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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$168,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 71 AREA STUDENTS

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The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region has awarded more than \$168,000 in scholarships to 71 area students. Presentations were recently made from 26 different scholarship funds within The Community Foundation at a scholarship reception held May 23, 2010 at Danville Education, Arts and Cultural Center.

“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 nearly \$1,314,000 in scholarships to 459 students since the Foundation was begun 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 \$1,100 was awarded to UVA student, **Yizhen Liu**. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each were presented to high school seniors, **Benjamin Smith** (Chatham High School) and **Samantha Caccavelli** (Tunstall High School).

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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. The Calvert scholarship was awarded to two students. **Sarah Terrell** (Virginia Tech) is receiving \$1,000, and **Karla Smith** (Tunstall High School) is receiving \$525.

The **Dan River Inc. Scholarship** was transferred to The Community Foundation in 2008 to continue the charitable work of the company based in Danville for over 100 years. One scholarship was awarded to a previous recipient of the Dan River Foundation scholarship. **Kacee Little** (Piedmont Community College) is receiving \$2,000.

The **Danville Academic Boosters Club Scholarship** was awarded to the top five scholastic students in Danville Public Schools – **Ameya Chumble** (Galileo Magnet High School), **Leah Daniel** (GWHS), **Adrienne Taylor** (GWHS), **Victor Nguyen** (GWHS) and **Hope Winfield** (GWHS).

The **John Watson Daniel Scholarship** was established by the JWD Retirement Club in 1997. Two scholarships totaling \$600 were awarded to students, **Edward Beau Cassada** (Chatham High School) and **Martin Moorefield** (Altavista High School).

The **Danville Regional Medical Center Auxiliary/Volunteers Scholarship** was established in 2008 for Danville Regional Medical Center employees and volunteers and their immediate families, who are studying in a medical field. Five scholarships of \$2,600 each were awarded to **Nadine Greene-Hicks** (GWHS), **Nigel Hodge** (Hargrave Military Academy), **Karrah Pritchett** (DRMC Nursing Program), **Jenna Saunders** (Danville Community College), and **Rebecca Stevens** (Danville Community College).

One student received the **John R. and Betty B. Eggleston Scholarship**, established in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Eggleston in 2002. **John Smith III** (Chatham High School) received \$750.

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The **Margaret Spruce Floyd Scholarship** was established in memory of Mrs. Floyd and transferred to The Community Foundation in 2004. The scholarship is awarded to female high school students from Pittsylvania County. Two Margaret Spruce Floyd scholarships were awarded this year. **Hannah Gibson** (Dan River High School) received \$1,000 and **Laura Williams** (Chatham High School) received \$700.

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 \$875.

Three Danville area **Gignac Scholars** will continue their studies at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago with annual support totaling more than \$96,000. The Gignac Scholars are **Patrick Bray, Sayiddah McCree, and Andrew Mey.**

The **John B. Grubb scholarship** was established in 2007 in memory of Mr. Grubb to benefit Danville and Pittsylvania County Public School graduates. **Deonsha Carroll** (Tunstall High School) received \$625.

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. **Sarah Brinkley** (GWHS) received \$900.

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. Five Ray M. Harris scholarships were presented this year. **Alexa Arbogast** (Tunstall High School), **Kristy Edwards** (Dan River High School) and **Skylauna Padilla** (Gretna High School) all received \$2,200 each. **Holly Johnston** (Tunstall High School) received \$2,000, and **Elizabeth Tucker** (Gretna High School) received \$1,050.

The **Stuart Harris Drama Scholarship** recognizes outstanding drama students in the Danville Public Schools. **Brian Daniels** (Galileo Magnet High School) received \$525.

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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 \$1,000 to continue studying at Radford University and **Mark Marstin** received \$800 to continue his education at Liberty 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 \$2,300 to continue her education at Duke Divinity School.

Three scholarships totaling \$4,575 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 **Benjamin Boatwright**, and **Dustin Echols**, as well as **Danielle Feeney** (Tunstall High School).

The **Arnold B. Porter & Elizabeth J. Porter Scholarship** was established in 2008 with The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region for students who are members of Fairview United Methodist Church. **Kaitlyn Ferrell** (Tunstall High School) received \$2,450.

Three area students received scholarships for \$1,000 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** (Gretna High School), **Kaneatria Logan** (Tunstall High School) and **Jazmine Willard** were the winners.

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. Three students were awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each – **Lindsey Kreger** (continuing her education at James Madison University), **Nathaniel Maultsby** (GWHS), and **Olivia Wilkes** (GWHS).

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Ten Gretna High School seniors were awarded \$500 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 of the Dan River Region in 2010. This scholarship was created to benefit Gretna High School students. The recipients are **Larry Betterton, Tierra Carter, Sharlicia Chambers, Nina Compton, Isaac Hammock, Justin Martin, Michael Mayhew, Katherine Moon, Elizabeth Tucker and Catherine Tyler**.

Two scholarships of \$1,100 were 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. Scholarships were awarded to Tunstall High School seniors, **Janessa Reid** and **Cara Soyars**.

The **Percy and Velna Searce Scholarship** was created in 2001 to benefit area students. Two students received scholarships of \$650 each, **Peter Berrios** (Chatham High School) and **Benjamin Tucker** (Gretna High School).

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 \$1,475 scholarship was awarded to **Nigel Word** (Gretna High School).

The **Eileen and Joseph Stendig Scholarship** was created in 2005 to benefit area students. Galileo Magnet High School senior, **Austin Bowen** was awarded \$1,000 and University of Virginia student **Hunter Cassidy** was awarded \$925.

The **Louise P. Surles Scholarship** supports area students who attend the University of Virginia. **Daniel Strubler** (Tunstall High School) was awarded \$2,475.

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The **Andy Warren Memorial Scholarship** was created in memory of GW High School assistant football coach and is given to deserving GW athletes. Two GWHS seniors are receiving \$800 each, **Medardo Ayala** and **Casey Johnson**. **Rachel Kilgore** currently attending Virginia Commonwealth University is also receiving \$800.

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region, formerly known as DPC Community Foundation, is a public charity with total assets of \$20 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.