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Community Foundation Announces Student of the Year; Awards More Than \$175,000 in Scholarships

SPRINGFIELD – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) announced 94 scholarship awards and scholarship renewals totaling more than \$175,000, 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 \$1,230,000 over the past 15 years. In 2019, more than 35 individuals, families and organizations made these scholarships possible through charitable funds established at the Community Foundation.

This is the fifth 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:

- **Raj Sinha of Springfield High School** and **Harrison Rumble of Southeast 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 **Ire Arogundade of Glenwood High School** and **Christina King of Lanphier High School**.
- **Zaire Harris of Springfield 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 Cynthia Lamar, chair of the Community Foundation's scholarship program. "It is truly remarkable to make a difference in the lives of our young people through the Community Foundation's scholarship program for 15 years."

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, 2020, with applications due March 1, 2020. Scholarship criteria and information will be posted on the Community Foundation's website, www.CFLL.org.

-MORE (List of Recipients Following)-

2019 Community Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Camp Care-A-Lot Scholarship

Mackenzie Prewitt, Jacksonville High School, \$1,000

CFL Service Scholarship

Zaire Harris, Springfield High School, \$1,500

Charlie Cottle Scholarship

Lucas Marsaglia, Glenwood High School, \$1,500

Cooper Peterson, Glenwood High School, \$1,500

COUNTRY Financial Community Scholarship

Lilian Baumgartner, Carrollton High School, \$2,000

Matthew Burgess, North Mac High School, \$2,000

Emily Higginson, Pleasant Plains High School, \$2,000

Cody Knodle, Nokomis High School, \$2,000

Morgan Lindsey, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, \$2,000

Kirsten Parr, Augustana College, \$2,000

Megan Passalacqua, Purdue University, \$2,000

Cyrus Rhodes, Illinois State University, \$2,000

Harrison Rumble, Southeast High School, \$2,000

Tara Ryan-Walker, Southeast High School, \$2,000

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship

Londyn Armour, MacArthur High School, \$500

Anijhai Austin, Lanphier High School, \$500

Gillian Blair, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, \$500

Arianna Fonville, Eisenhower High School, \$500

Maggie Hale, Meridian High School, \$500

Markesha Jackson, Eisenhower High School, \$500

Cameron Jones, Springfield High School, \$500

Dan'Nayshia Knight, Eisenhower High School, \$500

Veronica Neal, Southeast High School, \$500

Honesti O'Neal, Eisenhower High School, \$500

Damairia Tillman, Harris-Stowe State University, \$500

Don W. Casper Memorial Scholarship

William Reiser, Springfield High School, \$2,500

Donald Lee and Donna Wolaver Memorial Golf Scholarship

Mitchell Ashbaugh, Rochester High School, \$500

Farrell and Ann Gay Scholarship

Katelynn Paulen, Lanphier High School, \$1,500

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

Damon Davis, Southeast High School, \$1,000
Pierre Flournoy, Springfield High School, \$1,000

Frontiers International - James Forstall Scholarship

Ireoluwa Arogundade, Glenwood High School, \$500
Alexander Dickerson, Springfield High School, \$500
Deon Fairlee, Southeast High School, \$500
Gianna Flammini, Southeast High School, \$500
Torian Henry, Southeast High School, \$500
Nakiah Smith, Southeast High School, \$500
Jalee Winters, Southeast High School, \$500

Gerald F. and Luanna R. Kennedy Scholarship

Emily Kuhn, Pana High School, \$1,500

Girls on the Run of Central Illinois Founder's Scholarship

Gianna Flammini, Southeast High School, \$1,000
Emily Higginson, Pleasant Plains High School, \$1,000

Henry Bunn Memorial Scholarship

Kaye Bayaton, University of Illinois Springfield, \$5,000
Alexa Brown, Southeast High School, \$5,000
Sophia Charles, Riverton High School, \$5,000
Emma Greenwood, Lanphier High School, \$5,000
Julia Kienzler, Williamsville High School, \$5,000
Spencer Ladd, Southeast High School, \$5,000
Riley Ladd, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, \$5,000
Cyrus Rhodes, Illinois State University, \$5,000

Illinois Women in Leadership Chrysalis Award

Emma Todd, Lanphier High School, \$1,000

Illinois Women in Leadership High School Scholarship

Erin Gheen, Springfield High School, \$1,000
Christina Huffman, Lanphier High School, \$1,000
Katelynn Paulen, Lanphier High School, \$1,000

Jamie K. Patino Math and Science Scholarship

Harrison Ruple, Southeast High School, \$1,000

Jean Lee Hiller Memorial Scholarship

McKenzi Whitehead, Taylorville High School, \$3,000

Jim Byron Scholarship

Peyton Knowski, Williamsville High School, \$1,000

Joseph and Lois Morris Memorial Scholarship

Cameron Jones, Springfield High School, \$3,000
Adaeze Onyewuchi, Springfield High School, \$3,000

Linda S. Culver Memorial Scholarship

Guenevere Rees, Glenwood High School, \$4,000

Athena Try, Glenwood High School, \$4,000

Lori L. Kashmer Scholarship

Kaylin Mumaw, Williamsville High School, \$3,500

Margaret Johnson Special Education Scholarship

Abigail Hunt, Lanphier High School, \$600

Mary Lou & Dwight Pitman Scholarship

Sophia Charles, Riverton High School, \$1,000

O'Brien Medical or Health Related Field of Study Scholarship

Kaye Bayaton, University of Illinois Springfield, \$1,000

Cole Lang, Glenwood High School, \$1,000

Ximena Morales, Lincoln Land Community College, \$1,000

Paul V. Gage Community Service Scholarship

Jaiden Sanders, Vienna High School, \$700

Pearl Fairfield Scholarship

Hannah Riegler, Glenwood High School, \$750

Reverend Kenneth H. White and Evelyn N. White Scholarship

Katelynn Paulen, Lanphier High School, \$1,600

Roland Machinery Scholarship

Kolton Tate, Virginia High School, \$1,000

SAHBA Robert E. von Behren Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas Ellis, Pawnee High School, \$1,000

Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Scholarship

Grant Shelton, Missouri State University, \$1,000

Spanish American Cultural Center Scholarship

Sandra Raygoza, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond High School, \$3,000

Antonio Severino, Beardstown High School, \$3,000

Susan G. Conner Special Education Scholarship

Zoe Horton, Williamsville High School, \$500

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

Megan Crain, University of Nebraska, \$500

Walter and Polly Roesch Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois Scholarship

Zaire Harris, Springfield High School, \$1,000

World War II Illinois Descendants Scholarship

Ryan Berry, Warsaw High School, \$1,000

Abby Milhiser, Springfield High School, \$1,000

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