

# News Release

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## 19 STUDENTS AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY



Back Row (left to right): Ben Scranton, Chief Executive Officer, Eileen Fowler, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Shannon Mitchell, ShyAnne Demers, Nicholas Kratovil, Cameron Fowler, Canaan Khatib-Colon, Rachel Pierce, Courtney Reggiannini, Lou Mayo, President

Front Row (left to right): Christopher Skala, Alison Brooke Currier, Elena Papadimtriou, Adam Lajeunesse, Jasmine Fuentes, Rachel Bonafilia, Alexandra Wahr

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Springfield, MA – June 16, 2016 – This year marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> year the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley has awarded scholarships to area high school graduates about to enter college. This year, 19 students were awarded a total of \$13,278.00.

The students were honored at a banquet held June 9<sup>th</sup> at The Log Cabin in Holyoke. Since 1992, over four hundred and fifty students have been awarded \$266,415 in scholarships from the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley.

The 2016 recipients are:

Rachel Bonafilia is a graduate of Agawam High School. She will be attending State University of NY majoring in Wildlife Science. She is the daughter of Rebecca Bonafilia of Feeding Hills.

Alison Brooke Currier is a graduate of East Longmeadow High School. She will be attending Suffolk University majoring in Journalism or Art. She is the daughter of Dawn Currier of East Longmeadow.

Connor Davis is a graduate of Belchertown High School. He will be attending Elms College. He is the son of Lisa and Jeffrey Davis of Belchertown.

ShyAnne Demers is a graduate of Ware High School. She will be attending the Becker College majoring in Veterinary Science. She is the Daughter of Danielle Souza and James Demers of Ware.

Cameron Fowler is a graduate of Agawam High School. He will be attending Bryant College. He is the son of Eileen and Brian Fowler of Agawam.

Jasmine Fuentes is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. She will be attending Elm College and majoring in Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of Oneida and Jeffery Fuentes of Chicopee.

Colin Ireland is a graduate of Longmeadow High School. He will be attending the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth majoring in Chemistry. He is the son of Debra and Patrick Ireland of Longmeadow.

Canaan Khatib-Colon is a graduate of Springfield Central High School. He will be attending STCC. Canaan was also awarded the Koula Romans Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Migdalia and Maher Khatib of Springfield.

Nicholas Kratovil is a graduate of Monson High School. He will be attending Worcester Polytech Institute majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics. He is the son of Jaqueline and Gary Kratovil of Monson.

Samantha Laitinen is a graduate of Monson High School. She will be attending Fitchburg State and majoring in Biology with a concentration in Neuroscience and Behavior. She is the daughter of Erin Percoski of Palmer.

Adam Lajeunesse is a graduate of Westfield High School. He will be attending Bentley University and is majoring in Finance. He is the son of Kristine Cook and James Lajeunesse of Westfield.

Shannon Mitchell is a graduate of South Hadley High School. She will be attending Bryant University majoring in International Business. Shannon is was also awarded the first annual Cindy Ayre Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Christina and Shawn Mitchell of South Hadley

Jordan Nunley and Marquis Nunley are graduates of Longmeadow High School. Jordan will be attending Quinnipiac University and is majoring in Health Science. Marquis is attending Western New England University or Albany College of Pharmacy. They are the sons of Erica and Kevin Nunley of Longmeadow.

Elena Papadimitriou is a graduate of Westfield High School. She will be attending Coastal Carolina University majoring in Psychology. She is the daughter of Joanne and James Papadimitriou of Westfield.

Courtney Reggiannini is a graduate of Longmeadow High School. She will be attending Merrimack College Majoring in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Karen and Robert Reggiannini of Longmeadow.

Rachel Pierce is a graduate of Hampshire Regional High School. She will be attending Emmanuel College majoring in Biology. She is the daughter of Sarah and Tim Pierce of South Hampton.

Christopher Skala is a graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School. He will be attending STCC majoring in Criminal Justice. He is the son of Deborah Jordan of Wilbraham.

Alexandra Wahr is a graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School. She will be attending Framingham State majoring in Biology with a Pre Med Track. She is the daughter of Sandra Wahr of Wilbraham.

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About the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley:

*Organized in 1915, the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV) is a professional trade organization with more than 1,500 members in the Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts. RAPV is one of 1,200 local chapters of the National Association of REALTORS®. RAPV covers 68 cities and towns in 3 counties; Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden. The term, REALTOR®, is a registered trademark for use exclusively by members of the National Association of REALTORS®, whose members subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics.*

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