

118 local students receive college scholarships for academic achievement

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BRISTOL - The Main Street Community Foundation awarded numerous college scholarships to 118 area students Tuesday during their third annual Scholarship Reception.

Parents, friends and family members gathered at the banquet hall in the DoubleTree by Hilton to congratulate the recipients as they were recognized for their academic achievements.

The recipients were selected from all of the communities that the Main Street Community Foundation serves, which includes Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

Scholarships were established in memory of individuals or on behalf of organizations, such as the New England Metal Stamping Association. Each scholarship had its own criteria that students could qualify for. A total of 62 funds awarded scholarships at the reception.

"To all students benefiting from these generous scholarships, be proud of your accomplishments," said Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation. "I encourage you to take all of your learning and bring it back to your communities and make them a better place to live in the future."

Among the 118 recipients honored at the dinner was Colin Savino, a student at Bristol Central High School who, upon graduation, plans to attend Central Connecticut State University where he said he would study marketing and possibly political science.

"I'm very grateful that my hard work was recognized," he said.

Savino received a \$500 scholarship from the McMaster-Moulthrop Scholarship.

"It feels pretty good to be a recipient; my academics sometimes were a challenge, but I overcame them," said Cole Staples. "This will be very beneficial when I go to school and start facing financial loans."

Staples received the Scott W. Organ Student-Athletic Scholarship. A Bristol Central High School student, he will be studying psychology at Southern Connecticut State University.

The third annual scholarship reception was sponsored by Michael and Susan Brault, the Caize Family Charitable Fund, Magi and Terry Fletcher, Fourslide Spring and Stamping, GEMCO Manufacturing Co., Inc., Janis L. Neri, Paladin Commercial Printers LLC, Scully Travel and Shannons Diamonds & Fine Jewelry.



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