

PRESS RELEASE

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EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL OF PASSAIC COUNTY – 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Educational Council of Passaic County, a non-profit organization consisting of the executive county superintendent of schools and the presidents and vice-presidents of educational organizations, was formed to provide a forum for public educational issues and to establish continual cooperation in the promotion of effective education within schools. One of the Council's goals is to ensure that all of our students are given the opportunity to continue their education in order to pursue their dreams. Since the 1980's the Council has raised thousands of dollars and awarded hundreds of scholarships to high school seniors in Passaic County in aspiring to reach this goal.

It is our pleasure to announce the awarding of 18 - \$1,000 scholarships for the "Class of 2015." It is because of the continued support of the 2014 Commemorative Journal publication and through the overwhelming sponsorship of our Platinum and Gold Sponsors (***Optimum Light Path, The Herald and Record News, New Jersey Education Association, North Jersey Federal Credit Union, Passaic County Association of School Business Officials, Passaic County Education Association, Straight Street & 16th Ave Realty, LLC and William Paterson University***) that we are able to provide some financial assistance to 18 of our high school seniors graduating this June.

Again, a special thanks to all those individuals and educational entities that continue to support the Council's scholarship program. Join the Council as we congratulate the following 18 - 2015 Scholarship Award recipients:

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY (\$1,000.00)

Scholarships sponsored by the New Jersey Education Association and Optimum Light Path

Alexandra Kowalski, Hawthorne H.S./Hawthorne
Major: Education
Sponsor: New Jersey Education Association

Abigail Davison, Lakeland Regional H.S./Wanaque
Major: Education
Sponsor: Optimum Light Path

PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (\$1,000.00)

Scholarship sponsored by Optimum Light Path and Straight St. & 16th Ave Realty, LLC

Nyshayla Kellam, International H.S./Paterson
Major: Criminal Justice/Social Work
Sponsor: Optimum Light Path

Remington Pizzulo, West Milford H.S./West Milford
Major: Undecided
Sponsor: Straight St. & 16th Ave Realty, LLC

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY (\$1,000.00)

Scholarships sponsored by the P.C. Association of School Business Officials and William Paterson University

Andre A. Garcia Parraga, Clifton H.S./Clifton Major: Business Sponsor: P.C. Association School Business Official	Stephanie Byrd, YES Academy H.S./Paterson Major: Education Sponsor: William Paterson University
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SCHOOL OF CHOICE (\$1,000.00)

Scholarships sponsored by North Jersey Federal Credit Union, North Jersey Newspapers (The Record & Herald News), Optimum Light Path, Passaic County Education Associations and from the proceeds of the 2014 Commemorative Journal

Garrold Hillmer, Butler H.S./Bloomingdale Major: English Education (Centenary College)	Leoneiry Diaz, P.C. Technical Institute/Wayne Major: Education (Fairleigh Dickinson University)
Paulina Edel, Clifton H.S./Clifton Major: Music (Penn State) Sponsor: Optimum Light Path	Vanessa Polanco, P.C. Technical Institute/Wayne Major: Marketing (P.C. Community College) Sponsor: Optimum Light Path
Kenia Hernandez, Passaic H.S./Passaic Major: Education (P.C. Community College)	Kleinz Samuel, Paterson CS for Science & Technology Major: Investment Banking (New York University) Sponsor: North Jersey Federal Credit Union
Ashley Veras, Passaic H.S./Passaic Major: Science Education (College of St. Elizabeth) Sponsor: Passaic County Education Associations	Lauren Allan, Pompton Lakes H.S./Pompton Lakes Major: Physical Therapy (Bloomsburg University)
Alanis Bindels, P.C. Manchester Reg. H.S./Haledon Major: Undecided (William Paterson University)	Ana Karolina Sousa, Wayne Hills H.S./Wayne Major: Writer/Journalist (Mount Holyoke College) Sponsor: The Record & Herald News
Jessy Awramko, Passaic Valley Reg. H.S./Little Falls Major: Psychology (University of Connecticut)	Joseph DeFilippis, Wayne Valley H.S./Wayne Major: Undecided (Monmouth University)

2016 Scholarship Program Update

As of June 8, 2015, Council has raised a little over \$18,000- toward the 2016 Scholarship Awards Program. Again, we would like to thank all of the educational and business communities that have contributed to the Council's Scholarship Program by becoming a Gold Sponsor and/or purchasing advertisements in the "Commemorative Journal." As always, it is our goal is to provide a scholarship to one student in every public high school in Passaic County for a total of \$25,000; \$7,000 to go.

If you would like to support the Educational Council, please send your tax deductible donation to the following:

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