

Greater Worcester Community Foundation awards more than \$600,000 in college scholarships

WORCESTER — The Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF) recently awarded over \$680,000 in college scholarships to local students for the 2021-22 academic year. More than 400 students were awarded scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 to assist them in beginning or continuing their college education this upcoming fall.

“With help from the Foundation, our scholarship program is an important investment in the future of our next generation,” said GWCF President and CEO Carolyn Stempler. “By removing some of the financial pressure off of students and families, we can help build a greater sense of belonging and motivation to ensure a more rewarding and impactful college experience.”

Since 1978, nearly 9,000 Worcester County students have received more than \$13.3M in scholarship awards from the Foundation. Each scholarship is endowed by local donors with eligibility criteria that reflects various interests. Over 900 applications were received and reviewed by more than 85 dedicated volunteers.

“Our scholarship program ensures that no one should have to limit their education due to financial barriers,” said Jacob Vazquez, Philanthropy Officer for GWCF’s Scholarship Program. “With our support, we’re helping to ensure a brighter future for the leaders of tomorrow. That increases the value of our program two-fold.”

Recipients were selected through a highly competitive process based on merit, financial need, and special criteria established by Foundation donors. Through GWCF’s scholarship

program, college-bound high school seniors can qualify for multiple scholarship opportunities through the Foundation’s single online application. The next application cycle will open in January 2022.

Students from the following high schools will be receiving scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year:

- Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
- Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
- Advanced Math and Science Academy
- Algonquin Regional High School
- Ashland High School
- Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School
- Auburn High School
- Bancroft School
- Bartlett High School
- Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School
- Bedford High School
- Bellingham High School
- Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School
- Burncoat High School
- Claremont Academy
- David Prouty High School
- Doherty Memorial High School
- Douglas High School
- Dover-Sherborn High School
- Fitchburg High School
- Framingham High School
- Framingham High School-Resiliency for Life
- Franklin High School
- Grafton Memorial High School
- Groton-Dunstable Regional High School
- Holliston High School

- Hopkinton High School
- Joseph P. Keefe Technical High School
- Leicester High School
- Leominster High School
- Lincoln-Sudbury High School
- Littleton High School
- Lunenburg High School
- Marianapolis Preparatory School
- Massachusetts Academy of Math & Science
- Maynard High School
- Medfield High School
- Medway High School
- Millbury Memorial Jr/Sr High School
- Millis High School
- Minuteman Regional High School
- Narragansett Regional High School
- Nashoba Regional High School
- Nashoba Valley Technical High School
- Natick High School
- Needham High School
- Nipmuc Regional Middle/High School
- North Brookfield High School
- North High School
- Northbridge High School
- Norwood High School
- Notre Dame Academy
- Oakmont Regional High School
- Oxford High School
- Phillips Academy Andover
- Quabbin Regional High School
- Quabog Regional Middle/High School
- Shepherd Hill Regional High School
- Shrewsbury High School
- South High Community School
- St. John’s High School
- St. Paul Diocesan Junior-Senior High School

- Sutton Memorial Jr/Sr High School
- Tahanto Regional High School
- Tantasqua Regional High School
- Tri-County Regional Vocational High School
- University Park Campus School
- Wachusett Regional High School
- Walpole High School
- Wayland High School
- Wellesley High School
- Westborough High School
- Westford Academy
- Worcester Technical High School

For more information, please contact Philanthropy Officer for Scholarships, Jacob Vazquez at jvazquez@greaterworcester.org.

About the Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF) is central Massachusetts’ leading community foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life in the region by connecting donors to high impact non-profits and community partners. The Foundation employs its expertise and resources to address the region’s most urgent needs. Since 1975, GWCF has worked in partnership with donors to build a \$163 million endowment and awarded close to \$125 million in grants that have helped transform communities and build a strong and vibrant region. We apply our knowledge, relationships, and resources to our work every day, combining passion and discipline to pursue a vision of Worcester’s success that works for everyone. For more information on GWCF programs and how to give, please visit www.greaterworcester.org.

Cornerstone Bank donates \$5,000 to Quinsigamond Community College Student Emergency Aid Fund

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$5,000 to Quinsigamond

Community College’s (QCC) Student Emergency Aid Fund, which was established in March of 2020 to help offset tuition costs for students at risk

of having to drop out of school due to financial hardships.

“One of our major charitable goals revolves around access to education,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “This past year and a half has proven difficult for so many people, and QCC has found a way to help their students stay enrolled and finish their degrees despite sudden financial hardships. We hope our contribution can help students continue to work towards their graduation goals.”

The Student Emergency Aid Fund has helped almost 600 students stay in college, with 90 percent of those who received aid not having to drop a class. QCC serves about 10,000 students every year with the vast majority coming from low- to moderate-income families. More than 80 percent of QCC students receive some form of financial aid.

“During the pandemic, 72 percent of students at QCC had a reduction in their working hours and almost half lost their jobs,” continued Tallman. “Even in our newfound normal, many of these students are struggling to pay their tuition. We are committed to helping ensure that students who wish to continue their education have the opportunity to do so.”

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Statement of Duties: The employee is responsible for providing a wide range of administrative and clerical support services to the Select Board as well as supporting other Town functions.

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Education and Experience: High school education or further with a minimum of 3-5 years administrative work experience preferably in municipal government and dealing with the public and the required knowledge, ability and skill to perform the essential functions of the position in an effective manner.

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A full job description can be found at www.brimfieldma.org under Board of Selectmen. Interested individuals are asked to apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Board of Selectmen, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010, or to selectmen@brimfieldma.org. Position will remain open until qualified candidate is chosen. **Posted 8/17/2021.** The town of Brimfield is an equal Opportunity provider and employer.