Margaret Ashley Riccardelli of Canaan, bachelor of arts, Magna Cum Laude in Religious Studies; Kaitlyn Elizabeth Carrozzo of New Hartford, bachelor of arts in Theatre; Molly Katherine Clarke of New Hartford, bachelor of science in Business Administration; Callahan Everts Hughes of New Hartford, bachelor of science, Magna Cum Laude in Accounting & International Relations; Iset Manuel Maldonado of Winsted, bachelor of arts in Psychology.

**Lewis S. Mills students to receive career training**

BURLINGTON — Junior Achievement of Southwest New England recently received a $3,500 grant from Main Street Community Foundation to support the JA Career Ready program at Lewis S. Mills High School. This program equips students with the knowledge required to get and keep a job in high-growth industries. The grant was awarded through the Fuller and Myrtle Barnes Fund for Education and the James R. Parker Trust at MSCF, according to a statement.

Lewis S. Mills students, as well as those from surrounding towns, will be offered a variety of work readiness programs through JA Career Ready, including career panels, career days and job shadows. The programs, which will either be held virtually or in-person depending on safety protocols, teach students about the world of work and how their education and career choices will affect their lives, providing them with tools they can use to strive for financial success and fulfilling careers. Junior Achievement also partners with local businesses and organizations to provide speakers and volunteers for the programs.

The JA Career Ready program was just one of the grants awarded during MSCF’s 2021 General Grant Cycle. A total of 47 local organizations serving Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott received $161,830 in grant awards.

Organizations receiving grants include social service agencies, along with historic...
preservation, arts, educational, health, animal welfare and recreation organizations.

Since its establishment in 1995, MSCF has awarded grants and scholarships totaling more than $21.3 million and is now one of the leading grantmakers in the region. The organization stewards $58.5 million in assets, comprised of 261 named funds that support a wide range of charitable causes.

For more information about MSCF’s grant program or the Foundation’s 2021 grant recipients, please contact Kate Kerchaert, Director of Grants & Programs, at 860.583.6363.