

# PRESS RELEASE

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## EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL OF PASSAIC COUNTY – 2018 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 our students are given the opportunity to continue their education 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 22 - \$1,000 scholarships for the "Class of 2018." Due to the continued support of our Commemorative Journal publication and through the overwhelming sponsorship from our 2017 Platinum Sponsor: **Altice** and **Gold Sponsors: North Jersey Newspapers, New Jersey Education Association, North Jersey Federal Credit Union, Passaic County Association of School Business Officials, Passaic County Education Association, Paramus Medical and Sports Rehabilitation Center** that we are able to provide financial assistance to 22 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. Please join the Council as we congratulate the following 22 - 2018 Scholarship Award recipients:

ALL CATEGORIES (\$1,000.00) <i>Scholarships not listing a sponsor are made possible through the proceeds of our Commemorative Journal issue 6/2017</i>	
Joshua Loeshorn	Butler H.S./Butler (Bloomingdale Student) <b>Major:</b> Computer Science (LIU Post)
Kaitlyn Grabley	Clifton H.S./Clifton <b>Major:</b> Nursing (William Paterson University) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">Paramus Medical &amp; Sports Rehabilitation Center</a>
Amanda Stetz	Clifton H.S./Clifton <b>Major:</b> Mechanical Engineering (Harvard University)
Sarah Yee	Clifton H.S./Clifton <b>Major:</b> Medical (Passaic County Community College)
Rocco Pecoraro	Hawthorne H.S./Hawthorne <b>Major:</b> Business (Sacred Heart University) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">North Jersey Federal Credit Union</a>

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Annelisa Lando	Lakeland Regional H.S./Wanaque <b>Major:</b> Adolescent Education in Mathematics (SUNY New Paltz)
Melanie Leal	Passaic H.S./Passaic <b>Major:</b> Technology (William Paterson University) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">Altice Business</a>
Vikas Rana	Passaic H.S./Passaic <b>Major:</b> Computer Technology (Passaic County Community College)
Irais Vazquez	Passaic H.S./Passaic <b>Major:</b> Communications (Kean University) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">North Jersey Newspapers/US Today</a>
Fravi Adames Cueva	P.C. Manchester Regional H.S./Haledon <b>Major:</b> Ultrasound Technician (Bergen County Community College)
Jan Carlos De Jesus	Passaic County Technical Institute/Wayne <b>Major:</b> Business (Passaic County Community College)
Jennifer Gonzales	Passaic County Technical Institute/Wayne <b>Major:</b> Education – Family & Child Studies (Montclair State University) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">New Jersey Education Association</a>
JoAnn Roncone	Passaic Valley Regional H.S./Little Falls <b>Major:</b> Chemistry-Pre-Vet Studies (William Paterson University)
RayYonna Belton	Paterson Charter School for Science & Technology/Paterson <b>Major:</b> Education (Coppin State University)
Destini Whyte	Garrett Morgan Academy/Paterson <b>Major:</b> Nursing (Ramapo College)
Brenda Ramirez	School of Architecture and Construction Trades (ACT)/Paterson <b>Major:</b> Teacher (William Paterson University) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">Passaic County Education Associations</a>
Jessenia Cuetlach	School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism/Paterson <b>Major:</b> Undecided (Montclair State University)
Catherine De Los Santos	Silk City Academy/Paterson <b>Major:</b> Accounting (Berkeley College) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">Passaic County Association of School Business Officials</a>
Madison Loustan	Pompton Lakes High School/Pompton Lakes <b>Major:</b> Nursing (Seton Hall University)
Julia Buonpane	Wayne Hills High School/Wayne <b>Major:</b> Undecided (Montclair State University)
Joseph Perez	Wayne Valley High School/Wayne <b>Major:</b> Computer Science (Rutgers State University) <b>Sponsor:</b> <a href="#">Altice Business</a>

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Daniella Milligan	West Milford H.S./West Milford <b>Major:</b> Undecided (Passaic County Community College)
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**2018 Scholarship Program Update**

As of June 5, 2018, the Council has raised a little over \$14,000 toward the 2019 Scholarship Awards Program. Again, we would like to thank all the educational and business communities that have contributed to the Council's Scholarship Program by becoming a Platinum or Gold Sponsor, purchasing advertisements in the "Commemorative Journal" and/or made monetary donations. 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 \$27,000.

Donations are still being accepted. Therefore, if you have not contributed and would like to join the Council in helping more students pursue their dreams, please send your tax-deductible donation to the following:

***Educational Council of Passaic County  
c/o Passaic County Superintendent of Schools' Office  
501 River Street, Paterson NJ 07524***

***Platinum & Gold Sponsors of the 2017 Scholarship Program***



**Note:** 2018 scholarships were made possible through the support received between July 2016 through June 2017. Funds collected between July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, will benefit the "Class of 2019."