 793-0884 or visit their web site www.cfdr.org.