



# **2026 Scholarship Program**

## **Funds and Recipients**

# Main Street Community Foundation Scholarship Program

Main Street Community Foundation's scholarship program brings together students and donors who care about education. The Foundation currently administers over 100 named scholarship funds that have been established by individuals, families, businesses and other organizations. Although each scholarship has unique criteria, all donors seek to assist students in pursuing their education and achieving their goals and dreams. They believe that helping students ease the financial obligations of education is an investment in the future.

**Because of these donors' generosity, the Foundation awarded \$578,543 in scholarships to 216 students in 2026.** The students – graduating high school seniors, current college students and adult learners – hail from the towns of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott as well as other communities. They are continuing to pursue their education by attending four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, military academies and vocational/technical schools.

## Volunteer Scholarship Committee

All scholarships are awarded through a blind competitive application process. A volunteer selection committee appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors evaluates all applications before recommending recipients. Thank you to the volunteer Scholarship Committee members for all of their hard work in evaluating over 2,000 applications in 2026:

Jarre B. Betts, Chair  
Kim Ward Holley, Vice Chair  
Dawn Angelillo  
Michael Audette  
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# Establishing a Scholarship Fund at Main Street Community Foundation

Scholarship funds at Main Street Community Foundation were established by individuals, families and businesses from all across central Connecticut. While their motivations for establishing the funds vary, they all share one thing – the desire to help students achieve their educational and career goals.

Scholarship funds provide financial assistance to students pursuing educational opportunities in a variety of different areas and at different stages of their academic careers. Moreover, the majority of these funds are endowed, which means that the Foundation can continue to award these scholarships to students forever.

There are two ways you can make a meaningful impact on local students through the Main Street Community Foundation:

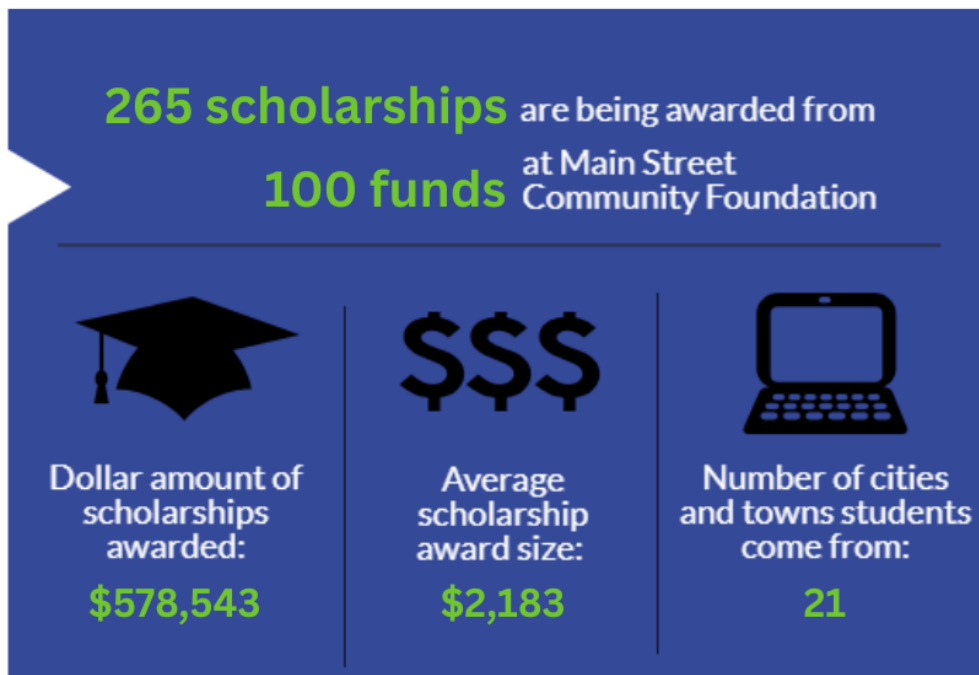
- 1. Establish an individual named fund.**

You can establish a named fund for any level of education. You may designate a particular school, field of study and select eligibility criteria. The fund can be started using a variety of gift giving vehicles, including: cash, stock, retirement assets and other tangible personal property. The minimum donation to establish a scholarship fund is \$25,000. This gift can be given as a lump sum or over a period of time during your life. You may also leave charitable assets upon your passing in the form of a bequest in will or trust, retirement plan designations or beneficiary designation in a life insurance policy.

- 2. Contribute any amount to an already established named fund.**

You can donate any amount at any time to any of the established funds at the Foundation. Each scholarship fund has its own purpose and you can choose which fund to donate based on your passion and the type of student you want to help.

# Scholarships By the Numbers



Number of students awarded scholarships:

**216**



Number of scholarship recipients by grade level:

Elementary and secondary school: **51**

Graduating high school senior: **89**

Current college student: **76**

# Recipients from Individual Named Funds at Main Street Community Foundation

Main Street Community Foundation congratulates the following students and acknowledges the generosity of the individuals, families, businesses and organizations that have established funds to make these scholarships possible.

This list includes students who will be continuing their post-secondary education at four-year colleges, military academies, community colleges or technical/vocational schools.

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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FUND

Established by an anonymous donor in 2015, this fund supports academically talented graduating seniors of Bristol Central High School. The students must be ranked academically in the top 10 of the class and must have attended Bristol Central for three years.

**Caitlyn Carbone** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Kye Kaley** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Christopher Mika** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Lyla Sowder** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Victoria Testa** | *University of Hartford*

## ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION HELEN & SCOTT LOWE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was established in 2025 by the Animal Rescue Foundation to honor the memory of Helen Lowe, and her husband Scott, who left a generous bequest to the Terryville organization. Scholarships will be available annually to graduating seniors from Terryville High School and Lakeview High School, who are pursuing post-secondary education or career training in the animal science field.

**Margaret Miller** | *Lakeview High School*

**Juana Pena** | *Lakeview High School*

## CHRISTIAN ARNDT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This fund was established in 2006 through a bequest from the estate of Christian Arndt to support a scholarship for a Terryville High School student who shows academic promise, particularly in the area of science.

**Drew Fowler** | *Terryville High School*

## E. BARTLETT BARNES AWARD OF JOURNALISM FUND

Transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 1999, this scholarship was originally established in 1980 by a group of community friends wishing to pay tribute to Bart Barnes, retired publisher of the Bristol Press, whose association with this newspaper spanned forty-eight years until his retirement in 1985. His lifelong love of journalism and community service is well-known in the Bristol area, and it is difficult indeed to find a local organization in which Mr. Barnes had not been active, both before and after his retirement. Annual scholarships are awarded to students living in the communities of Bristol, Burlington or Plymouth.

**Colin Cavallari** | *St. Bonaventure University*

**Ryan Corvo** | *University of Connecticut*

**Zachary Cudjoe** | *University of Hartford*

**Mark Lussier** | *Hofstra University*

### **STANLEY P. BITEL MEMORIAL FUND**

This scholarship was established in 2015 to honor the life of Stanley P. Bitel, the founder of Rowley Spring and Stamping Corporation in Bristol which was established in 1954. He personified entrepreneurial spirit, continual learning and self-achievement – all characteristics that should be displayed by the recipient. One scholarship is awarded to a resident of Connecticut who is a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled post-secondary student or an adult learner seeking qualifying skilled training in the manufacturing trade. Qualifying training includes apprenticeship programs, technical education/trade schools, workforce development programs or pursuit of a four-year degree in business or engineering as it relates to a career in manufacturing.

**Benjamin Wirth** | *Shelton High School*

### **SYLVIA BODAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established in 2001 by the family and friends of Sylvia Bodak with assistance from the Women's Cancer Care Foundation. The fund was set up to honor the life of a loving wife and mother who passed away in 1999 after a courageous battle with cancer. Through their experiences during Mrs. Bodak's illness, the family had come to know and wished to support the work of individuals in the field of oncology and/or cancer research.

**Kyleigh Sutula** | *Simmons University*

### **PETER AND MARJORIE BOSSI EDUCATIONAL FUND**

Established at the Foundation in 2003 by the now late Marjorie Bossi, this fund fulfills her late husband's wish to provide scholarships to help young people. An annual scholarship is presented to a Bristol Central High School graduating senior or past graduate with an interest in music.

**Joshua Clukey** | *University of Massachusetts Amherst*

### **DAVID J. BOURASSA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established in 2024 by David "Dave" Bourassa's family to honor his memory and impact on the many people he knew and loved with his kind and fun-loving spirit. Dave was a master electrician for over 35 years. He was known for his infectious smile and strong work ethic, all while admirably battling schizoaffective disorder for many, many years. He was brave, kind, patient, and gentle. His family has started a movement to "Be Like Dave." Dave was one of the kindest people you could meet. He loved his family and desserts, especially cookies, and that was pretty much Dave. If everyone could be a little more like Dave, the world would be a whole lot kinder. More kindness and more cookies. An annual scholarship will be awarded to a Bristol resident, with a preference to students looking to pursue an education/career in the mental health field.

**Aubrey Cruz** | *University at Albany*

### **BOWERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2008, by retired banking executive and long-time community volunteer, Bryan P. Bowerman. Mr. Bowerman, an alum of Bristol Eastern High School, created this fund to award a scholarship annually to a graduating high school senior from Bristol Eastern High School attending the University of Connecticut with a preference given to students accepted at the School of Business.

**Tyler O'Meara** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **BRISTOL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SCHULMAN FUND**

This fund was transferred to the Foundation in 2000 to provide post-secondary scholarship assistance to current and former members in good standing of the Bristol Boys & Girls Club.

**Kayla Lachance** | *University of Saint Joseph*

**Rocco Paolino** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Renee Singleton** | *Nova Southeastern University*

**Dawyne Vargas** | *Central Connecticut State University*

### **BRISTOL LIONS CLUB F. FRED SOLIANI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2008, this fund was established by the Bristol Lions Club to honor the memory of F. Fred Soliani, a dedicated and honored member of the Bristol Lions Club. Fred was a noted Bristol Educator and civic activist. The scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Bristol Central High School or Bristol Eastern High School.

**Armaan Chaudhry** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **BRISTOL LIONS CLUB/JAMES J. KEATING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established by the Bristol Lions Club with a bequest previously received from the estate of Mark M. Keating. This scholarship honors the memory of Mr. Keating's father, James J. Keating. James was born in 1890 and passed away in Bristol, living to be 107 years old. After retiring, James became invested in eye health after his friend lost their eye sight, and he joined the Bristol Lions Club. As part of his work, he helped organize glaucoma and vision screening drives, as well as led efforts to set up vision screening machines in Bristol schools and institute mandatory vision testing of schoolchildren. A scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott who is classified as legally blind or visually impaired.

**Madison Clayton** | *St. Paul Catholic High School*

**Drew Fowler** | *Terryville High School*

### **BRISTOL POLICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 1999 by Bristol Police Union Local 754 to assist students who wish to pursue a career in local, state or federal law enforcement, judicial systems or related criminal justice fields. It is available to residents of Bristol who are new or past graduates of one of the 3 high schools located in Bristol.

**Dawyne Vargas** | *Central Connecticut State University*

### **BRISTOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME CHRISTOPHER P. CALNAN H.O.P.E. SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2025 with a generous donation from John "Jay" Calnan for the purpose of awarding scholarships in memory of his brother Christopher P. Calnan, a young man whose life was defined not by limitations, but by perseverance, passion and heart. Born with a skull defect that required surgical intervention and the placement of protective plates, Christopher was advised against participating in sports. Despite this, he developed a deep love for all sports and the sense of community it brings. Though he could not safely play, he found his place on the ball field as a bat boy for the Bristol Red Sox, where he began to form and continued to form meaningful bonds and experienced the camaraderie and belonging, for several years, that he cherished so deeply. Christopher's life was tragically cut short at the age of 22 in an automobile accident, leaving behind a grieving family and a community that continues to feel his absence. Yet his legacy lives on through this scholarship, which honors his resilience, his love for sports and his unwavering spirit. Scholarships will be awarded annually to graduating seniors needing financial assistance from Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School or Saint Paul Catholic High School who have earned at least three varsity letters during their secondary school experience while contributing to Bristol's sports heritage.

**Giavana Hatcher** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Amelia Jennings** | *St. Paul Catholic High School*

**Rocco Paolino** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **BRISTOL YALE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Bristol Yale Club was established in 1905 as a social and networking group for graduates of Yale University. Over the years its members have assisted many students wishing to attend Yale University. In 1999, club members decided to take a portion of their existing scholarship fund and establish the Bristol Yale Club Scholarship Fund, to assist students wishing to pursue their education at other higher education institutions as well.

**Camryn Conroy** | *Arizona College of Nursing*  
**Andrea Daley** | *Plainville High School*  
**Isabella Daley** | *Plainville High School*  
**Maciej Maslak** | *Plainville High School*  
**Tomasz Maslak** | *Plainville High School*  
**Fallon Roth-Perreault** | *Terryville High School*

### **BRISTOL YALE/MILES PECK JENNINGS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Miles Peck Jennings, Sr. was a longtime Bristol resident who was intelligent, fun-loving and admired in the Bristol area. After attending Bristol public schools and graduating from Deerfield Academy, he graduated from Yale College in 1935. After he passed away suddenly at the young age of 39 in 1951, the Bristol Yale Club established the Miles Peck Jennings Memorial Fund to honor and memorialize him. The Miles Peck Jennings Memorial Fund was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation by the Bristol Yale Club in 2021 and renamed the Bristol Yale/Miles Peck Jennings Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will be awarded annually to graduating seniors or graduates of public, private or parochial secondary schools located in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville or Plymouth. Students must be pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited college or university, with a preference for students attending Yale University or any of Yale University's graduate or professional schools or divisions.

**Edward Ansah** | *University of Hartford*  
**Jordyn Dombroski** | *University of Connecticut*  
**Drew Fowler** | *Terryville High School*  
**Scarlett Fulton** | *Quinnipiac University*  
**Logan Jackson** | *Yale University*  
**Evelyn Jimenez** | *Plainville High School*  
**Amina Yaseen** | *University of Connecticut*

### **BURLINGTON LIONS CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was started by this volunteer service organization to support post-secondary educational opportunities for Burlington residents. The Lions Club seeks students who display proof of community service, have reasonable grades and/or may have some special circumstances which contribute to financial need. Club members are seeking to support students with potential for success who may not receive assistance from other sources.

**Lillian Castle** | *Lewis S. Mills High School*  
**James Kennedy** | *Lewis S. Mills High School*  
**Travis Parsons** | *Kingswood Oxford School*

### **RON BURNS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established by The Bradley Family Foundation, Geri Ann Bradley and her family to honor her brother Ron Burns for his tireless community leadership and commitment to the youth members at the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol. This fund will assist members in good standing of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol with the tuition costs of post-secondary or technical education.

**Rocco Paolino** | *Bristol Central High School*



### **ALICIA M. BUTLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established in memory of Alicia Mary Butler, who passed away in June 2021. Alicia was born and raised in Bristol, a graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School, and was a lifelong educator. She lived a life full of love, compassion, meaning and purpose. In her career as a teacher and school psychologist in the Cromwell Public Schools and at The Foundation School in Orange, she was a dedicated, devoted champion of special needs children. This scholarship will assist a graduating senior or graduate from one of the three Bristol high schools who is pursuing a major in education or a related education pathway.

**Paige Memmott** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **EVAN J. CHYUN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established in 2022 and honors the memory of Evan J. Chyun who passed away four days before his 40th birthday on May 29, 2022 following a tragic automobile accident. Evan was a passionate advocate for social justice especially racial and gender equality. A champion for people often ignored or mistreated by the system, he worked as a public defender striving to make the world a better place for all. This scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior, graduate of Bristol Eastern High School or adult learners who graduated from Bristol Eastern High School and are returning to school.

**Kyleigh Sutula** | *Simmons University*

### **MANON COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established in 2025 to honor the life and legacy of Manon Collins who passed away in 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. Manon showed incredible strength, unbelievable grace, and determination throughout her illness and still brought love, light, and laughter to everyone who knew her. She was a devoted mother, a loyal friend, an enthusiastic fan of basketball and found peace bird watching and taking long walks on the beach. This scholarship celebrates her generous spirit, her unwavering support for those she loved and her gratitude for the little things that made life beautiful. An award will be available to a graduating male senior from Bristol Central High School.

**Gavin Chamberlin** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **PEG COUGHLIN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established in 2000 by the family of Peg Coughlin, this fund honors her lifelong commitment to nursing. The scholarship is available to individuals who are returning to school or currently enrolled in a nursing studies degree program with preference given to students with an interest in Emergency Room or Hospice nursing care.

**Shanell Haye** | *University of Connecticut*

### **RIT CROCE ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established by Rit's wife Roxanne together with family & friends, this fund honors the memory of Richard "Rit" Croce, a lifelong Bristol resident and mentor to many. Rit taught history, social studies and reading at Bristol Eastern High School for 13 years. In addition to teaching high school students, he worked as a contractor as owner and operator of A & C Contractors which later became Ritco Construction. A scholarship will be awarded annually to an adult returning to school or a graduating senior to pursue post-secondary education.

**Garrett Thompson** | *Southington High School*

### **ESTELLE DELANO PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established by the children of Walter and Estelle Peterson at the request of their father. Estelle was the first police woman in Terryville and served as the town's public health nurse for many years. The Petersons moved to Terryville after meeting during World War II when Walter was recuperating from a head wound and Estelle was his nurse. This scholarship is designated for a graduating senior from Terryville High School interested in pursuing a career in nursing or other health-care related field.

**Casey Bergin** | *Terryville High School*

### **RICHARD A. DELLAVECCHIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Transferred to the Community Foundation in 2002 by Bill and Pege DellaVecchia, the fund was first established in 1989 in memory of their son, Richard, who was killed in an automobile accident that year at the young age of 21. The fund awards scholarships to residents of Southington who are currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year college with a major in nursing. Applicants must have a passion for the nursing field and must demonstrate leadership skills along with good character and citizenship.

**Joseph DiPace** | *Eastern Connecticut State University*

**Ashley Meade** | *Central Connecticut State University*

### **LT. DUSTIN DEMONTE AND SGT. ALEX HAMZY PUBLIC SAFETY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In early 2023, the Bristol Board of Education established this fund in collaboration with the Bristol Police Department to honor Lt. Dustin DeMonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy for their selfless service, and to remember the sacrifice Dustin and Alex made to the community of Bristol. Both were killed in the line of duty on October 12, 2022. Two scholarships are awarded annually to a graduating senior at Bristol Central High School and a graduating senior at Bristol Eastern High School who are pursuing a major in public safety and/or criminal justice.

**Tyghe Collins** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Madilyn McGrane** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **DOROTHY DEWEY PICARD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Dorothy Dewey Picard was a well-known area music instructor for 64 years. In addition, she played in many area orchestras and was a founding member of the Bristol Symphony Orchestra. Upon her death in 1999, her daughter, Marcia White, established this scholarship to honor her mother's lifelong love of music. The scholarship is available to students pursuing post-secondary education in the classical music field.

**Brielle Ledellaytner** | *Central Connecticut State University*

### **KATHERINE DOBROCZYNSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund honors the memory of Katherine Elizabeth Dobroczyński who passed away unexpectedly in 2013 at the young age of 10. Katie was a proud member of the Southington YMCA and loved to swim, fish with her dad and play golf. She also loved animals and wanted to be a veterinarian. Originally established in 2014 by the co-workers of Katie's mother, Christina Dobroczyński, this fund has been built with donations from family and friends. A scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior from Southington High School who is pursuing studies in the area of neuroscience, veterinary medicine or elementary education; a preference is given to current members of the Southington-Cheshire YMCAs.

**Kara Burr** | *Southington High School*

### **COACH RANDY DOUCETTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established in 2025 in memory of Philip "Randy" Doucette by his family. "Coach" as he was affectionately known, was highly accomplished with the Plainville High School (PHS) swim team where he earned the CIAC Connecticut Boys Swimming Coach of the Year in 2009, and was later inducted into the Plainville High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2015. Coach, who graduated from PHS in 1966, was also a physical education teacher for 37 years at PHS, challenging his students and athletes to always "work hard and keep your head in the game" in every aspect of life. Scholarships will be awarded annually to residents of Plainville who are graduating seniors of Plainville High School and current members in good standing of the PHS Swim Team.

**Kara Ahern** | *Plainville High School*

**Paige Weimer** | *Plainville High School*

### **JEFFREY DOWNES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE TRADES**

For over 40 years, Jeffrey Downes drove commercial trucks, he loved his work, and truly had a passion for driving. This scholarship fund was established by his family to honor his memory upon his passing in 2015, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. A scholarship will be awarded annually to an individual residing in Bristol, Burlington, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott to provide financial assistance towards obtaining skilled training as a commercial driver or other skilled trade with preference given to those applicants seeking a commercial driver license (CDL).

**Garrett Thompson** | *Southington High School*

### **KAREN FINDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2002 by Karen and Robert Finder. Mrs. Finder was the first principal of the Sport & Medical Sciences Academy in Hartford. A scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior at the Sport & Medical Sciences Academy.

**Aidelyne Varela** | *Sport & Medical Sciences Academy*

### **OLIVIA FUSCO MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2016 by the family and friends of Lucinda Fusco to honor the memory of her daughter, Olivia Helene Fusco, a Southington resident, who sadly passed away in 2015 at the young age of 14. This award is available to graduating seniors from Southington High School who are pursuing a major in visual or performing arts or art education.

**Aspasia Nguyen** | *Southington High School*

### **JOANN GALATI SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR EDUCATION**

This fund was established by Joann Galati, a Southington resident who spent 35 years in education, in 2019. Joann wanted to continue her love of working with children and young adults and celebrate her joy of teaching. This scholarship will give graduating seniors or graduates of Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern the opportunity to pursue a career in the field of education.

**Paige Memmott** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **GE'S INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2015 by GE's Industrial Solutions in Plainville. Since that time, GE's Industrial Solutions was acquired by ABB Industrial Solutions and subsequently relocated to Bloomfield, CT. Scholarships will be awarded annually to eligible dependents of ABB Electrification's North America Product Development Center in Bloomfield, CT.

**Deeksha Anilkumar** | *Farmington High School*

**Raksha Anilkumar** | *Farmington High School*

**Rachel Viets** | *Northeastern University*

### **ANDREW AND MURIELLE GIACOMINI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Murielle Giacomini after her untimely death in 2003. In 2009 the scholarship fund was rededicated to also honor the memory of her husband Andrew. This award is open to females who are or who have graduated from Bristol Central with a preference to those who played softball in high school.

**Emma Kulak** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **JAKE GILBERT MEMORIAL CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established by the Robert Rosenheim Foundation to honor the memory of Jake Gilbert. Jake studied Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University, and he was a wonderful, smart human being who accomplished so much in his short time on earth. Jake was diagnosed in 2019 with a rare, aggressive soft tissue sarcoma. Cancer took him on October 21, 2022 at the young age of 24, but his memory will live on forever. This scholarship will help others achieve their culinary passions and dreams while continuing Jake's legacy. It is available to graduating seniors or current college students who reside in or attend/attended high school in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott who are pursuing a degree in the culinary arts.

**Madison Bertrand** | *Johnson & Wales University*

### **HAROLD M. JOHNSON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2025 by the Harold M. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Foundation. This scholarship honors the life and legacy of Harold M. Johnson, Jr., Plainville High School Class of 1980, who was a four-year, three sport athlete who passed away in 2010. Harold earned multiple letters in each of his chosen sports: football, basketball and track & field. Harold was dedicated to putting in the time and effort in order to improve himself so that each of the teams he was on had the best chance of winning. Evidence of his willingness to lead by example was proven when during his senior year his teammates elected him as team captain for each of teams for whom he played. This scholarship is available to Plainville High School graduating seniors who have participated in any Plainville High School recognized sport in each of their four years, with multiple sport participation in at least two years with one of those being senior year.

**Spencer Davenport** | *Plainville High School*

### **GRACE & NORMA JOY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Transferred to the Foundation in 2008, this fund was created by Grace and Norma Joy's nieces Eileen Moylan, Lorry Belanger and Donna Ricci to honor the memory of these two sisters who would have excelled in college if given the opportunity. Both sisters had a high regard for education and volunteered as mentors in the Bristol Public school system representing exceptional role models of independence and strength.

**Adiba Hossain** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **JOHN KALINOSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was transferred to the Community Foundation from Terryville High School in 2004. It assists a graduating senior from Terryville High School who is in financial need and is interested in post-secondary education at a two or four-year school.

**Emily Vasquez** | *Terryville High School*

### **KALT MOREAU FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR EDUCATION**

Susan Kalt Moreau, Ph.D., former Superintendent for the Bristol Public Schools, established this fund in 2018 together with her family to pay it forward in recognition of what others did for her. This scholarship fund will help to further the post-secondary educational goals for female graduating seniors from Bristol Central High School or Bristol Eastern High School pursuing a career in education.

**Mariah Feliciano** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **KAWFY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established by an anonymous donor through an unexpected and generous bequest, the KAWFY Memorial Scholarship Fund will help residents of Southington who are pursuing post-secondary education. Some preference given to students who have a career interest in becoming an author.

**Christopher Bray** | *Marymount Manhattan College*

**Gregory Dunne** | *University of Connecticut*

**Maya Kasica** | *Fairfield University*

**Mitchell Magyar** | *Southington High School*

**Valentina Lam** | *Southington High School*

**Sarah Meade** | *Central Connecticut State University*

### **VINCENT T. KOZYRSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established by the Fletcher-Terry Company to honor long-time employee Vincent Kozyrski. This scholarship is awarded to a high school senior pursuing a degree in engineering.

**Isabella Daley** | *Plainville High School*

### **SEAN LANDRY MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established in 2007 in memory of Sean by his family and friends and is open to current and past graduates of Terryville High School who were members of the basketball team during their time at Terryville High School.

**Morgan Slevinsky** | *University of Rhode Island*

### **JULIE LARESE BRISTOL TRAMPS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Bristol Tramps Sports Reunion is an organization that recognizes local athletes, coaches, teams, and supporters of athletics in Bristol. It all started in 1970 with Julie Larese whose love for Bristol and sports established this organization to recognize local sports figures. Julie was a philanthropist, humanitarian, and friend who gave his all to those around him and to the City of Bristol. Scholarships in Julie's name have been awarded to graduating high school seniors for years, and the fund was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2022. Scholarship awards will continue to support graduating seniors from high schools located in Bristol who display all of the character traits of a good citizen, are involved in school activities of any kind, demonstrate solid academic performance, and are successful athletes.

**Nicole Riemer** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **RAY MACHINE CORP./RAY & DARLENE LASSY FAMILY FUND**

Ray Lassy, a longtime resident of Plymouth, established this scholarship fund in 2017 to assist students who have the same passion he did. Working for over 50 years in a field he loved, Ray started a small tool and die business in the basement of his parents' house while working at a machining manufacturer. He eventually opened his own shop in Terryville before expanding the business to Ray Machine Corporation, also located in Terryville. This scholarship is available annually to a graduating high school senior from Terryville High School or Thomaston High School who will be pursuing post-secondary education in precision machining, mechanical engineering or manufacturing and design.

**Steven Rinaldi** | *Terryville High School*

### **JOHN J. AND DORIS LAZORIK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Transferred to the Community Foundation in 1997, this scholarship was established by family and friends to honor Doris Marie (Doucette) Lazorik following her sudden death in 1979. The fund was renamed in 2015 to also honor the memory of John Lazorik, Doris' husband. It is awarded annually to graduating seniors from Bristol Central, Bristol Eastern or St. Paul Catholic High School.

**Armaan Chaudhry** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Giavana Hatcher** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Jase Koczur** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **LEGER INITIATIVE FOR EDUCATION FUND**

The Leger family established this fund to assist women with continuing their education. The family recognizes the special challenges faced by women in the work place and the importance of achieving higher education in order to make a better life for themselves through education..

**Lidia Fainer** | *Northeastern University*

### **DAVE LEPORE JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2003 to honor the memory of Dave Lepore who died at the age of 41. Dave was a strong supporter of Bristol, published the Lepore Report and Bristol Today and wrote for the Bristol Press and the Citizen. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Bristol resident who will be pursuing studies in the field of journalism and demonstrates service to their local community.

**Ryan Corvo** | *University of Connecticut*

### **DR. RALPH F. LONG AND PEARL A. LONG TRUST-FOUNDATION**

Main Street Community Foundation serves as the court-appointed Trustee for the Dr. Ralph F. Long and Pearl A. Long Trust-Foundation. The Long Trust-Foundation was established in 1986 by longtime Terryville resident Dr. Ralph F. Long. Dr. Long moved to Terryville in 1923, and it was here that he met and married his wife Pearl, with whom he lived inseparably. Dr. Long was a true family practitioner, not only treating illness and disease but delivering babies; Pearl was his office helper. He practiced for over 60 years in his North Main Street office, though he often made house calls in all kinds of weather, answering to his patients' needs at all times of the day and night. The Longs were proud members of the Terryville community. Scholarships are awarded annually to support students pursuing post-secondary undergraduate education.

**Rocco Alfonzetti** | Terryville High School

**Jorja Appleby** | Simmons University

**Alice Benson** | University of Connecticut

**Tianna Bilodeau** | Sacred Heart University

**Riley Brown** | Terryville High School

**Joseph Busalacchi** | Southern Connecticut State University

**Olivia Christopher** | Central Connecticut State University

**Madison Clayton** | St. Paul Catholic High School

**Mackenzie Collette** | University of Connecticut

**Maya Coviello** | Vermont State University Castleton

**Abigail Dicarlo** | Central Connecticut State University

**Shelby Elgan** | University of New Haven

**Hannah Elwell** | Terryville High School

**Taylor Freimuth** | Terryville High School

**Milani Giovacchino** | University of Connecticut

**Megan Hudson** | Curry College

**Emily Ieronimo** | University of Connecticut

**Katie Keegan** | Bentley University

**Tessa Kowalczyk** | University of Connecticut

**Gary Kozikowski** | University of Hartford

**Tyler Lachance** | University of Connecticut

**Kayla Lam** | Naugatuck Valley Community College

**Hayden Lewandoski** | University of Connecticut

**Jonah Lopez** | Terryville High School

**Mark Lussier** | Hofstra University

**Anna Matulis** | University of Hartford

**Marley Molcyk** | Terryville High School

**Kamila Molina Benitez** | Naugatuck Valley Community College

**Zachary Oemcke** | Emmanuel College

**Elizabeth Peplau** | Central Connecticut State University  
**Valerie Poulin** | Terryville High School  
**Steven Rinaldi** | Terryville High School  
**Leah Rival** | Louisiana State University  
**Charles Rogers** | Central Connecticut State University  
**Fallon Roth-Perreault** | Terryville High School  
**Sol Santiago Prado** | University of Connecticut, Waterbury  
**Morgan Slevinsky** | University of Rhode Island  
**Gabriella Smith** | Terryville High School  
**Ashlynn Spino** | University of Connecticut, Waterbury  
**Gia Tirino** | Central Connecticut State University  
**Tyler Violette** | Central Connecticut State University  
**Kevin Wheeler** | Central Connecticut State University  
**Jenna Wildman** | University of Connecticut

#### **THERÈSE MACCALLUM “GREAT KID” SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was created by the family and friends of Thérèse MacCallum to honor her wish to support well-rounded Southington High School students who would like to pursue post-secondary education.

**Rosco Cook** | *Southington High School*  
**Camilla Garcia** | *Southington High School*

#### **NICHOLAS P. MAGLIO ACE FUND**

Established in 2011 by the family of Nicholas P. Maglio, this fund honors his memory as a devoted father and Bristol Public School teacher. An annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Bristol Eastern High School pursuing education at a two or four year school and who demonstrates both financial need and evidence of good character.

**Giavana Hatcher** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

#### **MASKERY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2018 by Paul Maskery to honor his family and give back to the students of Farmington and Plainville. Paul, who grew up in Plainville, was a long time teacher, coach and Athletic Director at Farmington High School. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior of either Farmington High School or Plainville High school.

**Ayoifeoluwa Ayodele** | *Plainville High School*

#### **ELIZABETH I. AND LOUIS J. MATT MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2007 by the late Elizabeth Matt via a stock transfer; upon her passing, she substantially added to it with a planned gift by naming the Fund as a beneficiary of her IRA. As evidenced by Betty's 48-year career as a nurse at Hartford Hospital, Betty had a true interest in and passion for the clinical medicine field. This scholarship will help provide a student the opportunity to follow their passion into the medical field.

**Brooke Cyr** | *Molloy University*  
**Lexann Czyzycki** | *Wolcott High School*  
**Lilli Doran** | *Boston College*  
**Shanell Haye** | *University of Connecticut*  
**Madalyne Landry** | *Southington High School*  
**Sarah Meade** | *Central Connecticut State University*  
**Corinne Sutula** | *Bristol Eastern High School*  
**Kyleigh Sutula** | *Simmons University*

### **ROBERT E. & ANGELINE P. MCCORMACK SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established at the Foundation in 2002 by Angeline McCormack, this fund honors her late husband's wishes by establishing a scholarship fund in their names to support students from Southington High School. The recipient must be an active member of the Kiwanis Key Club.

**Madalyne Landry** | *Southington High School*

### **MCMASTER-MOULTHROP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established by the late Blanche McMaster and transferred to the Foundation in 1999. It is awarded to the top academically accomplished students in the graduating class of Bristol Central High School.

**Caitlyn Carbone** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Kye Kaley** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Sasha Majancik** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Christopher Mika** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Magdalyn Palamar** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Julia Pikiell** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Jackson Ray** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Madeline Sanzone** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Lyla Sowder** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Lillian VanNostrand** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **KEN E. MICLOSKEY AWARD**

This fund was established in 2002 by Dorothy Ives in memory of her son Ken who graduated from Terryville High School and died in combat in Vietnam. Dorothy was a former teacher in the Bristol school system. This award is designated for a graduating senior who is also a member of the school's track and/or cross-country team to assist with the costs of post-secondary education.

**Drew Fowler** | *Terryville High School*

### **DOROTHY MICLOSKEY IVES AWARD**

Dorothy Ives, a former teacher in the Bristol school system, established this fund in 2002. The Dorothy Micloskey Ives Award is given to a student from Terryville High School or one of the Bristol high schools who would like to pursue a vocation in dance, gymnastics, drama, music or writing.

**Ryan Bellemare** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **DAVE MONGILLO MEMORIAL/GOLF SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2018 to honor the memory of Dave Mongillo, a lifelong Southington resident and member of the Southington Weed Wackers Golf League. Dave was often referred to as the King of Concrete, dedicating most of his life to his own foundation business. He was highly regarded in the industry as a master craftsman known for his work ethic, quality and attention to detail. The scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior from Southington High School who is a student-athlete; preference is given to current members of the school's golf team.

**Jake Rivera** | *Southington High School*

### **AL AND JOAN MONICO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2013 through a bequest from Al Monico. Al's desire was to establish a named scholarship in recognition of both him and his wife Joan. They were longtime Bristol residents. This scholarship is awarded to a Bristol resident in need of financial assistance.

**Jayna Hatcher** | *University of Connecticut*

**Sophia Nocera** | *University of Connecticut*



### **NESMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The New England Spring and Metalstamping Association (NESMA) established this fund in 2010 to provide two scholarships annually. One scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who attended high school in New England and wishes to pursue post-secondary education in engineering or manufacturing/mechanical skilled trade. The other scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior and child/grandchild of an employee or owner of a NESMA-member company. NESMA is actively involved in promoting technical education and career opportunities in our local communities.

**Aubrey Cruz** | *University at Albany*

**Konrad Domiczek** | *Central Connecticut State University*

### **AJR NOCERA MEMORIAL FUND**

Established in 2007 by the Nocera family to honor the memory of Andrew James “AJ” and David “Junior” Nocera, brothers who both passed away unexpectedly in 2007. Their legacy will continue by supporting others to achieve their academic goals and effect change on the next generation. This scholarship is offered to students in the Foundation’s service area and Farmington who are graduating high school or currently enrolled at a post-secondary institution.

**Brooke Cyr** | *Molloy University*

**Giavana Hatcher** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **ANTHONY NORTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2015 to honor the memory of Anthony Norton who passed away in June 2015 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Anthony’s 15-year career as a teacher and coach led him to his most recent position as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher at the Eli Terry Jr. Middle School in Terryville where he started the first environmental science club for middle school students. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors of Terryville High School who are pursuing a major in education or science.

**Shaela Archambault** | *Terryville High School*

### **SCOTT W. ORGAN STUDENT-ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Local orthopedic surgeon Scott Organ established this fund in 2000 to support student-athletes from single parent families who wish to pursue postsecondary education. This annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior from one of the high schools in Bristol.

**Jase Koczur** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **C. HENRY OZGA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2021 through a bequest from Chester “Chet” Henry Ozga. Chet was a longtime resident of Wolcott who was born and raised in Terryville. He had a giving heart and wanted to leave a legacy to his hometown of Terryville by helping Terryville High School graduates achieve their educational goals. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Terryville High School, and there is the opportunity to renew this scholarship for up to three additional years of undergraduate education after the initial award.

**Emily Vasquez** | *Eastern Connecticut State University*

### **RALPH PAPAZIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund honors the memory of Ralph Papazian who passed away unexpectedly in 1995. Ralph was the former supervisor of athletics for the Bristol School System, a coach and physical education teacher. This fund awards an annual scholarship to a graduating senior from Bristol Central High School or Bristol Eastern High School, on a rotating basis.

**Giavana Hatcher** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This Fund was transferred to the Foundation from Terryville High School in 2003 and is open to graduating seniors from Terryville High School. Eligible students must be going on to college, involved in school and community and who has done well academically.

**Drew Fowler** | *Terryville High School*

### **PLYMOUTH HUMAN SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR HEALTHCARE STUDENTS**

This scholarship was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2023 by the Town of Plymouth Human Services Commission; it was originally established when the Plymouth VNA closed. The Plymouth VNA served the town and its residents for many years and this scholarship will continue the organization's legacy forever. Scholarships will be awarded annually to residents of Plymouth who are graduating high school seniors seeking financial assistance to further post-secondary education or career training in the healthcare field.

**Casey Bergin** | *Terryville High School*

### **ALICE C. PULSIFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established in 1985 through a bequest from the estate of retired Bristol teacher Alice Pulsifer, this fund was transferred to the Community Foundation in 1997. Alice was a highly regarded English teacher in the Bristol Public School system for 40 years. She retired in 1962 after serving as head of the English Departments of both Bristol Eastern and Bristol Central High Schools. This scholarship is to students from Bristol Central, Bristol Eastern and St. Paul Catholic High School.

**Noah Molinsky** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **MAX AND RUTH RABIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established in late 2006 with a charitable rollover gift from Ruth Rabin and children Shaye and Paul in recognition of Max Rabin's contributions to the Bristol Business Community. The fund will provide tuition assistance for Bristol students majoring in business administration.

**Nevaeh Mondesir** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **RADCLIFF FAMILY EDUCATION FUND**

Bristol residents Betty and the Donald Radcliff wished to share their belief in the value of education by assisting high school graduates from the towns of Bristol and Plainville who are looking to further their education but are in need of financial assistance to do so. This scholarship, established in 2002, is renewable for up to four years.

**Ashmeet Kaur** | *University of Connecticut*

**Haley Kuehn** | *Central Connecticut State University*

**Jia Yi Lu** | *University of Connecticut*

**Noah Stevens** | *Bristol Central High School*

### **RADCLIFF PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FUND**

This scholarship was created in 2006 by the late Donald Radcliff, a former Bristol resident and businessman who grew up in Plainville, via a charitable IRA rollover gift. He wished to provide continuing support to a male student from the senior class at Plainville High School who wished to pursue post-secondary education but may need financial help in order to do so. This is a renewable scholarship available for up to four years.

**Patrick Kapusta** | *University of Saint Joseph*

**Valiantsin Kasabrukha** | *Duke University*

**Christian Marfia** | *Florida Atlantic High School*

**Julian Steward** | *Plainville High School*

### **JEANNE RADCLIFF FUND FOR GLOBAL STUDIES**

This scholarship was established in 2024 by longtime Bristol resident Jeanne Radcliff. Jeanne is a world traveler who found joy and knowledge in exploring other countries and their cultures. When she was in college, she studied for a year in Spain and found it to be a truly transformative experience that shaped her life in countless ways. This fund will assist students who wish to have a similar experience and want to participate in study outside of the United States during their college career through an accredited institution of higher education in the United States.

**Emily Nelson** | *Southern Connecticut State University*

### **JULIE A. ROCHE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in memory of Julie A. Roche, a beloved nurse who passed away in December 2013 after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. Julie spent her entire 26-year career at Bristol Hospital and her most recent and proud position there was as a critical care nurse in the intensive care unit (ICU). This scholarship fund was established by her family and will award a scholarship annually to a student currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year college with a major in nursing. Applicants must have a passion for the nursing field and must demonstrate leadership skills along with good character and citizenship.

**Shanell Haye** | *University of Connecticut*

### **DOUGLAS ROLAND AID FOR THE TRADES SCHOLARSHIP**

This fund was established in 2009 with a gift from Ralph and Linda Roland in memory of their late son. This scholarship provides financial assistance to applicants entering a career training program that does not exceed two years and provides the step up needed to gain employment.

**Trey Daddabbo-Barger** | *Plainville High School*

### **CLEMENT J. ROY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Transferred to the Community Foundation in 2012, this scholarship was established to honor the memory of Clement Roy, a former teacher and coach at Bristol Eastern High School. It is awarded to a graduating senior from Bristol Eastern High School who demonstrates high academic achievement and participation in athletics.

**Jase Koczur** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **LAWRENCE (LARRY) SCENZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This memorial scholarship fund was established by Heidi DellaBianca to honor her late husband's wish to encourage people working at least part-time to pursue post-secondary education.

**Juliana Caban** | *Farmington High School*

### **DORA SCHUBERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 1961 through a bequest from Dora Schubert, a longtime Plymouth resident; it was transferred to the Community Foundation in 2017. Dora's desire was to establish a named scholarship to defray the expenses of education for deserving students. It is available to a graduating high school senior from Terryville High School; there is a preference to children of members of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Terryville.

**Fallon Roth-Perreault** | *Terryville High School*

### **GLO SESSIONS FUND FOR ART EDUCATION**

Glo Sessions was a well-known, award winning Connecticut artist who wanted to leave a legacy to future artists in the greater Bristol community. Before her passing in late 2011, Glo left a bequest in her estate plan to provide an annual scholarship to a Bristol resident to assist with the tuition necessary to pursue a career in art.

**Pushpita Hossain** | *University of Southern California*

### **JILL LYNNE SHACKETT EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2013 by her father Tom in memory of Jill who was a beloved teacher at South Side School in Bristol. Jill passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 35. Since the fund's establishment many donors have supported this annual scholarship to a student with a passion for teaching and the desire to become an elementary or secondary education teacher. Preference will be given to students who attended school in Bristol particularly at South Side School or Bristol Eastern High School.

**Paige Memmott** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Jedric Sutula** | *Vermont State University Castleton*

**Makayla Warnat** | *University of Connecticut*

### **SOUTHINGTON OBSERVER/STEP SAVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2005 by the management of the Southington StepSaver as a result of the merger with the Southington Observer. This scholarship is available to Southington students interested in pursuing their education at a 2 or 4 year college.

**Maya Kasica** | *Fairfield University*

### **SWICKLAS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established in 2022 by lifelong Plymouth resident John Swicklas to honor his family while continuing his love of teaching. John is a former Plymouth Public Schools teacher, having taught sixth grade at the former Harry S. Fisher Middle School and retiring in 2001. He also coached basketball and baseball. This scholarship will give Plymouth residents the opportunity to pursue a career in the field of education.

**Kayla Lachance** | *University of Saint Joseph*

### **ERVIN E. TRASK SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Ervin E. Trask had given his entire adult life to the advancement of educational opportunities for all youth. He was born in Maine in 1899, but passed away in Plainville in 1956 at the age of 56. He was the superintendent of Plainville Community Schools for 15 years, and was the director of state basketball tournaments for 25 years with the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference. Ervin, "an outstanding example of leadership in education," was well-loved and well-respected; May 25, 1955 was deemed "Mr. Trask Day" to honor his 35th anniversary in the field of education. This fund was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2024 to continue his legacy of giving Plainville students the best opportunities for success. Scholarships are available annually to graduating seniors of Plainville High School with preference for students who are pursuing post-secondary studies in the education field.

**Iman Bilal** | *Plainville High School*

### **JAY W. & ELIZABETH M. TYRRELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established through a bequest from Elizabeth Tyrrell in honor of her husband to provide a scholarship to assist students in pursuit of higher education in the field of art.

**Caitlyn Antunes** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Pushpita Hossain** | *University of Southern California*

### **DR. JOAN T. WALLACE PRIZE FOR HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH AT SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

This fund was established in 2014 by Dr. Joan T. Wallace, the first coordinator of English Language Arts in the Southington Public Schools, to recognize and promote excellence in all areas of the English language arts. The graduating senior or seniors with the highest GPA in English/Language Arts will be awarded this scholarship.

**Ethan Hoffman** | *Southington High School*

### **JOHN & PEGGY WALSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was transferred to the Community Foundation in 2011, this scholarship was established by the family of Peggy Ann Walsh to honor her memory as a former Bristol school teacher. In 2020, the scholarship fund was rededicated to also honor the memory of her husband John (Jack). The scholarship is available to graduating seniors of Bristol Central or Bristol Eastern High Schools.

**Isabella Arborio** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Natalie DiCicco** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Tyler Holcomb** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Carlos Mejia** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Christopher Mika** | *Bristol Central High School*

**Isabelle Roy** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Helena Wright** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **KRISTEN WARNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established to honor the memory of Kristen Warner who died in an automobile accident at the young age of thirteen. At the time of her accident, the Superintendent of Schools said that Kristen was an athlete and a scholar and that “she represented everything that was right with our youngsters today” Kristen was a very special teen and this scholarship embodies the character of Kristen and is annually awarded to a Southington High School student.

**Mitchell Magyar** | *Southington High School*

### **JOHN WHITCOMB SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established in 2001 by John Whitcomb’s wife Marian and his children, this fund honors his dedication to a lifetime in the teaching profession, as well as his deep concern for all of his students and his belief in the value and self-worth of each individual. Open to graduating seniors and past graduates of Bristol Eastern High School with an interest in social studies and/or education and with consideration to an individual with potential who may be struggling to overcome difficulties.

**Mariah Feliciano** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

### **REVEREND DR. EDDIE C. WHITEHEAD OF BRISTOL, CT – REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2021 by the Greater Bristol Branch of the NAACP as part of the chapter’s goal of achieving equality through educational opportunities. The scholarship is named in memory of two trailblazers: Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Reverend Dr. Eddie C. Whitehead, a Bristol resident who was a community leader and one of the many community members and pastors who spearheaded the establishment of the Bristol NAACP back in 1985. An annual scholarship will be available to graduating high school seniors from Bristol, Burlington, Harwinton, Plainville, Plymouth and Southington who are pursuing higher education.

**Matthew Murdy** | *Southington High School*

**Jake Rivera** | *Southington High School*

### **EVA BRODOWICZ WICKWIRE VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship was established in 2015 by the many friends of Eva Brodowicz Wickwire to honor her memory and all that she stood for. Before she passed away in April 2015 at the age of 53, Eva was the Chief Development Officer at Bristol Hospital where she was closely involved with the volunteers. An annual scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in health care who has shown a strong record of volunteer work in that field. A preference is given to those who have volunteered at Bristol Hospital.

**Emma Muldoon** | *Plainville High School*

### **WOLCOTT CROSSROADS PASS IT ON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Wolcott Crossroads is a nonprofit organization that was established to address the use of drugs and alcohol among members of the Wolcott community. The all-volunteer organization consists of caring and concerned people dedicated to providing awareness, information, prevention, resources, and support to individuals and families from the Wolcott area. This scholarship will assist residents of Wolcott pursuing post-secondary education in one of the following areas: health and wellness, mental health, drug/alcohol rehabilitation, social work, psychology, counseling, or other related areas.

**Brooke Cyr** | *Molloy University*

### **PAT & BOB WOLLENBERG SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Pat and Bob Wollenberg established this fund in 2018. The Wollenbergs' interest in assisting students pursuing a career in special education is rooted in personal experience. An autistic family member and Pat's involvement in education have carved a special place in their hearts for adults and children who are challenged intellectually, emotionally, or physically. Scholarships are awarded to students who graduated from either Bristol Central High School, Bristol Eastern High School or St. Paul Catholic High School and are pursuing a career in special education.

**Kayla Burnham** | *Salve Regina University*

### **THE CRAIG YARDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established to honor the memory of Craig Yarde, the co-founder of Yarde Metals, Inc., which started in Bristol, Connecticut in 1976. He was a well-known community leader who championed hard work and philanthropic efforts throughout the Bristol community. Craig personified entrepreneurial spirit, continual learning and self-achievement, and this fund is created for those who embody these characteristics. A scholarship will be awarded annually to a resident of Bristol, Connecticut who is a graduating high school senior, currently enrolled student or adult learner seeking financial assistance to further post-secondary education or career training goals.

**Emily Nelson** | *Southern Connecticut State University*

### **YARDE METALS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established by the management and employees of Yarde Metals, this fund benefits the children of employees who wish to pursue some type of post-secondary education, with preference given to children who have lost a parent or have some specific financial need.

**Noah Albert** | *Bristol Eastern High School*

**Hailey Beebe** | *University of Saint Joseph*

**Ivan Colon III** | *University of Massachusetts Lowell*

**Mason Cristino** | *Hocking College*

**Allyson Fetzer** | *Central Connecticut State University*

**Hannah Mora** | *University of New Haven*

**Ryan Wartonick** | *Plainville High School*

# List of Colleges and Universities

Some of the programs, colleges, universities and military academies Main Street Community Foundation scholarship recipients are attending:

|                                                           |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Arizona College of Nursing                                | Norwich University                             |
| Boston College                                            | Nova Southeastern University                   |
| Boston University                                         | Pace University                                |
| Bryant University                                         | Roanoke College                                |
| Central Connecticut State University                      | Rochester Institute of Technology              |
| Clark University                                          | Salve Regina University                        |
| Connecticut State Community College -<br>Naugatuck Valley | Simmons University                             |
| Connecticut State Community College -<br>Tunxis           | Southern Connecticut State University          |
| Culinary Institute of America                             | Springfield College                            |
| Delaware Valley University                                | State University of New York at<br>Plattsburgh |
| Duke University                                           | University at Albany                           |
| Eastern Connecticut State University                      | University of Connecticut                      |
| Endicott College                                          | University of Connecticut - Waterbury          |
| EnTech                                                    | University of Findlay                          |
| Fairfield University                                      | University of Hartford                         |
| Florida Atlantic University                               | University of Massachusetts Amherst            |
| George Washington University                              | University of Massachusetts Lowell             |
| Hocking College                                           | University of New Haven                        |
| Hofstra University                                        | University of Rhode Island                     |
| Johnson & Wales University                                | University of Saint Joseph                     |
| Lipscomb University                                       | University of San Diego                        |
| Marymount Manhattan College                               | University of Southern California              |
| Misericordia University                                   | Western Connecticut State University           |
| Molloy University                                         | Western New England University                 |
| Northeastern University                                   | Worcester Polytechnic Institute                |
|                                                           | Yale University                                |

# Elementary and Secondary School Recipients from Individual Named Funds at Main Street Community Foundation

Main Street Community Foundation congratulates the following students and acknowledges the generosity of the individuals, families, businesses and organizations that have established funds to make these scholarships possible.

This list includes students who will be continuing to attend local elementary and secondary parochial schools or partaking in a camp experience.

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## 4 BURNS SCHOLARSHIP - ST. JOSEPH/ST. PAUL FUND

Four siblings from the Burns family of Bristol established this fund in 2000. These siblings – Gerry, Patricia, Charley and the late Larry Burns – created this scholarship to say thank you to the St. Joseph community for the great start in life that they received. This scholarship provides financial assistance to students who attended St. Joseph School and are continuing their high school education at St. Paul Catholic High School.

**Alejandro Ojeda**

**Isabel Poznanski**

## BJT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The BJT Scholarship Fund is available to support the families who are parishioners in good standing at Our Lady of Mercy Church (OLMC) in Plainville, CT to assist with the costs of Catholic education at an elementary, middle or high school located in CT.

**Evelyn Sambitsky** | *Saint Matthew School*

**Ryan Sambitsky** | *Saint Matthew School*

## KEATING-MONAGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship fund was established in 2008 through a generous bequest from the Estate of Mark J. Keating. Mr. Keating was a proud alumnus of St. Joseph School who lived in Bristol most of his life and was devoted to his community and church. This scholarship provides assistance to students attending or planning to attend St. Joseph School in Bristol who are actively involved in church, school or community activities.

**Marley Accetura**

**Alejandra Agustin-Vazquez**

**Antonio Agustin-Vazquez**

**Lillionah Bagley**

**Brielle Bard**

**Lillian Borganier**

**Driesmar Bonilla**

**Autumn Cabiya**

**Ronan Dews**

**Aubrey Douglas**

**Jacob Edouard**

**Mikayla Edouard**

**Thomas Edouard**

**Isaias Ferreira**

**Daphne Garcia**

**Quinn Goulet**

**Sophia Gutierrez**

**Violeta Gutierrez**

**Janelle Howson**

**Isabel Mejia**

**Bennett Paradis**

**Fatima Rodriguez**

**Gabriela Rodriguez**

**Cole Wiegert**

**Greyson Wiegert**

**Liam Wiegert**



### **LENA M. AND PETER L. KOROTIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 1997 by local residents Peter and Lena Korotie. Born and raised in Bristol, they spent their 50 plus years of marriage pursuing the values of home, family and hard work. This scholarship emanates from their growing desire to do something special to help children in Bristol. This scholarship provides financial assistance to Bristol students who attend St. Paul Catholic High School and have a special interest in math and/or science.

**Seven Noel**

### **MALERBO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Harold Malerbo established this fund through a bequest from his estate in 2005 to assist Bristol students who are attending or wish to attend St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol.

**Giovanni Barresi**

**Emily DaCosta**

**Joseph Dess Jr**

**Alyssa Dufour**

**Roman Godlewski**

**Evan Judenis**

**Isaac Judenis**

**Kaylee Khounsombath**

**Kalianna Lewis**

**Emma Perdomo Poline**

**Juel Savoy**

**Aaden Sehl**

**Isabella Wood**

**Kaitlyn Wood**

**Agatha Zettervall**

**Ambrose Zettervall**

### **SAINT MATTHEW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund was established in 2000 to assist families who have children wishing to attend, or remain at Saint Matthew School in Bristol, CT and are in financial need.

**Malakia Richard**

**Mykheal Richard**

### **LOUISE (HUMPHREY) VAN GORDER MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established in 2014, this scholarship fund honors Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder. Louise and her husband Bob have enriched the lives of thousands of students and music lovers through the Bristol String Orchestra and their former business, Fiddlin' Around, which was located in Bristol. The scholarship is to attend a one-week camp experience at Laurel Music Camp.

**Zamora Zayas**



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