

# Empowering Futures

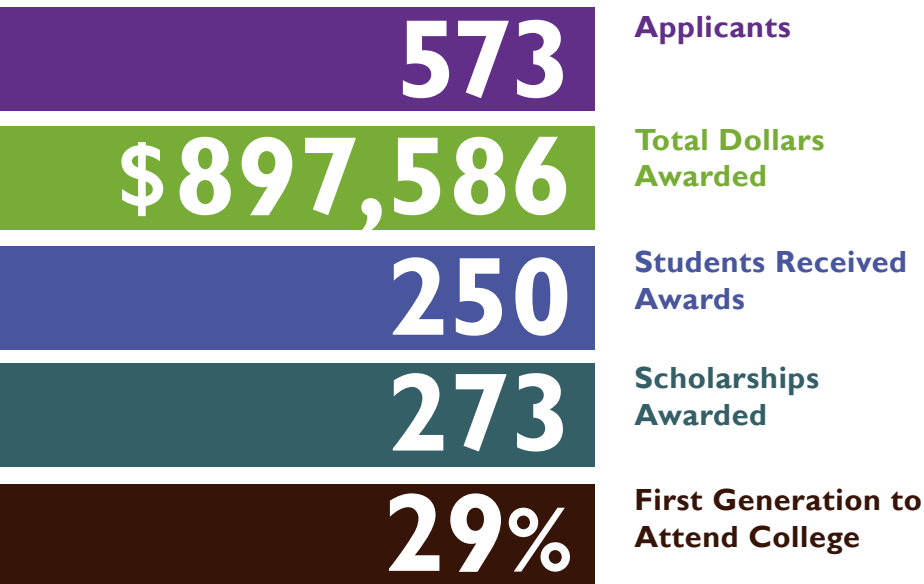
A young woman with long dark hair is captured in a graceful, balletic pose on a gravel path. She is wearing a black dress with a white floral pattern and light-colored ballet slippers. Her arms are extended horizontally, and her legs are in a wide, elegant stance. The background is a lush, green forest with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a soft, dappled light effect.

2024 Scholarship Winners

Berkshire  
Taconic  
Community  
Foundation



# 2024 BY THE NUMBERS



**\$2,843** *Average Scholarship Award*

**\$28,840** *Average Annual Costs for a Public Four-Year In-State College, On-Campus*

**\$46,730** *Average Annual Costs for a Public Four-Year Out-of-State College, On-Campus*

**\$60,420** *Average Annual Costs for a Private Nonprofit Four-Year College, On-Campus*

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## Message from Our President



Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation is proud to honor and support our 2024 scholarship recipients for their talents, academic achievements, community service, ability to overcome challenges, and so much more.

Each student's application tells a story. There are beautiful stories and sad stories, as well as stories of adventure, family, friendship, and courage and resilience in the face of hardship.

Some students describe remarkable experiences and accomplishments, like performing with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, winning a national decathlon or learning how to fly an airplane. Others tell stories of courage, such as standing up to racism, or educating their community about different religions and cultures. They include stories of hardship and overcoming obstacles after immigrating to the U.S., fleeing the war in Ukraine, taking care of a parent recovering from a serious illness, or recovering from a serious injury themselves.

This year, the Foundation awarded over \$897K in scholarships to over 250 students, each of whom is preparing to begin the next chapter of their story. We are committed to expanding educational access as part of a strategic approach to build stronger communities and brighter futures. These scholarships not only reduce financial barriers but affirm for students that their stories have been heard and are valued, and that their community believes in their potential and supports their aspirations.

We wish to thank our donors whose generosity makes this possible, and the dedicated volunteer committee members who together reviewed hundreds of applications to make award determinations.

Congratulations to each of our 2024 scholarship recipients! We wish them all continued success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Mikulich".

Kara Mikulich,  
*Interim President,*  
*Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation*

# 2024 Scholarship Recipients

Berkshire Taconic is proud to award scholarships to over 250 students this year! Through a careful selection process, our dedicated advisory committee members chose the following students to receive awards.

## 194I Scholarship

*Provides scholarship support to graduating high school seniors of Drury High School, with a priority placed on academic achievement.*

Abigail Bailey, Stamford, VT, Maine College of Art & Design

## Alice B. Henriquez Memorial Fund Writing Prize

*For seniors at Webutuck High School who are entering their first year of a two-year or four-year nationally accredited college, university or trade-school.*

Reghan Swift, Millerton, NY, Alfred State University

## Andrea Wagner Women in Science Scholarship

*For female residents of the Berkshire Taconic region who are enrolled in a four-year college program majoring in math, chemistry, engineering or physical sciences.*

Elizabeth Herena, Wingdale, NY, Binghamton University

## Antonio and Antoinette Pieropan Scholarship

*For high school seniors, graduates, and GED recipients who are 21 or younger and have been residents of Stockbridge or West Stockbridge for a minimum of 5 years.*

Benjamin Gross, West Stockbridge, MA, Syracuse University  
Leo Kavanaugh, Stockbridge, MA, Berklee College of Music  
Madison Mullen, West Stockbridge, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Liam O’Gara, West Stockbridge, MA, Massachusetts College of Art and Design

## Ben Paley Scholarship

*For seniors graduating from a public high school in Berkshire County or northwest Litchfield County planning to study music at a 2- or 4-year college or university.*

Ethan Maisonneuve, East Longmeadow, MA,  
University of Missouri Kansas City

## Billy Evans Memorial Scholarship

*For graduating high school seniors from Drury High School pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree in public service.*

Brooke Bishop, Florida, MA, Saint Michael’s College

## C.M. Owen Scholarship

*For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington, MA who are residents of Stockbridge to pursue a post-secondary education.*

Henry Bradway, Stockbridge MA, UMASS, Lowell

## Caligari Family Scholarship

*For Monument Mountain Regional High School seniors studying art or design.*

Jackson Steven, Great Barrington, MA

“I knew  
that I would  
be both a  
first-generation  
high school  
graduate and  
a first-generation  
college student...  
college is  
no longer  
a dream for me,  
but a reality.”

—Viviana Lanphear,  
Garrett Francis Collins  
& Josephine Goodwin  
Collins Scholarship

### Cella Family Scholarship

*For high school seniors who are Berkshire County Pro Shop employees and/or caddies and are going to a 2- or 4-year college, university, or vocational school.*

Benjamin Dingman, Williamstown, MA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

### Cha-Nel Scholarship

*For graduating high school seniors of Chatham and New Lebanon high schools.*

Destiny De Jesus, Ghent, NY, University at Buffalo

Ian Freiermuth, Chatham, NY, Hudson Valley Community College

Ethan Halpin, Ghent, NY, Northeastern University

Sarah Harrison, Spencertown, NY, SUNY Cobleskill

Samantha Hoffman, East Chatham, NY, Ithaca College

Gabriel Kalisz, Canaan, NY, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Hannah Kelly, East Chatham, NY, Siena College

DeAnna LeClair, Valatie, NY, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Madison Long, New Lebanon, NY, Knox College

Nathaniel Loomis, Selkirk, NY, Rochester Institute of Technology

Julia Metrando, East Chatham, NY, Siena College

Alexis Meyers, Ghent, NY, Hudson Valley Community College

Nicole Meyers, Ghent, NY, Siena College

John Miles, Chatham, NY, Lafayette College

Jenna Palubeckis, Spencertown, NY, Colgate University

Jillian Perry, East Chatham, NY, Hudson Valley Community College

Riley Robertson, New Lebanon, NY, Russell Sage College

Holly Schafer, East Nassau, NY, University at Albany

Emily Schafer, East Nassau, NY, Boston College

Jordan Simmons, Ghent, NY, Siena College

Lily Strattman, East Chatham, NY, SUNY Geneseo

Owen Zaik, Ghent, NY, Siena College

### Charles and Elinore Agar Scholarship

*For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School with a particular interest in science, engineering, history or creative writing.*

Declan Travis, Pittsfield, MA, Skidmore College

### Charles D. Wilson Scholarship

*For graduating Mount Greylock Regional High School seniors who will attend any institution of higher education, with preference given to students in the school's pole vaulting and/or alpine skiing program.*

Quin Repetto, Williamstown, MA, Williams College

### Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship

*For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School who are residents of Stockbridge to pursue a post-secondary education.*

Shelby Birnhak, Stockbridge, MA, University of Oregon

Ella Khalsa, Stockbridge, MA, University of California, Berkeley

Sidonie Knerr, Stockbridge, MA, University of Vermont

### Clayton Chrisman Memorial Scholarship

*For a graduating senior at Mt. Everett Regional High School for a 2 or 4-year college or vocational school, who has a demonstrated interest in environmental studies.*

Ivy Webster-Ben David, New Marlborough, MA, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry



### GENEVIEVE COLLINS

Lenox, MA

Lenox Memorial High School

Attending Brown University

*Ferris Burtis Scholarship and*

*James E. Bugley Scholarship*

- Professional/Educational Goals: classical singer and music history researcher with an AB in Music
- Studied at Boston University Tanglewood Institute and Brevard Music Center
- Performed at Tanglewood and Boston Symphony Hall
- Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award
- Harvard Book Award from the Harvard Alumni Association
- Organized a fundraiser concert for The Homework House in Holyoke, MA
- Peer Mentor for middle school students and volunteer coach for youth soccer league
- Varsity Captain of Cross-Country Running team
- Extra-curricular membership in Varsity Track & Field, Quiz Team, Investment Club and Art Club

### **Closson-Raught American Legion Post 1160 Scholarship**

*For Taconic Hills Regional School District residents who served honorably in the U.S. armed forces and their children, grandchildren, and siblings who are district students.*

Anthony Genovese, Copake, NY, SUNY Morrisville

### **Dana Labbee Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Hoosac Valley High School who are going to study political science, mediation, communications, or pre-law.*

Nicholas Pompei, Adams, MA, UMASS, Amherst

### **Dr. H.H. Gadsby Scholarship**

*For graduating Drury High School seniors.*

Caroline Cellana, North Adams, MA, Bryant University

Zachary Davignon, North Adams, MA, Union College

Lily Marceau, North Adams, MA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

### **Dr. Luis A. Jacome Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Ichabod Crane High School with a passion for sports and a particular interest in the field of health or science.*

Brady Holzhauer, Valatie, NY, Springfield College

### **Emma M. Kirchhofer Scholarship**

*For graduating high school seniors who are residents of Columbia County.*

Fathima Chowdhury, Hudson, NY, University at Buffalo

Mark Costanzo, Valatie, NY, UMASS, Amherst

Marilyn Roque-Velasquez, Valatie, NY, Providence College

### **Emma Miller Scholarship**

*For high school seniors who are residents of Adams, Cheshire or Savoy, MA.*

Addison Chen, Adams, MA, UMASS, Boston

Tia Kareh, Adams, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Talia Rehill, Cheshire, MA, Harvard University

Marko Iwasiwka, Adams, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

### **Esther Samuels and Mabel Cornman Educational Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Lenox Memorial High School.*

Maria Mendoza Menaca, Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Community College

### **Ferris Burtis Scholarship**

*For graduating high school seniors who are residents of the Berkshire Taconic region and have been accepted in a conservatory or school of music for the purpose of pursuing a career in some form of classical music.*

Genevieve Collins, Lenox, MA, Brown University

Julian Muller, Ghent, NY, Rutgers University

Madeleine Rocheleau-Holmes, Pittsfield, MA, Oberlin College

Bram Fisher, West Stockbridge, MA, New England Conservatory

Leila Paredes, Pittsfield, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Joseph Weinberg, Richmond, MA, The Juilliard School

### **Frederick L. Chenail & Jessie M. Chenail Scholarship**

*For graduating Drury High School seniors.*

Jessalyn Liang, North Adams, MA, Wellesley College

Ryan Goodell, North Adams, MA, Roger Williams University

“The legacy of Emma Miller is a legacy of resilience, empowerment, and dedication to community. I am humbled and honored to carry forward her legacy with integrity and purpose in every aspect of my life... to uphold her message with the utmost respect and commitment, honoring her memory through my actions and achievements.”

— Talia Rehill,  
Emma Miller Scholarship



**Frederick L. Chenail & Jessie M. Chenail Scholarship** *(continued)*

Jade Notchick, North Adams, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Thomas Peterson, Stamford, VT, University of Vermont

**Garrett Francis Collins and Josephine Goodwin Collins Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors who are residents of Hinsdale, MA.*

Atticus Clark, Hinsdale, MA, Champlain College  
Lily Hinton, Hinsdale, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Viviana Lanphear, Hinsdale, MA, University of New Hampshire, Durham  
Morgan Marauszowski, Hinsdale, MA, Assumption University

**George H. and Lucille E. Buterbaugh Scholarship**

*For graduating high school seniors who are residents of Salisbury, CT.*

Catherine Bushey, Lakeville, CT, Lehigh University  
Megan Mokriski, Salisbury, CT, Davidson College  
Rachel Mokriski, Salisbury, CT, Georgetown University  
Ella Rydingsword, Lakeville, CT, Paul Smith's College

**Guido's Fresh Marketplace Scholarship**

*For graduating high school seniors who are residents of Berkshire County pursuing studies in physical education, health and wellness, or business studies.*

Maria Anaya, Pittsfield, MA, University of Wisconsin Madison  
Marlene Valero-Calderon, Pittsfield, MA, UMASS, Amherst

**Haupt Family Scholarship**

*For students graduating from Mount Everett Regional High School who have an interest in environmental issues and education.*

Ivy Webster-Ben David, New Marlborough, MA, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
Deisy Escobar, Great Barrington, MA, Westfield State University  
Alexandra Green, Sandisfield, MA, University of Vermont  
Tyler Smith, Sheffield, MA, UMASS, Amherst

**Honorable James P. Dohoney Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School, Mount Everett Regional High School, Lenox Memorial High School, or Lee High School.*

Allen Ni, Lee, MA, Boston University  
Loghan Strzepa, Pittsfield, MA, University of Connecticut

**Housatonic School Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors who are descendants of Housatonic School graduates or whose families have lived in Housatonic for at least three of the student's four high school years.*

Dianna Colpitts, Housatonic, MA, Louisiana State University  
Meghan Kinne, Lee, MA, Providence College  
Connor Teixeira, Housatonic, MA  
Sarah Wohl, Housatonic, MA

**Jacques Parker and Marie Deguard Arts Scholarship**

*For graduating high school seniors residing in the Berkshire Taconic region who are in pursuit of higher education and/or careers in the visual arts or architecture.*

Jacob Borden, Great Barrington, MA, Columbia University  
Katarena Castagna, Pittsfield, MA, Roger Williams University



**FATHIMA CHOWDHURY**

Hudson, NY  
Hudson High School  
Attending University at Buffalo  
Emma M. Kirchhofer Scholarship

- Professional/Educational Goals: Physician's Assistant with a Bachelor's degree in Public Health or Biology
- Capital Region Independent Media's "Top 5 Changemaker Award," Youth category
- Multicultural High School Scholars Award, University at Albany
- Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology University of Rochester
- Student Council, President
- Multicultural Club President, Mock Trial member and Secretary, Environmental Club
- Conceptualized a monthly Israel-Palestine Teach-In

### **Jacques Parker and Marie Deguard Arts Scholarship** *(continued)*

Erin DeCelle, East Otis, MA, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Eva Jacinto, Dalton, MA, Ringling College of Art and Design

Annika Tucksith, Chatham, NY, Columbia University

### **James E. Bugley Scholarship**

*For high school seniors in any public high school (excluding charter institutions) in Berkshire County who wish to pursue a career in either music or vocational arts.*

Genevieve Collins, Lenox, MA, Brown University

### **Jeannine Triaux Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of New Lebanon High School entering a New York or Western Massachusetts college, university, trade or technical school, or apprenticeship.*

Riley Robertson, New Lebanon, NY, Russell Sage College

### **Jo Anne Huntley Magee Scholarship**

*For graduating students of Lenox Memorial High School in high academic standing.*

Ian Bridges, Lenox, MA, Bowdoin College

### **John and Elizabeth Laurent Family Scholarship**

*For first-generation students who have been residents of Pittsfield, MA, for at least 3 years and have received a GED or have graduated from Pittsfield High School.*

Camila Sebastian, Pittsfield, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Ivan Victoriano Fontes, Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Community College

### **John and Mary Finn Memorial Scholarship**

*For a male who has been a resident of Kent, CT for at least ten years prior to scholarship selection and is applying to a two- or four-year college program.*

Eason Zhang, Kent, CT, Brown University

### **Mark Huber Basketball Scholarship**

*For Lenox Memorial High School graduating seniors who are members of the varsity basketball team.*

Jon Reinholt, Lenox, MA

### **Margaret Derwin Scholarship**

*For a Housatonic Valley Regional High School student in their junior year who has been enrolled at the school for at least two years.*

Katerin McEnroe, Sharon, CT

Yaritza Vega, Lakeville, CT, Middlebury College

Shanea Togninalli, West Cornwall, CT, University of Rhode Island

Nichole Neiva, Salisbury, CT, Trinity College

Marguerite Bickford, Canaan, CT, West Virginia University

### **Matthew D. Reagon Scholarship**

*For graduates or graduating seniors of Webutuck High School.*

Riley Thirlwall, Millerton, NY, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Grainne Williams, Amenia, NY, SUNY Delhi

“Knowing  
that I have  
this generous  
fund to help  
alleviate  
the burden  
on my family...  
I am freed up  
to focus on  
what I am  
passionate  
about.  
What a gift...”

—Madeleine Rocheleau-Holmes,  
Ferris Burtis Scholarshi and  
Williams High School Scholarship



### McLaughlin-Wilson Scholarship

*For residents of Monterey, MA.*

Cheyenne Amstead, Monterey, MA, Plymouth State University  
John Covell, Monterey, MA, University of Vermont  
Lucien Firth, Monterey, MA, Loyola Marymount University  
Josephine Hurst, Monterey, MA  
Samuel Hurst, Monterey, MA, Bard College at Simon's Rock  
Oskar Hurst, Monterey, MA, Bard College at Simon's Rock  
Sophia Krans, Monterey, MA, Bard College at Simon's Rock  
Grace Makuc, Monterey, MA, Northeastern University  
Nadia Makuc, Monterey, MA, Princeton University  
Megan Mulvey, Monterey, MA, San Francisco State University  
Alex Rodriguez-Benjamin, Monterey, MA, Wheaton College  
Shira Sawyer, Monterey, MA, Ithaca College  
Tina Soule, Monterey, MA, University of Vermont  
Samuel Trelawny-Cassity, Monterey, MA, Vassar College

### Michael Elihu Hedges Memorial Scholarship

*For graduating Lenox Memorial High School seniors who will attend an accredited school of higher education for the purpose of enriching self and world.*

John Cooney, Lenox, MA, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Aliza Munch, Lenox, MA, George Washington University

### Monument Mountain School Center Scholarship

*For a graduating Monument Mountain Regional High School senior who has made significant contributions to the Monument Mountain school community.*

Avery Carr, East Otis, MA, Cornell University

### Myrtle and Raymond Mercier Scholarship

*For Monument Mountain High School seniors who are residents of Stockbridge, MA.*

Thomas Weston, Stockbridge, MA, Marist College

### New World Endowment

*For newly arrived immigrants to the Berkshire area.*

Laura Murphy, Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Community College  
Derly Toloza, Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Community College  
Sally Twumasi, Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Community College

### Nicholas Boraski Family Scholarship

*For a graduating senior at a public high school who has committed to pursuing further education and has lived in Berkshire County during the last two years of high school.*

Darwin Carangui Saldana, Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Community College  
Sharaya Keele, Adams, MA, Albertus Magnus College  
Bhumi Patel, Pittsfield, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Sadiya Quetti-Goodson, Pittsfield, MA, Howard University

### Northeast Dutchess Scholarship

*For graduating students of Dover High School, Millbrook Public High School, Stissing Mountain High School and Webutuck High School.*

Leandra Costa, Clinton Corners, NY, Siena College  
Daniel Diaz, Pawling, NY, Dartmouth College  
Sumer Faiola, Dover Plains, NY, Keuka College  
Skyler Fountain, Millbrook, NY, SUNY New Paltz  
Elizabeth Herena, Wingdale, NY, Binghamton University



### YARITZA VEGA

Lakeville, CT  
Housatonic Valley  
Regional High School  
Attending Middlebury College  
*Margaret Derwin Scholarship*

- Professional/Educational Goals:  
Translator with a Bachelor's degree in International and Global Studies
- Valedictorian, Class of 2024
- Vice President of Class Council and Secretary of Class Council
- Captain of the Girls' Cross-Country Team
- Travelled to Thailand to teach English to children in local schools and volunteered at an elephant sanctuary

### **Northeast Dutchess Scholarship** *(continued)*

Vicky Lin, Wingdale, NY, Stony Brook University  
Evan Matthews, Red Hook, NY, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Daisy Matus, Millerton, NY, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Eli Mayer-DeAngelis, Dover Plains, NY, Vassar College  
Nelly Michura, Wingdale NY, Binghamton University  
Chase Quinn, Pine Plains, NY, Binghamton University  
Nell Stevens, Millbrook, NY, Wellesley College  
Aaminah Syed, Pine Plains, NY, Marist College  
Jose Vazquez Nava, Millbrook, NY, SUNY Oswego  
Isabella Watz, Pine Plains, NY, University of Delaware  
Carrissa Whitehead, Millerton NY, Columbia University  
Gianna Chiappini, Wingdale, NY, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Elizabeth Hieter, Clinton Corners, NY  
Reghan Swift, Millerton, NY, Alfred State University

### **P.D. and Lucy Graybeal Wyantenuck Scholarship**

*For high school seniors who are the child or grandchild of a Wyantenuck Country Club member or employee, and Wyantenuck Club youth members.*

Gabriela Baldwin, Great Barrington, MA, Quinnipiac University

### **Peter and Doris Skorput Scholarship**

*For present residents of West Stockbridge who have been a resident for eight years to pursue a post-secondary education.*

Ava Bachman, West Stockbridge, MA, Duke University

Hunter Curletti, West Stockbridge, MA

### **Peter W. Foote Memorial Scholarship**

*For graduating high school seniors from Drury High School planning to attend a certified vocational training program or accredited college or university.*

Brooke Bishop, Florida, MA, Saint Michael's College

Ferris Miksic, North Adams, MA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

### **Pittsfield Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors who reside in Pittsfield, attend Pittsfield High School or Taconic High School, and have financial need.*

Nevaeh Williams, Pittsfield, MA, Fitchburg State University

### **Quailwood Scholarship**

*For residents of Red Rock, NY.*

Patricia Hoover, East Chatham, NY, SUNY Cobleskill

Grayson Van Wie, East Chatham, NY, Siena College

Anna Carroll, East Chatham, NY, Manhattan College

### **Rhoda Lubalin Art Scholarship**

*For Webutuck High School seniors who plan to study art.*

Reghan Swift, Millerton, NY, Alfred State University

### **Rhoda Rubin Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

*For residents of Berkshire County who have been accepted into the nursing program at Berkshire Community College having met all registration requirements and prerequisites.*

Nathalie Kwarteng, Berkshire Community College

Elizabeth Kwaw, Berkshire Community College

“I am  
immensely  
grateful  
to individuals  
who believe  
enough to invest  
in my education  
and allow me  
to pursue  
my dreams.”

—Abigail Malumphy,  
Tom Giddings  
Memorial Scholarship

### Sean Patrick French Scholarship

*For Chatham High School seniors who exemplify community service and good sportsmanship.*

Destiny De Jesus, Ghent, NY, University at Buffalo

Neil Howard, East Chatham, NY, University of Michigan

Jenna Palubeckis, Spencertown, NY, Colgate University

Sophia Squires, Valley Falls, NY, Stony Brook University

### Sweet Brook Scholarship

*For residents of northern Berkshire County who are currently working in a health care field to further their health care education and qualifications.*

April Pitroff Varellas, Cheshire, MA, Berkshire Community College

Celeste Tague, Adams, MA, Berkshire Community College

### Tabor Foundation

*For residents of and people working in northwest Litchfield County, CT, northeast Dutchess County, NY, or southeast Columbia County, NY, who plan to undertake education or training in a health care or medical field and seek employment in their community afterwards.*

Kaitlyn Cope, Millerton, NY, Hudson Valley Community College

Anne Fitzgerald, Canaan, CT, UCONN School of Social Work

Jaqueline Osnato, Millerton, NY, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU)

Camila Titone, Lakeville, CT, The Nutrition Academy

Elena Torre, Clinton, NY, SUNY Binghamton

Avery Tripp, Falls Village, CT, University of Hartford

### Teddy Lee Drumm Memorial Scholarship

*For high school graduates who have been residents of Sharon, CT, for at least two years.*

Adrienne Aakjar, Sharon, CT, Northwestern Connecticut Community College

Finn Cousins, Sharon, CT, University of Connecticut

Natalie Hudson, Sharon, CT, Elon University

Emma Colley, Sharon, CT

Elias Hill, Sharon, CT, Maine Media College

Aliza Luminati, Sharon, CT, Savannah College of Art and Design

Katya Nweeia, Sharon, CT, Western Connecticut State University

### Thomas J. Berlinghoff Scholarship

*For graduating seniors of Webutuck High School.*

Reghan Swift, Millerton, NY, Alfred State University

### Tom Giddings Memorial Scholarship

*For graduating high school seniors from one of the high schools of Pittsfield, MA who are residents of Pittsfield, MA.*

Aiden Holden, Pittsfield, MA, Siena College

Abigail Malumphy, Pittsfield, MA, UMASS, Boston

Jonathan Ofori, Pittsfield, MA, UMASS, Amherst

### Vincent Stannard Memorial Scholarship

*For students participating in higher education who are part of the Berkshire Hills school district (West Stockbridge, Stockbridge, Housatonic, Great Barrington).*

Marko Kononenko, Great Barrington, MA, Westfield State University



### MICHAEL ULLRICH

Sheffield, MA

Mt. Everett Regional High School

Attending Lincoln Technical Institute

*William J. Newton Memorial Scholarship*

- Professional Goals:  
Certified Welder and  
Metal Fabricator
- Owner of a custom  
welding business
- Skilled in crafting beautiful  
home décor pieces by  
upcycling discarded horseshoes
- Berkshire County Boys  
Basketball 1000-Point Club,  
28th place out of 80, lead  
scorer in the history of  
Mt. Everett's Boys'  
Basketball team



### **Waterman and Remillard**

*For alumni of Drury High School who are undertaking a college-level theater studies program.*

Ryan Goodell, North Adams, MA, Roger Williams University

### **West Stockbridge Grange Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors from a local high school who are residents of Great Barrington, Richmond, West Stockbridge or Stockbridge, MA, pursuing studies in a career such as agriculture, conservation, the environment, nursing, or teaching.*

Emmalee D'Aniello, Great Barrington, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Marko Kononenko, Great Barrington, MA, Westfield State University

Harold Palacio, Great Barrington, MA, Berkshire Community College

### **William and Margery Barrett Scholarship**

*For residents of Adams, Cheshire, or Savoy who were full-time residents within Adams, Cheshire, or Savoy during most of the last two years of high school.*

Jaelyn Deeley, Adams, MA, Bridgewater State University

Frank Field, Adams, MA, Keene State

Chelsea Krutiak, Savoy, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

### **William J. Newton Memorial Scholarship**

*For residents of Berkshire County entering a two-year program at a community college or a technology curriculum in a community college, technical, vocational, or trade school.*

Michael Ullrich, Sheffield, MA, Lincoln Technical Institute

Hunter Curletti, West Stockbridge, MA

Alexander Scarbro, Great Barrington, MA

### **William Stanley Scholarship**

*For high school seniors planning to attend a four-year college who have physically lived within Berkshire County during the last two years of high school.*

Masekan Bamba-Ornella, Pittsfield, MA

Noelia Salinetti, Tyringham, MA, NYU-Gallatin School of Individualized Study

Deisy Escobar, Great Barrington, MA, Westfield State University

William Garrity, Pittsfield, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Marley Zorn, Great Barrington, MA, Suffolk University

### **Williams Academy Scholarship**

*For residents of Stockbridge, MA who are college-bound graduates of Monument Mountain Regional High School.*

Theodore St. John, Stockbridge, MA, UMASS, Amherst

### **Williams High School Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School who are residents of Stockbridge or West Stockbridge to pursue a post-secondary education.*

Madeleine Rocheleau-Holmes, Pittsfield, MA, Oberlin College

Thomas Weston, Stockbridge, MA, Marist College

### **Williamson Family Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School*

Livia Reynolds, Great Barrington, MA, Westfield State University

“From the moment I picked up a welding torch, the fusion of metal under my guidance felt like an art form. What began as a curiosity soon evolved into a craft where sparks ignited not just metal, but a sense of fulfillment and purpose... I have found not just a career, but a calling.”

—Michael Ullrich,  
William J. Newton  
Memorial Scholarship

## Winthrop Crane Scholarship for Graduate Studies

*For graduates of Wahconah Regional High School or a vocational-technical program of a public high school who are planning to enroll in post graduate studies at an accredited college or university and who are/were residents of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington, or Windsor.*

Annalise Cramer, Windsor, MA, University of Georgia

Olivia Furlong, Dalton, MA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Holden Nelson, Dalton, MA, Michigan State University

Autumn Sheldon, Dalton, MA, Roger Williams School of Law

## Women's Club of the Berkshires Scholarship

*For female students who are residents of Berkshire County.*

Talia Rehill, Cheshire, MA, Harvard University

## Zenas Crane Scholarship

*For graduates of Wahconah Regional High School or a vocational-technical program of a public high school who are/were residents of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington, or Windsor.*

Emma Adams, Becket, MA, University of North Dakota

Brennan Anderson, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Daniella Barry, Dalton, MA, Pennsylvania State University

Lauren Bean, Dalton, MA, Providence College

Hanna Becker, Pittsfield, MA Keene State

Karen Betit, Dalton, MA

Brady Breitmaier, Dalton, MA

Amber Brown, Dalton, MA, Berkshire Community College

Brody Calvert, Windsor, MA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Jillian Cote, Dalton, MA, University of Rhode Island

Meghan Doane, Dalton, MA, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Emily Doyle, Dalton, MA

Sheffield Drewry, Beckett, MA, Boston College

Leah Duquette, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Eva Eberwein, Dalton, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Elliot Fletcher, Dalton, MA, Berkshire Community College

Hannah Friedman, Dalton, MA, University at Buffalo

Lilah Frissell-Filiault, Hinsdale, MA, Berkshire Community College

Liam Furlong, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Noelle, Furlong, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Adelyn Furlong, Washington, MA, Sacred Heart University

Isabelle Gale, Dalton, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Olivia Gamberoni, Dalton, MA

Aidan Garcia, Dalton, MA, Middlebury College

Britney Gaudette, Dalton, MA, Framingham State University

Lily Hinton, Hinsdale, MA, UMASS, Amherst

Eva Jacinto, Dalton, MA Ringling College of Art and Design

Sean Kays, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Dartmouth

Landen Kieman, Dalton, MA

Riley Kilmer, Dalton, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

McKenzie LaBier, Becket, MA, Bay Path University

Vincent Lanphear, Hinsdale, MA, University of New Hampshire

Klara Lytle, Dalton, MA, Framingham State University

Ryan Marauszowski, Hinsdale, MA, Merrimack College

Morgan Marauszowski, Hinsdale, MA, Assumption University

Ava Massaro, Dalton, MA, Westfield State University



## LEANDRA COSTA

Clinton Corners, NY

Stissing Mountain High School

Attending Siena College

Northeast Dutchess Scholarship

- Professional/Educational Goals: Lawyer with a BA in Political Science/Pre-Law
- Student Council Vice President
- Math Honor Society President
- Varsity Track Captain, Varsity Volleyball team
- Mock Trial, Key Club, Stissing Theater Guild, Travel Club, Gay-Straight Alliance
- Coach, Pine Plains Youth Soccer Program
- Bombarnation Buddies for kids in the Special Education program

### **Zenas Crane Scholarship** *(continued)*

Gianna McCasland, Hinsdale, MA, UMASS, Dartmouth  
Katelyn McCormack, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Boston  
Patrick McLaughlin, Dalton, MA  
Alexis McNally, Dalton, MA, Westfield State University  
Braedyn Melle, Hinsdale, MA, Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Thea Nhim, Dalton, MA, Marist College  
Aisha O'Boyle, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Kaylee O'Bryan, Dalton, MA, Eckerd College  
Aiden O'Connor, Dalton, MA, Westfield State University  
Lilly Patton, Washington, MA, College of the Holy Cross  
Brady Payson, Dalton, MA, Westfield State University  
Julia Renderer, Dalton, MA, Endicott College  
Nickolas Rimbold-Ellinger, Peru, MA, Westfield State University  
Olivia Roberts, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Boston  
Caitlin Ronayne, Dalton, MA, University of New Hampshire  
Nicolas Salinetti, Dalton, MA, University of Hartford  
Charlie Salinetti, Dalton, MA, Rochester Institute of Technology

Lily Stasiowski, Dalton, MA, North Carolina State University  
Claire Steinman, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Sarah Thomton, Washington, MA, Bentley University  
Shaun Thomton, Washington, MA, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Julia Trager, Dalton, MA, Boston College  
Logan Warden, Dalton, MA, Berkshire Community College  
Benjamin West, Dalton, MA, Western New England University  
Theodore Wildrick, Dalton, MA, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry  
Lucas Wildrick, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Grace Wildrick, Dalton, MA, Nazareth University  
Marissa Wilson, Dalton, MA, UMASS, Amherst  
Casey Wilson, Peru, MA, Clarkson University  
Daniel Wilson, Peru, MA, Clarkson University

*Note: A small number of student names do not list the college they will be attending. This information was not available at the time we went to press.*

## **Congratulations to Our Winners!**

*In addition to the many scholarships for which BTCF manages the selection process, we also have a range of scholarships where BTCF provides financial and back-office management services only, leaving the applicant selection process to other institutions. The following scholarships awarded over \$280K in 2024:*

### **Becket Scholarship Fund**

The Bluebird Fund

Bruton Fund for Williams College and MCLA

Daniel S. and Evelyn F. Smith Fund

Digital Asset Scholarship

H.V.R.H.S. Alumni Association Fund

Isringhaus Scholarship Fund

J. Edward Dery Scholarship

Make a Difference Student Debt Reduction Fund

Michael P. O'Brien Scholarship Fund

Moe England '53/England Scott Family Scholarship for Colgate

Monroe England Legacy Fund

North Adams Vietnam Veterans Chapter 54 Scholarship Fund

Roger T. Knollmeyer Scholarship Fund

Ruth P. Boraski Fund for Girls Incorporated of the Berkshires

Sadie & Charles Boraski Scholarship

Violet H. Simmons Scholarship Fund, Inc.

## **Legacy Scholarship Funds**

Many forward-thinking individuals work with Berkshire Taconic to establish scholarships that will be funded after their lifetimes with a bequest or beneficiary designation from their trust or estate. The following scholarships will be added to the Berkshire Taconic portfolio to carry on the legacies of generous donors:

### **Alan Ziter Legacy**

*For graduating high school students of McCann Technical School and Drury High School in North Adams, MA.*

### **Albert and Joseph Vinck Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors in Chatham, NY.*

### **Charles and Elinor Agar Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School.*

### **Daniel Neyland Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors of Mount Greylock Regional High School.*

### **Dorsoduro Scholarship**

*For graduating seniors and adults from northeast Dutchess County, NY.*

### **Endowed Scholarship Fund for Lenox**



# A Shared Passion Inspires a Musical Legacy

*Two Local Musicians Created The Ferris Burtis Scholarship  
to Help Young Musicians Follow Their Dreams*

The Ferris Burtis Scholarship was established in 2002 by two classical musicians, John Ferris and Herb Burtis, to aid and encourage young musicians pursuing their education and careers in classical music.

Their long and esteemed careers in music and devotion to musical excellence inspired them to support the next generation of musicians. And, as Burtis explained, “Resources for young musicians are very limited in rural areas like the Berkshires.”



*John Ferris and Herb Burtis*

John Ferris was the organist and choirmaster of Harvard University for 32 years until his retirement to Sandisfield, Mass. in 1990. He taught organ and conducting at Boston University, lectured at the Harvard Divinity School, and conducted the professional chorus, The Cantata Singers, in Boston.

Herb Burtis gained international renown as a pianist, organist, and teacher of voice. He performed throughout Europe, the West Indies, and the United States. He was the author of several books on singing and his vocal students have performed with Metropolitan Opera Company, the New York City Opera Company, and symphony orchestras throughout the globe.

In 2002, the two musicians decided to bequeath a portion of their estate to establish a scholarship fund, to be fully activated after their lifetimes. John passed away in 2008, and Herb in 2021. Herb stated before he passed away that, “Berkshire Taconic helped us through several years of grantmaking, so we could be sure that the scholarship will achieve our goals once it’s fully funded.”

The scholarship can profoundly influence the upward trajectory of a student’s life in music. Its first recipient, Yevgeny Kutik of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, received support during each of the four years of his undergraduate work at Boston University, where he studied violin with Roman Totenberg. Yevgeny earned a master’s degree from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and has a thriving professional career as a solo violinist.

Now 20 years in, the Ferris Burtis Scholarship has been awarded to more than a dozen talented, aspiring young musicians, and has enabled them to pursue their dreams.

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If you are inspired to open a scholarship fund with Berkshire Taconic, we’d love to hear from you. Please contact Eric Jette, Community Engagement Officer for Education and Scholarships at [ejette@berkshiretaconic.org](mailto:ejette@berkshiretaconic.org) or 413.229.0370 ext. 107.



“As the second oldest of five, and the first to go away for college,  
I am also setting an example for my younger siblings and many cousins...”

—Fathima Chowdhury,  
*Emma M. Kirchhofer Scholarship Winner*

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