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Community Foundation Announces Student of the Year; Awards More Than \$165,000 in Scholarships

SPRINGFIELD – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) announced 88 scholarship awards and scholarship renewals totaling more than \$165,000, during a reception at the Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation in Springfield.

This year's awards bring the cumulative scholarship distributions to more than \$1,065,000 over the past 14 years. In 2018, more than 35 individuals, families and organizations made these scholarships possible through charitable funds established at the Community Foundation.

This is the third year that the Community Foundation assumed responsibility for the administration of the local **Student of the Year Award**, made possible by the Susan Cook House Educational Trust:

- **Ozzy Erewele of Springfield High School** and **Jorden Gentry of Rochester High School** were the second runner-up winners, each being awarded a \$2,500 scholarship.
- The first runner-up winners, who were each awarded a \$5,000 scholarship, were **Freya Jennison of Springfield High School** and **Cyrus Rhodes of Lanphier High School**.
- **Brock Brummett from Pleasant Plains High School** was presented with the Student of the Year award, which includes a \$10,000 scholarship.

“Thanks to the generous support of donors, students across our community are being acknowledged for their hard work and given tangible support to pursue their dreams,” said Roe Stone, chair of the Community Foundation’s scholarship program. “It is truly remarkable to pass the \$1 million mark cumulatively awarded since the start of the Community Foundation’s scholarship program, and we’re excited to keep growing thanks to the philanthropically-minded donors in our community.”

For more information concerning the scholarship program or establishing a scholarship fund, please call the Community Foundation at 217-789-4431. The next application season for students will begin on January 1, 2019, with applications due March 1, 2019. Scholarship criteria and information will be posted on the Community Foundation’s website, www.CFLL.org.

-MORE (List of Recipients Following)-

2018 Community Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Ada McCombs White Memorial Scholarship

Lane Newell, Western Illinois University, \$750

CFL Service Scholarship

Calyssa Richie, New Berlin High School, \$1,500

Charlie Cottle Scholarship

Cole Hembrough, Glenwood High School, \$1,500

CIELO Medical Scholarship

Aileen Portugal, SIU School of Medicine, \$2,500

Country Financial Community Scholarship

Emma Bolinger, Springfield High School, \$2,000

Caleb Crawford, Illinois College, \$2,000

Meredith Crifasi, Rochester High School, \$2,000

Madeline Eck, Lutheran High School, \$2,000

Jessica Hall, Cedarville University, \$2,000

Shruthi Mekala, Hillsboro High School, \$2,000

Maggie Ratcliff, Carlinville High School, \$2,000

Calyssa Richie, New Berlin High School, \$2,000

McKenna Sanders, Nokomis High School, \$2,000

Elisabeth Warden, Beardstown High School, \$2,000

Don W. Casper Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Roth, Springfield High School, \$2,500

Don W. Estaque, Jr. Scholarship

Cody Wheeler, Lanphier High School, \$2,000

Donald Lee and Donna Wolaver Memorial Golf Scholarship

Elliott Neal, Southeast High School, \$500

Farrell and Ann Gay Scholarship

Emily Ducaji, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, \$1,500

Bryce Griebler, Southeast High School, \$1,000

Sage Thompson, Springfield High School, \$2,000

Frontiers International - J.D. Washington \$1K Scholarship

Richard Gragg III, Southeast High School, \$1,000

Deontrae Shannon, Southeast High School, \$1,000

Alexander Blaze Taylor, Southeast High School, \$1,000

Frontiers International - James Forstall Scholarship

Emma Bolinger, Springfield High School, \$500

Jaden Davis, Lanphier High School, \$500

Ozzy Erewele, Springfield High School, \$500

Gage Ford, Springfield High School, \$500

Alisa Frazier, Lanphier High School, \$500

Ny'Torious McCoy, Lanphier High School, \$500

Felix Nwajei, Lanphier High School, \$500
Faith Price, Lanphier High School, \$500
Marley Stubblefield, Rochester High School, \$500
Clarence Williams, Lanphier High School, \$500

Gerald F. and Luanna R. Kennedy Scholarship

Natalie Kirkbride, Pana High School, \$1,500

Girls on the Run of Central Illinois Founder's Scholarship

Madeline Fellhauer, Jacksonville Routt Catholic High School, \$1,500

Henry Bunn Memorial Scholarship

Alexia Blakeman, Lanphier High School, \$5,000
Tiama Elfgen, Lanphier High School, \$5,000
Ana Gragg, Tennessee State University, \$5,000
Freya Jennison, Springfield High School, \$5,000
Riley Ladd, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, \$5,000
Elisa Orellana, Southeast High School, \$5,000
Marissa Pattie, Springfield High School, \$5,000
Nafiz Rahman, Glenwood High School, \$5,000

Illinois Women in Leadership Chrysalis Award

Diana Ford, Lincoln Land Community College, \$1,000

Illinois Women in Leadership High School Scholarship

Emma Bolinger, Springfield High School, \$1,000
Marley Stubblefield, Rochester High School, \$1,000
Hannah Wyatt, Springfield High School, \$1,000

Jamie K. Patino Math and Science Scholarship

Sarah McLaughlin, Southeast High School, \$900

Jim Byron Scholarship

Grace Holton, Williamsville High School, \$1,000

Joseph and Lois Morris Memorial Scholarship

Cole Davlin, Springfield High School, \$2,000
Andrew Holliday, Springfield High School, \$2,000
DaShayaa Jones, Springfield High School, \$2,000
Hannah Wyatt, Springfield High School, \$2,000

Linda S. Culver Memorial Scholarship

Natalie Kaganich, Carlinville High School, \$4,000

Lori L. Kashmer Scholarship

Logan Capps, Glenwood High School, \$3,500

Margaret Johnson Special Education Scholarship

Taylor "Paige" Mendenhall, Rochester High School, \$600

Mary Lou & Dwight Pitman Scholarship

Grace Sinclair, Pleasant Plains High School, \$1,000

O'Brien Medical or Health Related Field of Study Scholarship

Kaye Bayaton, University of Illinois Springfield, \$1,000
Laura Hanselman, St. John's College of Nursing, \$1,000
Ximena Morales, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, \$1,000
Daniel Roscetti, Riverton High School, \$1,000

Paul V. Gage Community Service Scholarship

Lily Greer, Vienna High School, \$600

Pearl Fairfield Scholarship

Gage Ford, Springfield High School, \$750

Reverend Kenneth H. White Family Scholarship

Cyrus Rhodes, Lanphier High School, \$1,600

Roland Machinery Scholarship

Cooper Wilson, Hillsboro High School, \$1,000

SAHBA Robert E. von Behren Memorial Scholarship

Cody Pennell, Springfield High School, \$1,000

Garrett Stritzel, Hillsboro High School, \$1,000

Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Scholarship

Grant Shelton, Litchfield High School, \$1,000

Spanish American Cultural Center Scholarship

Elisa Orellana, Southeast High School, \$3,000

Priscila Rodriguez, Beardstown High School, \$3,000

Susan G. Conner Special Education Scholarship

Taylor "Paige" Mendenhall, Rochester High School, \$500

The Association for Women in Communications, Springfield Chapter, Communications Scholarship

Emily Stieren, Western Illinois University, \$500

World War II Illinois Descendants Scholarship

Kathleen Botterbush, Alton Marquette Catholic High School, \$1,000

Madison Keele, Nokomis High School, \$1,000

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