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Community Foundation Announces Student of the Year; Awards More Than \$130,000 in Scholarships

Springfield – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) announced 65 scholarship awards totaling more than \$130,000, during a reception at the Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation in Springfield.

This year's awards bring the cumulative scholarship distributions to mostly Sangamon County students to more than \$900,000 over the past 13 years. In 2017 more than 30 individuals, families and organizations supported these scholarship funds.

This is the third year that the Community Foundation assumed responsibility for the administration of the local **Student of the Year Award**:

- **John Stegeman of Sacred Heart Griffin High School** and **Anna Gegen 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 **Alina Sinha of Springfield High School** and **Carmensa Remolina of Southeast High School**.
- **Dominique Lasalvia from Lanphier 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. “The Community Foundation is proud to work on behalf of these donors and congratulates all of the students who were recognized tonight.”

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, 2018, with applications due March 1, 2018. Scholarship criteria and information will be posted on the Community Foundation’s website, www.CFLL.org.

-MORE (List of Recipients Following)-

2017 Community Foundation Scholarship Recipients

CFLL Service Scholarship

Carmensa Remolina, Springfield Southeast High School, \$1,500

Charlie Cottle Scholarship

Robert Hansen, Glenwood High School, \$1,500

CIELO Medical Scholarship

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

Donna and Donald Lee Wolaver Memorial Golf Scholarship

Tanner Crawford, Riverton High School, \$500

Don W. Estaque, Jr. Scholarship

Devin Westrum, Lanphier High School \$2,000

Farrell and Ann Gay Scholarship

Ka' Dia Dhatnubia, Calvary Academy, \$750
Jessica Heumann, Springfield High School, \$1,000
John Stegeman, Sacred Heart Griffin, \$1,500

Frontiers International \$1-K Scholarship

Makai Gant, Southeast High School, \$1,000
Russell Moore III, Springfield High School, \$1,000
Kamren Price, Springfield High School, \$1,000
Christian Smith, Southeast High School, \$1,000
Sidney Squires, Lutheran High School, \$1,000

Frontiers International Springfield Club Scholarship

Sarah Ashebir, Springfield High School, \$500
Deontae Daniels, Southeast High School, \$500
Shaina Ford, Lanphier High School, \$500
Christian Goodson, Southeast High School, \$500
Kelvin Hatchett, Southeast High School, \$500
Haley Jackson, Southeast High School, \$500
Jordan Stapleton, Southeast High School, \$500
Kahlil Wassel, New Berlin High School, \$500
Anna Gragg, Southeast High School, \$500
Jada Rice, Williamsville High School, \$500
Devin Westrum, Lanphier High School, \$500
Alexis Woodside, Southeast High School, \$500

Gerald F. and Luanna R. Kennedy Scholarship

Nick McMillen, Pana High School, \$1,500

Girls on the Run of Central Illinois Founder's Scholarship

Hailee Whiting, Glenwood High School, \$1,300

Henry Bunn Memorial Scholarship

Dominique LaSalvia, Lanphier High School, \$5,000
Nathan Cheung, Springfield High \$5,000

Kahlil Wassell, New Berlin High School, \$5,000
Kaye Bayaton, Springfield High \$5,000
Sarah Ashebir, Springfield High School, \$5,000
Alexis Woodside, Southeast High School, \$5,000
Michaela Pattie, Illinois State University, \$5,000
Riley Ladd, Southeast High School, \$5,000

Illinois Women in Leadership Chrysalis Award

Yvette Cundiff- Granzeau, University of Illinois - Springfield, \$1,000

Illinois Women in Leadership High School Scholarship

Julia Ares, Pleasant Plains High School, \$1,000
Carmensa Remolina, Southeast High School, \$1,000
Alina Sinha, Springfield High School, \$1,000

Jamie K. Patino Math and Science Scholarship

Riley Ladd, Southeast High School, \$850

Jim Byron Scholarship

Austin Robbs, Williamsville, \$1,000

Joseph and Lois Morris Memorial Scholarship

Corbin Tidball, Springfield High School, \$2,000
Brayton Lynch, Springfield High School, \$1,000
Grace Peters, Springfield High School, \$2,500
Cypriana Adams, Springfield High School, \$2,500

Linda S. Culver Memorial Scholarship

Katie Nichols, Dennison University, \$1,300

Lori L. Kashmer Scholarship

Nathan Cheung, Springfield High School, \$3,000

Margaret Johnson Special Education Scholarship

Michaela Pattie, Illinois State University, \$600

Mary Lou & Dwight Pitman Scholarship

Maggie Sorenson, Williamsville High School, \$1,000

O'Brien Medical or Health Related Field of Study Scholarship

Kaye Bayaton, Springfield High School, \$1,000

Paul V. Gage Community Service Scholarship

McKenzie Smith, Vienna High School, \$600

Pearl Fairfield Scholarship

Jacob Sexton, Williamsville High School, \$500

Reverend Kenneth H. White Family Scholarship

Jalee Braner, Lanphier High School, \$1,500

Roland Machinery Scholarship

Nick McMillen, Pana High School, \$1,000

Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Scholarship

Leyton Pezold, Litchfield Senior High School, \$1,000

Spanish American Cultural Center Scholarship

Francisco Reynoso, Champaign Central High School, \$3,000

Edgar Cortes, Beardstown High School, \$3,000

SAHBA Robert E. von Behren Memorial Scholarship

Kolton Behrent, Pawnee High School, \$1,000

World War II Illinois Descendants Scholarship

Riley Ladd, Springfield Southeast, \$1,000

Elsie Andres, Sacred Heart Griffin, \$1,000

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