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**RACINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**

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The Racine Community Foundation has awarded 53 scholarships totaling \$67,632 to Racine County college-bound students for the 2016-2017 academic year. All scholarships were awarded on a competitive basis and are a part of an increasing number of legacy scholarships established with Racine Community Foundation by Racine County individuals, families, businesses, civic leaders, and educators. The names of this year's recipients are followed by the college or university each student plans to attend in the fall.

Seven students were awarded the Bud and Mary Androff Scholarship. This scholarship fund was established in 1996 through a grant made by Bud and Mary Androff to benefit students who show interest in the areas of general education, physical education or human relations. This year's recipients are: **Madeline Aiello-Kimberlain** (UW-Madison), graduate of Washington Park; **Ashley Doebereiner** (UW-Madison), graduate of J.I. Case; **Brittany Hoover** (UW-Oshkosh), graduate of Racine Lutheran; **Brittany Ramczyk** (University of MN – Twin Cities), graduate of William Horlick; **Kassidy Randelzhofer** (UW-River Falls), graduate of Union Grove Union; **Katherine Rittgers** (UW-LaCrosse), graduate of St. Catherine's and **Sydney Weiss** (University of the Cumberland), graduate of William Horlick.

**Nicole Shields** (UW-Madison), graduate of William Horlick, is the recipient of the Henry P. and Marjorie W. Bruner Scholarship. The Bruner Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 by Mr. and

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Mrs. Bruner's children to honor their parents, and is awarded to a student who demonstrates an interest in pursuing a Liberal Arts degree.

**Margaret Ford** (UW-Madison) is the recipient of the Tom George Scholarship. Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. George established the scholarship fund in 1985 in memory of their son, Tom. This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of William Horlick who will attend UW-Madison.

**Samantha Blank** (UW-Madison), graduate of Waterford Union, is the recipient of the Karle P. Guth Scholarship. This scholarship fund was established in 1997 by the children of Karle Guth to honor their father. Recipients must attend UW-Madison in pursuit of an undergraduate degree in agribusiness, secondary education, history or political science.

In 2009, the Hallam Family Scholarship Fund was established by Robert and Victoria Hallam in memory of their parents and their uncle, William E. Hallam. The scholarship benefits graduating seniors of Washington Park who demonstrate interest in a career in the field of visual arts. This year's recipients are **Eryn Benner** (Carthage College) and **Katelynn Counts** (UW-Parkside).

**Emily Baker** (UW-Stout) is the recipient of the Johnson-Dukleth Scholarship. Established in memory of Gilma Dukleth by her family in 2006, the scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors of Waterford Union who will attend a four year college or university.

Seven students from Union Grove Union were awarded the Leopold K. Kerschitz Scholarship. The "Mr. K" Scholarship, as it is known, was established in 1995 by Leo Kerschitz to encourage students with academic potential to pursue education beyond high school. This year's recipients are: **Karsten Acker** (UW-Madison); **Brendon Belongia** (UW-Platteville); **Benjamin Maier** (UW-River Falls);

**Samuel Maier** (UW-Green Bay); **Paige Murdoch** (Edgewood College); **Jorey Staven** (Marian University) and **Mari Suokko** (Ferris State University).

In 1983, Mrs. Florence E. Lockwood and her son, James E. Lockwood, Jr., established the Lockwood Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is designated to benefit graduates of Washington Park High School. Seven students were awarded the Lockwood Scholarship this year. They are: **Madeline Aiello-Kimberlain** (UW-Madison); **Kadeesha Duncan** (UW-Parkside); **Allison Eschmann** (UW-Madison); **Christina Galvan** (St. Mary's University); **Hannah Hoecherl** (Florida College); **Kayla Hoff** (UW-Madison) and **Maya Thielen-Herrera** (UW-Oshkosh).

**Jordan Bondeson** (UW-Madison), graduate of William Horlick, is the recipient of the Shirley Nelson Scholarship. In 1997, Shirley Nelson established this scholarship fund to benefit students who show steady, constant improvement over the course of their high school career.

The Onnink Family Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 by Allen and Florence Onnink. This scholarship is awarded to Racine Unified School District students who demonstrate high academic potential. This year's recipients are: **Kaylee Leslie** (Westminster College), graduate of Washington Park; **Jacob Sawalski** (University of MN – Twin Cities), graduate of William Horlick and **Cameron Tresider** (UW-Platteville), graduate of William Horlick.

In 1986, James C. Thompson, former Principal of Washington Park High School, established the Park High School Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is awarded to graduates of the school who have attained high academic achievement, participated in extracurricular activities, and demonstrate good character, poise and conduct. This year's recipients are: **Andrew Mertins** (UW-Oshkosh) and **Gabriella Steffen** (Charleston Southern University).

The Perkins Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 and is awarded to Racine area high schools who will pursue a post-secondary education. The recipients are: **Julie Asher** (University of MN – Twin Cities), graduate of J.I. Case; **Kara Buchaklian** (UW-LaCrosse), graduate of St. Catherine's; **Peter Meinert** (Milwaukee School of Engineering), graduate of Racine Lutheran; **Haley Rodriguez** (UW-Madison), graduate of the REAL School; **Taylor Stefanski** (University of AL - Birmingham), graduate of William Horlick; **Margaret Sullivan** (Xavier University), graduate of The Prairie School and **Justice Weaver** (UW-LaCrosse), graduate of Washington Park.

In 1994, the Racine Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Commission established a scholarship fund to benefit graduates of Racine County high schools who show outstanding academic achievement in history. **Jennifer Norris** (Carroll University), graduate of J.I. Case and **Samuel Rozzoni** (UW-Parkside), graduate of St. Catherine's, are this year's recipients of the Racine Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Scholarship.

**Emily Martinsen** (UW-Whitewater); **Kassidy Randelzhofer** (UW-River Falls) and **Emma Voge** (UW-Parkside), graduates of Union Grove Union, have received the Ruzicka-Homburg Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship fund was established in honor of former principals A.F. Ruzicka who served from 1940 through 1949, and William Homburg, who served throughout the 1950's.

**Tiffany Blaha** (UW-Whitewater) is the recipient of the Alice Jane Sokol Scholarship. This scholarship fund was established in 2003 to honor Alice Jane Sokol, a retired Racine Unified elementary teacher and an alumna of UW-Whitewater. The scholarship is awarded to a Racine native in his or her third or fourth year in UW-Whitewater's School of Education.

**Jarred Glaser** (UW-Milwaukee) is the recipient of the Jeannette F. Sokol Scholarship that was established in 2003 by Alice Jane Sokol in honor of her mother, Jennette Sokol, a graduate of the UW-

Milwaukee School of Education. This scholarship benefits third or fourth year students enrolled in UW-Milwaukee's School of Education.

Alice Jane Sokol also established the John J. Sokol Scholarship Fund in 2003 to honor her father, John J. Sokol, who was a member of the first graduating class of the Boys' Trade and Technical High School. Now known as the Lynde & Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School in Milwaukee, the scholarship is awarded to a graduate of the school who will attend an accredited technical or trade school. The recipient of this scholarship is **Dekuan Sutton** (Milwaukee Area Technical College).

In 2004, Union Grove Area Businesses established a scholarship fund to benefit graduating seniors from Union Grove Union High School and/or Union Grove Christian School who will attend schools of higher education. All graduates of Union Grove Union, this year's recipients are: **Blake Hansen** (UW-Milwaukee), **Matthew Lory** (UW-Madison), **Frantiska Pettit** (North Central College) and **Hannah Scheckel** (Saint Louis University).

**Emily Martinsen** (UW-Whitewater) is the recipient of the Union High Education Association Scholarship. The scholarship fund was established in 1997 by the Union Grove Union High Education Association and is awarded to graduates of the Union Grove High School for academic achievement.

The mission of the Racine Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Racine County by encouraging and providing opportunities for charitable giving and by managing and distributing the funds in a responsible manner. If you would like to leave the legacy of a scholarship for Racine County students, please contact the Racine Community Foundation's Executive Director, Liz Powell, at 262.632.8474. The Racine Community Foundation is located at 1135 Warwick Way, Racine, WI 53406. The website address is: [www.racinecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.racinecommunityfoundation.org).