



PRESS RELEASE

Three County Fair Announces 2019 Scholarship Recipients

Six local graduating seniors to receive college scholarships to support their career plans in a variety of fields

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Northampton, MA – America's longest continuous agricultural Fair, the Three County Fair, has selected their 2019 scholarship award recipients.

Once again, the Three County Fair is awarding a total of \$4,500 to six local graduating seniors from an extensive pool of applicants. Applicants are scored on academics, extra-curricular activities, application presentation, future study plans and involvement in agriculture, including the annual Labor Day Fair. The Fair awarded its first scholarship in 1867.

"We were delighted again this year by the number and quality of applicants for our scholarships" said David A. Murphy, President of Hampshire Franklin & Hampden Agricultural Society. "It is encouraging to find so many young people interested in furthering their education in the field of agricultural and animal studies. We want to thank all the applicants, congratulate the winners and wish them all the best as they move forward with their education."

The Fair manages the prestigious Raymond & Josephine Duda Scholarship. The Duda Scholarship was established in 2014 by Raymond & Josephine Duda of Easthampton, who operated one of the area's largest dairy farms.

This year's recipient is Quinn Lucas of Shelburne Falls, MA. Quinn is graduating from Four Rivers Charter Public School in Greenfield and plans to study at either Ecker College in Florida or UMass with aspirations to be a veterinarian for large animals. Quinn has been active with Franklin County 4-H Dairy Club, interned with the Mass Audubon Society, and currently works at the South Deerfield Vet Clinic. Quinn has also done volunteer service in Guatemala, taken training courses with Cape Cod Coastal Studies researching grey seals, and has competed in basketball, soccer and tennis during her time in high school.

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Full list of 2019 scholarship winners is listed below:

Student: Quinn Lucas
High School: Four Rivers Charter Public School
College Options: Eckerd College or University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Major/Career Aspiration: Large Animal Veterinarian
Award: \$1,000. - Raymond & Josephine Duda Scholarship

Student: Kiera Ciolkos
High School: Hopkins Academy
College Options: Springfield College
Major/Career Aspiration: Occupational Therapy
Award: \$500. - Three County Fair Scholarship

Student: Marina McDonald
High School: The Hartsbrook School
College Options: George Washington University, Mount Holyoke College, or Smith College
Major/Career Aspiration: Anthropology
Award: \$500. - Three County Fair Scholarship

Student: Ivy Shattuck
High School: Frontier Regional High School
College Options: University of New Hampshire
Major/Career Aspiration: Psychology
Award: \$500. - Three County Fair Scholarship

Student: Shelby Sinistore
High School: Mohawk Trail Regional High School
College Options: Clark University, Skidmore College, or Worcester State University
Major/Career Aspiration: Biology/Pre-Vet
Award: \$500. - Three County Fair Scholarship

Student: Alexandra West
High School: Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School
College Options: Westfield State University
Major/Career Aspiration: Health Sciences
Award: \$500. - Three County Fair Scholarship

About the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society:

Located in Northampton, Massachusetts and incorporated in 1818, the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society promotes agriculture, agricultural education, agricultural science and sustainability for the region through exhibitions, displays, competitions and demonstrations and operates The Three County Fair, “America’s Oldest Fair” annually over Labor Day weekend.

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