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Cover photo and above: Scholarship recipients with Jennyfer Holmes, Hartford Foundation scholarship and donor services officer; Edward J. Forand Jr., Hartford Foundation Board chair and Linda J. Kelly, Hartford Foundation president during the 9th annual scholarship recipient reception

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Nelson Mandela once stated that “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Gifts to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving scholarship program acknowledge the hard work of our students and help them with the rising costs of education. Higher education is necessary for our students to reach the middle class, and to be able to save for retirement and allow our nation to compete in the global economy. Every time a recipient earns a college degree, the economy is improved and the costs of crime, poverty and health care are reduced. Children who see their parents earn college degrees are more likely to earn a degree themselves. Our communities thrive when the educational levels of the residents are increased. A scholarship has a positive snowball effect — the benefits keep growing, long after the award is received.

On behalf of the scholarship recipients, thank you, donors! Your generosity offers these students an opportunity to change their lives. Together, this year, we will award nearly $1.2 million in scholarships to students attending two-year and four-year colleges and universities as well as graduate and medical schools. Your gift is changing our community, and also the world.
Hartford Foundation College Scholarship Program

Our scholarship funds were created by people and organizations of all types and from all across Greater Hartford. Their situations vary greatly. But they all share one motivation — to help students afford a college education.

Because of these donors’ generosity, last year the Hartford Foundation awarded $1.2 million in support of college scholarships to more than 625 traditional-aged students and adult learners at four-year and two-year colleges, as well as local community colleges and graduate and medical schools. Most of the scholarships for traditional-aged students are renewable, enabling students to receive significant support for each of their years in college as long as they maintain a good academic record. Moreover, these funds are endowed, which means that the Foundation can continue to award scholarships to area students.

There are three ways to make a substantial impact on area students through the Hartford Foundation:

1. You can create a named fund or contribute any amount to the Hartford Foundation’s **General Scholarship Endowment Fund**. Contributions are invested in our broadly diversified portfolio and the Fund makes renewable scholarship awards — currently of $3,000 per year for up to four years — for residents of Greater Hartford.

2. You can create a named fund or contribute any amount to the **Community College Scholarship Endowment Fund**. Contributions are invested in our broadly diversified portfolio and the Fund makes three-year escalating scholarship awards. The awards are for graduating high school seniors attending a community college in the fall after their graduation from high school and, new this year, we are awarding scholarships to non-traditional adult learners as well.

3. With a sizeable gift, you can create an **Individual Scholarship Fund** (like those listed in this brochure) and name specific selection criteria for your scholar. The Foundation can help you decide how to participate in reviewing or nominating potential recipients. We will also handle scholarship distributions and renewal applications, and help you communicate with your scholar if you choose.
Volunteering is ‘The Best Gift You Can Give Yourself’
Hartford Foundation scholarship helped Rebecca Liebm an expand her horizons

Rebecca Liebm an wants to “make the world a better place,” and she has put in numerous hours of volunteerism working toward that goal — demonstrating her commitment to both the local and global communities. As one Hartford Foundation Scholarship Committee volunteer stated, “Rebecca wants to change the world with her projects ... and she already has.”

Rebecca has traveled to New Orleans to help with a post-Hurricane Katrina clean-up. She has been to Kissimmee, Florida, to visit the Give Kids the World Village, which hosts terminally-ill children who wish to go to Disney World.

In 2012, Rebecca traveled to Africa where she spent the summer living in Kenya. There, she worked with local residents to start a business that broadens access to books and school supplies for community members.

For the past eight years, Rebecca and her family have served food to the homeless in Manchester on Thanksgiving Day. She has also been to shelters in Hartford where she “saw the needy of our community — only 20 minutes away.”

Of her experiences, Rebecca says, “In all of these situations, I’ve talked to people, heard their stories and felt their pain; but I’ve seen the smiles and felt the joy with the people I’ve helped, and that’s the best gift you can give yourself. Every time I volunteer, I get a new perspective, an appreciation for life, and a magnetism that makes me want to volunteer again.”

In June, Rebecca addressed Hartford Foundation’s 2013-14 scholarship awardees at the 9th annual Scholarship Recipient Reception, held at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford. She encouraged the recipients to also “look at life with a different perspective.”

“When you do community service, you live your life a different way from everyone else. The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has made it possible for me to have many of these experiences by subsidizing the cost of my college tuition so I could have the resources to expand my learning to outside of the classroom.”

Rebecca’s resolve to make the world a better place extends beyond her compassion for others. She is equally passionate about sustaining our environment.

While at South Windsor High School, she founded and served as president of the Environmental Club, educating students and town residents on how to lead “green” lifestyles.

Rebecca decided to attend Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, an institution known for its excellence in the field of environmental science. Now in her junior year, she is studying the environment, international development and entrepreneurship, but the rigorous demands of college life have not thwarted her endeavors to lead environmental efforts.

Rebecca is involved in several sustainable initiatives on campus to help students live a more eco-friendly lifestyle. During her sophomore year, she worked tirelessly to bring new options for water to campus so people would not have to use plastic water bottles, which create waste and contain chemicals that can negatively affect the body. She is also working with the university’s offices of Sustainability and Residential Life to improve sustainability in campus housing.

Rebecca is a great example of a Hartford Foundation scholarship recipient.
GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Hartford Foundation College Scholarship Program

The scholarship funds listed above the recipients’ names were pooled to provide one four-year renewable scholarship award.

Alliance Française of Hartford Harpin/Rohinsky Scholarship
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Alexander Stott
William H. Hall High School, West Hartford

Alexander had strong academics and was very involved in high school. He played football, was on the wrestling team and is a self-taught uilleann pipes player. He is described as inquisitive, confident and determined. He was one of only 30 students selected to study in Beijing, China, through an immersion program funded by the U.S. Department of State. He enjoys learning about different cultures and is proficient in French.

Alexander will study international business at the University College Dublin, in Ireland.

Maria Gonzalez Borrero Scholarship
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Kristen Balboni
University High School of Science and Engineering, Hartford

Medical circumstances in Kristen’s family have drawn her toward a career in nursing. She writes: “I want to be able to help families as they support their ill loved ones.” Kristen accumulated a strong academic record in math and the sciences, and served as the chief executive officer of the Robotics Team. She helped the team grow from a small group in her freshman year to a team of 50 in her senior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society in 2012 and also found time to volunteer at a Manchester elementary school as a teacher’s assistant.

Kristen will pursue nursing at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

W. Philip Braender and Nancy Coleman Braender Scholarship
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Marissa Green
Windsor High School

Marissa is an intelligent, hardworking and talented young woman who is very enthusiastic about pursuing a career in music therapy. Music therapy is an established health profession that uses music within a therapeutic setting to address physical, emotional, cognitive and social needs of an individual. An accomplished musician who plays the tuba and the piano, Marissa saw how her performances positively affected her great grandmother and others in a nursing home setting, and how it helped an autistic friend. Marissa is known as independent, fun-loving and spirited. She was a member of the varsity lacrosse and field hockey teams at Windsor High.

Marissa will attend Salve Regina University.
Connecticut Mortgage Bankers Social Affairs Committee Scholarship
KR Wealth Management Scholarship
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Dylan Iacoboni
RHAM (Regional Hebron, Andover, Marlborough) High School

Interested in a career in business administration, Dylan was a finalist in the statewide business and ethics competition and was vice president of the Leo Club (the high school affiliate of the Lion’s Club), and treasurer of his class. He was also a volunteer for the Special Olympics, running alternate segments with his special needs partner. While pursuing his many extracurricular activities, Dylan maintained an excellent academic record. He plans to major in business administration and economics.

Dylan will attend Bentley University.

Day, Pitney LLP Scholarship
Symee Ruth Feinberg Memorial Scholarship
James A. Jones Memorial Fund

Kahari Mickens
High School, Inc., Hartford’s Insurance and Finance Academy

Kahari Mickens has always been passionate about learning. He speaks several languages and plays several musical instruments. He has a facility for numbers and likes nothing better than to spend time in a geometry or calculus class. Kahari admires eccentricity and likes to think “out of the box.” He considers himself a problem-solver and believes that we should look at issues from many perspectives. He enjoys public speaking and relishes the opportunity to share his opinions with others. Kahari is considered to be a natural leader with a strong commitment to his community and his family. He wishes to be a good example for his four younger siblings.

Kahari will attend Hampshire College to study psychology and mathematics.

Day, Pitney LLP Scholarship
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Fahim Hasan
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, Hartford

Fahim was valedictorian of his high school class. He aspires to be a brain surgeon and to conduct medical research. He was inspired to become a doctor because when receiving medical care he saw deficiencies in the medical system. He saw a need for better care and a need for doctors to show more compassion. As he has demonstrated in many of his friendships, he has a natural ability to help others and be supportive. With his ingenuity and other skills he knew he could make a difference in the field. His leadership skills have been developed through his participation as the Ambassador/Volunteer Coordinator for the National Honor Society, role as a peer tutor and volunteer for the Acton Public Library in Old Saybrook. He was inspired to attend college by his father.

Fahim plans to major in physiology and neurobiology at the University of Connecticut.

Day, Pitney LLP Scholarship
Antoinette Shippen Mason Scholarship
MassMutual Foundation for Hartford, Inc. Scholarship

Trudian Finnikin
High School Inc., Hartford’s Insurance and Finance Academy

Trudian was valedictorian of her high school class. She is described as determined, goal-oriented and hardworking. Her success also extends into athletic pursuits. Although she initially had a fear of horses, she overcame her fear to try an equestrian sport. After little training, she participated in several competitions and became an accomplished equestrian. Through this experience she recognized that the challenges she faced in learning a sport that was foreign to her mirror the challenges of life. Due to this, she became more disciplined and focused, especially when stepping outside of her comfort zone. Trudian aspires to have a career in sports management to combine her love for sports and business.

Trudian will attend Hampton University as a business administration major.
Day, Pitney LLP Scholarship  
**Alice M. Neenan Memorial Scholarship**

**Simeon Williams**  
*High School Inc., Hartford’s Insurance and Finance Academy*

President of the Unity Team, board member of the Prom Committee, head photographer of the yearbook staff, Peer Mediation Ambassador, president of the Senior Class, and member of the National Honor Society are just a few of the activities and accomplishments that define this young man. Because of Simeon’s hard work and dedication, he earned the privilege of attending Morgan State’s Summer Academy of Math and Science Program last summer. Simeon worked at Brookstone and volunteered at the Gifted Onez Performing Arts Company and Catholic Charities while maintaining his honor roll status. Simeon has a strong interest in business. He has shown his entrepreneurial skills and leadership by starting and maintaining a hot dog cart to support his senior class. Simeon is determined to use these skills and talents in creating a successful business someday.

Simeon plans to attend Central Connecticut State University.

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**Harry A. Donn Scholarship**  
**Lillian C. Donn Scholarship**  
**Fontana Family Scholarship**  
**Hartford Grammar School Scholarship**

**Daniel Muñoz**  
*Bulkeley High School, Hartford*

Daniel’s “grades...are a clear indicator of his great promise” as he goes to college, said his school counselor. Having learned from his mother that “hard work always pays off” and that “you can be anything you want to be, as long as you work hard to obtain it,” Daniel persevered with great determination to place himself at the top of his high school class. He has also given his time and talents to many school and community organizations, including Student Council, Key Club, the Red Cross and The Salvation Army. Daniel is interested in majoring in business and hopes to be a positive role model for the children of his community.

Daniel plans to attend the University of Connecticut.

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**KJ Foster Scholarship**  
**Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Psi Boulé Scholarship**

**Horace Robinson**  
*Classical Magnet School, Hartford*

A National Honor Society member and co-captain of his high school basketball team, Horace has demonstrated academic and athletic success. In addition, he stands out for his strength of character, tutoring boys in writing and encouraging them to participate in sports. Horace works to be a role model for inner city boys so they don’t become involved with negative influences. He will be the first male in his family to attend college. He plans on pursuing a degree in business management.

Horace will attend Providence College.

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**The Interracial Scholarship Fund of Greater Hartford**  
**Daniel Clark Perkins Fund**

**Morgan Ziegler**  
*Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, Hartford*

If something just doesn’t add up, Morgan will be able to detect it. As a criminal justice and mathematics major, Morgan plans to prepare herself well for a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a forensic accountant. Morgan is no stranger to hard work, both in and out of class. She held two part-time jobs while in high school and has developed strong customer service skills. Her effort is enhanced by the teamwork skills she developed during her participation in soccer, golf and softball. Always eager to help others, Morgan saved two people from drowning during her time as a lifeguard over the past two summers.

Morgan will pursue her undergraduate degree at Norwich University.
Irving Goldberg Latin Scholar
Meyer-Kimball Memorial Scholarship

Michael Farrell
Conard High School, West Hartford

Michael didn’t think he would be accepted into an Ivy League school and was pleasantly surprised to be admitted to Harvard University. His teachers were well aware that from a young age he was committed to his school work. One said Michael “is the most impressive student I have encountered during my 11 years” of teaching. The many academic awards he received during high school also attest to this observation. Outside of academics, Michael has been a dedicated musician, playing piano since second grade and trumpet since fourth grade, and playing with the concert jazz band in his junior and senior years. He is also an athlete, participating as a varsity member of his school’s swim team. Michael was an active volunteer in his school and in his community, including participating on his class board to raise money for and plan class activities, and with his church to raise funds to donate to relief efforts in Haiti. Michael’s academic interests include biomedical engineering and law, and he would like to build a career that combines those two pursuits.

Michael will attend Harvard University.

Robert B. and Francine L. Goldfarb Family Scholarship
Clark Family Fund
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Sean Petersen
RHAM (Regional Hebron, Andover, Marlborough) High School

Sean has been a leader in his school and community while maintaining a strong academic record. Among many activities, Sean was a youth director for RHAM Youth and Family Services and a student representative on the RHAM Board of Education. He also served on the State Student Advisory Council. Sean’s school counselor said, “There have been few students that have impressed me as much as this young man. He is an honest person, true to his values, and ambitious in his humanitarianism; a leader in every aspect of his life.”

Sean’s interests are in international business and finance. He hopes to one day work in the global arena.

Sean plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Fred H. Greenwood Engineering Scholarship
Ilene and Marty Kaplan Scholarship
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Daijah Tindle
Capital Preparatory Magnet School, Hartford

Daijah is looking forward to a boundless career — literally. She describes herself as being creative and as an inventor who believes that the sky is the limit. In fact, she believes in the sky so much that she aspires to become an astronaut! While she plans to major in aerospace engineering, Daijah also plans to take classes in sociology, history and nutrition. Her Senior Social Justice Project focused on designing a lecture and teaching middle school students the importance of good nutrition. As an athlete, the demands of crew, track and lacrosse have well prepared Daijah for the rigors of an aeronautical career.

Daijah is excited to attend the University of Hartford.
Alyssa Serrambana
Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Alyssa applied to colleges that offered an open curriculum with the “right vibe” for her performing arts major in theatre and film. She notes that she is “going into college with a completely open mind.” Alyssa was responsible for all the stage activity for a middle school production of “Mulan” and also served as a mentor to her young students. Alyssa holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and is also very involved in leading workshops about anti-bullying. Having received extensive training in dance, theatre, piano and voice, she is also an outstanding scholar. Her high school transcript is completely covered with A and A+ grades.

Alyssa will attend Sarah Lawrence College.

Aisha Dumbuya
Classical Magnet School, Hartford

Aisha is a strong student, an outstanding athlete, and an active citizen in her community. She is a well-rounded young woman who earned membership in the National Honor Society and the Latin Honor Society, and a runner who made the All-Conference Track Team and set a school record. She has been very active with the ACTION club and Camp Anytown, both of which work to reduce bias, and to celebrate diversity. Aisha’s parents have encouraged her academic pursuits and told her that “education is the only thing that is truly your own.” Aisha wishes to become a special education teacher, and will study psychology and special education in college.

Aisha plans to attend Wheaton College.

Clarissa Mercado
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, Hartford

As vice president of her senior class, Clarissa stayed involved with all the planning for graduation and other events throughout the year that supported the Class of 2013. In the community, Clarissa was active as a volunteer for the “Teens as Teachers Program” at the UConn Health Center and with the Community Renewal Team, where she helped design a reference guide for students that directs them to jobs and summer programs. Clarissa earned High Honors at SMSA and is described by one teacher as a student who embodies the four core values at her school: discipline, dedication, responsibility and respect. Clarissa describes herself as a lifelong learner and is eager to pursue her studies locally.

Clarissa plans to attend the University of Connecticut.

Brendan Sullivan
University High School of Science and Engineering, Hartford

Brendan is a Boy Scout who received the honor of Eagle Scout. Because of Brendan’s strong interest in math and engineering, his Eagle Scout project consisted of constructing a footbridge and two 12-foot boardwalks in sections of the Oak Grove Nature Center in Manchester that were flooded. In addition to taking advanced math classes, Brendan volunteered at the Lutz Children’s Museum, worked as a Nature Camp assistant and was an altar server at his parish.

Brendan will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
Nina L. Hartin Memorial Scholarship  
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Kalayah Curry  
Hartford Journalism and Media Academy at Weaver High School

Kalayah’s teacher describes her as an outgoing, self-motivated student. She aspires to work as an actuary, as well as teach, perform and choreograph dance. Her skills and talents are multifaceted, for she can discuss intricacies of calculus, offer perceptive insights into advanced literature and about dance, her greatest passion. She has devoted many hours every week teaching children whose families could not afford lessons. Kalayah’s deceased grandfather was and is an inspiration to her. His confidence in her inspired her to overcome obstacles and strive for academic excellence. Kalayah is the youngest grandchild and will be the first grandchild to graduate from high school.

Kalayah will attend Temple University.

Wendy and Boyd Hinds Memorial Scholarship

Jendayi Nelson  
Hartford Public High School, Academy of Nursing and Health Sciences

Jendayi has overcome many family struggles. Yet, through determination and focus Jendayi was able to maintain strong academics and is hopeful about her future. She aspires to obtain a bachelor’s degree in nursing and then attend graduate school to study naturopathic medicine. Her mother’s illness has been a factor in her increasing interest in medicine. She wants to make a difference in the field and is dedicated to becoming the best she can be and making her mother proud.

Jendayi will attend Western Connecticut State University.

Winifer Rosario  
Hartford Public High School, Law and Government Academy

Winifer is committed to pursuing her education and to helping those around her. A leader in the classroom and in her community, Winifer excelled as a high school student and serves as a role model to the elementary school children she tutored in reading. Her bond with young children serves as a springboard toward her future career as a pediatrician. Her perfect attendance from 2009-2011 exemplifies her commitment to pursuing the highest academic achievement she could attain in high school. Whether interviewing city mayors or meeting Nobel Peace Prize winners, Winifer is comfortable in a crowd, with children and adults. As the first in her family to attend college, Winifer is greatly looking forward to earning her undergraduate degree.

Winifer will attend Providence College.

Winifer Rosario:  
“I have learned that to be able to expand and grow it is necessary to step out of my comfort zone. I do not want to be bored with life; I want to be able to say, ‘Wow! I did that? I’m awesome!’ I love learning and when I come across something that is worthwhile, I share it. I am the type of person that masters a new skill and then goes on to help others master it as well.”

ALL of our scholarship recipients have done community service; many have also worked part-time jobs.
Akeem Allen
Pathways Academy of Technology and Design, Windsor

Akeem had the goal of becoming an entrepreneur from an early age. His high school academics and activities demonstrate his commitment to achieving this goal. Akeem and a partner, as members of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, created a business together. They participated in competitions as well. His advisor says Akeem “possesses the unique quality of integrity. The highest courage is to dare to be you in the face of adversity. He chooses right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity … these are the choices that measure his life.” In addition to his business, Akeem participated in his church’s music program, worked for his town, was the manager of the Sound Production Club and was a member of the Poetry Club. Akeem is determined to receive the education he needs to make two of his goals a reality, to be a successful businessman and to give back to his family and community.

Akeem will attend Babson College.

Herman P. Kopplemann Scholarship

Larissa Brown
Enrico Fermi High School, Enfield

Since eighth grade, Larissa has been consistently challenging herself academically. She is proud to be the first person in her family to attend college. Being able to join the National Honor Society in her junior year of high school was a highlight for her, affirming her hard work and academic achievements. Also a committed athlete, Larissa was a varsity member of both the indoor and outdoor track teams. She is a record-holder in two distance running events. As a volunteer, Larissa participated in her town’s Fourth of July and Jack-O-Lantern events, at the senior center with her school’s Leo Club (the high school affiliate of the Lion’s Club), and in her community at the Enfield Food Shelf. In college, Larissa will explore her interests in both business and medicine, and is planning to major in health science.

Larissa will attend Quinnipiac University.
Adam Sandone  
*Windsor Locks High School*  
Adam is an avid reader and writer and loves to learn. He excelled academically at Windsor Locks High School. He is a very well-spoken young man who has set clear goals for himself. He is committed to raising awareness for organ donation and is active for the cause. Aside from being an Eagle Scout, Adam also loves music and plays several instruments including the drums, saxophone and banjo. Adam has dedicated time to the Future Business Leaders of America and the Boyz to Men Leadership group.

Adam will join the Honors Program at Central Connecticut State University.

Rae and Abraham Kopplemann Additional Fund  
Jean Camille Ersando  
*Windsor High School*  
Fueled by her passion for community service and volunteerism, Jean was very active in the Key Club and served as treasurer. After Hurricane Sandy came to Connecticut and demolished her high school’s courtyard, Jean helped rebuild it. Jean, along with several friends, worked diligently to restore the courtyard, which is viewable from every classroom. It was Jean’s “WW” soil bed design honoring the Windsor Warriors that ended up in the finished product. As a proud field hockey team captain, this project holds special meaning for Jean, and is the first of many designs to come.

Jean will pursue a degree in architecture at the Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Sylvia H. Koski Scholarship  
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund  
Jonathan Rush  
*Windsor High School*  
Jonathan is totally engaged in music and was a leader in high school. He was president of his class and the marching band drum major for three years. His principal said, “I have not met any student who inspired me more with the sum of who he is and the potential of who he will become.” His academic record reflects both challenge and success, but his strength and character have made him an exceptional leader. Jonathan’s participation in community and school activities reflects his dedication to music, service and leadership. He plans to major in music education, with goals of becoming both a teacher and a conductor.

Jonathan will attend The Ohio State University.

Noble E. and Emma Belknap Lord Memorial Scholarship  
Ashley Arthur  
*William H. Hall High School, West Hartford*  
Ashley has shown strong leadership in and out of the classroom. She graduated with a GPA above a 4.0. One of her teachers describes Ashley as a student who is always prepared, who perseveres and has a positive and ready-to-learn attitude. Ashley is family-oriented and serves as a role model for her younger siblings. She will be the first in her family to attend college. Her plans include pursuing a career as a medical doctor. A few activities she is most proud of are her fundraising efforts for March of Dimes, her leadership roles in Future Business Leaders of America and her involvement as an English for Speakers of Other Languages tutor.

Ashley will attend the University of Connecticut, Greater Hartford Campus.

Rebecca Baierwick  
*Simsbury High School*  
Tri-M Music Honor Society member, National Honor Society member, co-founder of the Ukulele Club, volunteer for the Students for Human Rights Club and active church member all describe a talented, intelligent, compassionate young woman whose goal is to become an architect. Achieving that goal recently became more difficult as Rebecca’s family faced job losses and financial difficulties. But as her math teacher said, when Rebecca has trouble she simply becomes more determined to find a solution. Her tremendous desire to succeed and her positive attitude have helped her get one step closer to her goal.

Rebecca will attend Carnegie Mellon University.
Susan Grimshaw  
*Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford*

Susan evinces great empathy and a desire to serve others. Susan has abundant enthusiasm for the process, skills and tools of engineering as she seeks to create and improve things. Her passion for helping others is leading her toward a career in engineering that focuses on products and systems that will help disadvantaged people have access to ordinary lives. Susan’s passion for detail and design extends into the arts as well. Having served as a stage manager, Susan was instrumental in productions of “A Christmas Carol” and “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.” She also sings in concert choirs and has been playing the fiddle for more than nine years.

Susan will attend Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering.

**Julie Kelman**  
*William H. Hall High School, West Hartford*

Julie is described by her school counselor as a “dedicated, compassionate and motivated student” and “an extraordinary individual with many talents and interests.” In addition to excelling academically, Julie is especially proud that she founded and was co-president of her school’s Community Service Club, organizing over 60 volunteers and matching them with community needs. She was also the co-captain of the varsity tennis team and, through the team, part of the Central Connecticut Conference All-Academic team. Julie is interested in biology and medicine and she was happy to have inspired the next generation of scientists in the Chem 4 Kids tutoring program. She has already been accepted into her university’s medical school.

Julie will attend Northwestern University.

**Jessica Leonard**  
*Windsor High School*

Jessica co-founded the Project Earth student club at Windsor High School. Through this club, she helped to raise funds to purchase recycling bins and plant seven dogwood trees. She has been described as a caring, smart leader. From the age of 6, Jessica helped her grandparents with the family farm by providing assistance at the fruit and vegetable stand. Through this work she learned how to persevere in hot weather and how to work with all types of customers, including those who were not courteous. In college she aspires to study business with a focus in marketing. After graduation she would like to work for a nonprofit organization.

Jessica will attend the University of Connecticut.

**Dalton Minor**  
*University High School of Science and Engineering, Hartford*

Attending college is a natural choice for Dalton. He knows that he will enhance his opportunities with a college degree. Through his studies and his sports activities, Dalton is learning that dedication, not just natural ability, pays off. His pace in cross country and track and field propelled him further in his development as an athlete and scholar. Dalton can constantly “see problems that can be solved, tests that can be run, data to collect and analyze, and relationships that can be modeled” and thus will pursue a degree in computer science. His goal is to write code for servers, working in algorithm development or data management.

Dalton is attending the University of Connecticut.

**Brittany Schultz**  
*Granby Memorial High School*

Brittany has had major accomplishments this past year, such as receiving the Scholar Athlete Award in softball, being inducted into the National Honor Society and representing Granby at Girls’ State. These accomplishments have not come easy for her since her mother passed away unexpectedly this year. Her teachers have been impressed with how much she has grown and know that when Brittany sets her mind on something, she will not rest until she achieves her goal. In addition to coping and maintaining her grades, Brittany coached second grade basketball, participated in the Leo Club (the high school affiliate of the Lion’s Club) and volunteered for the local library book sale.

Brittany is attending the University of Connecticut, Greater Hartford Campus.
Alexandra Solazzo
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts

Lexi is “diligent, conscientious, and thorough … Then I saw Lexi dance … Lexi came alive on stage,” wrote one of her teachers, and “The confidence that she exhibits as a dancer has extended itself into her academics.” Lexi is truly a student athlete, not only as a trained dancer, but also as a left defender on a premier traveling soccer club team for the past six years. Her work ethic, drive and commitment to all her activities demonstrate great potential. Lexi plans to become a professional dancer and a dance therapist.

Alexandra will attend Goucher College.

Delisa Williamson
University High School of Science and Engineering, Hartford

For Delisa, “no place is better than a world created from the pages of a book.” She is an inquisitive young lady whose interests fall strongly in two categories: dentistry and literature. Delisa’s love and passion for reading and literature is equal to her love of the STEM subjects. Delisa has been fascinated with dentistry since she was a very young child. She has spent time doing research in the field, talking to and shadowing her own dentist as well. Her care and compassion for others is evident in her community service projects, particularly her work with the elderly.

Delisa plans to major in biology at Southern Connecticut State University.

Matthew Wilson
Wethersfield High School

Very soon, Matthew will be asking for your vote! Matt is an active participant in civic life, a rare quality among his peers. Matthew’s first major experience with politics came when his classmates elected him as student representative to the Wethersfield Board of Education. Although not a voting member, Matthew had the opportunity to inform the board of issues faced by high school students. Through his appointment to the CT-01 Congressional Youth Cabinet, Matt has also had the chance to testify before state and federal committees about the impact of the recession and the unemployment rate on children.

Matt plans to major in political science at American University.

Meyer-Kimball Memorial Scholarship
Michelle Insignares
East Catholic High School, Manchester

Michelle’s high school career was outstanding academically, and she also was involved in extracurricular activities as a volunteer for STRETCH (Service That Requires Engaging the Compassionate Heart), and as a leader in the Burr School tutoring program. Michelle kept track of other volunteers, their hours, and the ongoing relationship between the schools. Being intrigued by the world of science, Michelle was a member of the Project Earth Club and the Science Club, and attended a Forensic Science Camp at a local university. She hopes to major in biology in college and study pre-med, ultimately going to medical school and working as a doctor in a hospital emergency room. She sees herself as a role model and leads by example.

Michelle will attend Assumption College.

Some of the 2013-14 scholarship recipients aspire to…
- “work as a cardiologist with Doctors Without Borders”
- “stop human trafficking”
- “publish a novel”
- “design landscapes”
- “discover a new biomedical technique”
Simone Tucker
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts

Simone is passionate about music. Learning how to play the piano from a young age taught her how to work hard and showed her that she was capable of accomplishing anything she set her mind to do. She aspires to be a professional pianist and to teach others music. Simone is excited about attending college and the opportunities she will have to grow and develop as an artist. She is very thankful for the many opportunities she has had while growing up in Hartford. She is proud of her community and committed to giving back. Simone will attend the University of Hartford.

Murtha Cullina LLP Scholarship

J’Vaughn Joseph
University High School of Science and Engineering, Hartford

Calm and confident, J’Vaughn seems well-suited for his goal of becoming an air traffic controller. He is humble, dedicated and mature beyond his years. He also possesses a keen wit, and the wisdom to know when to use it. J’Vaughn has been a leader in a variety of school and community activities. His ability to lead and motivate others is demonstrated through his achievement in the Civil Air Patrol, his leadership role in the Boy Scout Explorer Program and his election as president of the student council. He is an Emergency Medical Technician and a Hartford Fire Explorer. Even with his many extracurricular activities, he maintained high academic standing. J’Vaughn will attend LeTourneau University.

Murtha Cullina LLP Scholarship
AB Club Scholarship Foundation Fund established by John D. Wardlaw
Frederick G. Adams Scholarship

Moneque Beckford
Culinary Arts Academy at Weaver High School, Hartford

When you get to know Moneque, you see the poise of a great athlete and the confidence of an outstanding student. Moneque came to Hartford from Jamaica at age 15, and faced culture shock, but she adjusted to many differences, including using English instead of her native Jamaican Patois. A mere three years later, she graduated as her school’s valedictorian. She also broke school records as a sprinter (and captain) of the track team. Moneque is focused and determined. She has a clear vision of doing missionary work in Africa after college and becoming a minister. She would also like to help people who are battling substance abuse, as she has witnessed those struggles in her community.

Moneque plans to attend Southern Connecticut State University and major in religion and psychology.
Compassion comes to mind when others are asked about Julia’s best quality. While still a young girl in Ghana, a medical condition brought Julia to the United States. The care and compassion she received here in the U.S. greatly influenced her desire to pursue a career in pediatric medicine and work across the globe. She prepared herself in high school by taking a class working with nursing home patients and taking AP and Honors chemistry and biology courses. She also serves as an assistant choir director in Soul Healers. Julia greatly desires to “become a member of a health organization that helps in saving the lives of children around the world.”

Julia plans to major in biology while attending the University of Connecticut.

Erin is described by her teachers and classmates as extremely hardworking, enthusiastic, conscientious and gifted. She has a passion for horses and has participated in many aspects of the equine field, such as equestrian competitions, awards for equine judging and leadership training under the auspices of the Future Farmers of America. She undertook a very challenging academic course load and graduated in the top 1 percent of her class while maintaining a mix of charitable community work and athletic interests such as track and field.

Erin will attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Stephanie has a passion for math. This passion translated into a career path when she participated in two internships in civil engineering and aerospace engineering. Not only did she excel in academics, Stephanie was treasurer of the Student Council, worked on the yearbook and participated in Career Beginnings. Self-described as quiet and shy, Stephanie often places herself in situations that force her to break out of her comfort zone. The first time she did this was in seventh grade by entering in a school-wide spelling bee. With the encouragement of her principal, she placed third. More recently she participated in the National Academy Foundation’s science program where she was asked to present the results of her group’s engineering project. She was proud of her efforts. Raised by a single mother and the first in her family to attend college, Stephanie was taught that hard work is rewarding and education is the key to success.

Stephanie will attend Central Connecticut State University.

Nicolas has a passion for technology and mechanical engineering. He “is a highly intelligent and conscientious young man,” said his teacher, “and a hardworking and dedicated student.” Nic himself says he has set his mind on being the first in his family to graduate from college and credits his parents for inspiring him. In addition to excelling in academics, Nic played on the varsity tennis team and volunteered at an emergency shelter and at his church. He sought out and took advantage of the opportunity to work alongside a head mechanic at an auto repair business, learning about the care and maintenance of automobiles, and also about the science of building cars. Nic plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Nicolas will attend Northeastern University.
Dorothy L. and Justin R. Tucker Scholarship
Alan E. Green Hartford Housing Authority Scholarship Fund

Khalil Harris-Abrams
High School Inc., Hartford’s Insurance and Finance Academy

Khalil is a scholar and an athlete. He counts himself lucky to have been enrolled in High School Inc. where he says his “school work and projects took on a ... different meaning” because of his interactions with and practical experiences in the business world. His teachers have commented on his work ethic and his ability to articulate his thoughts and ideas. Khalil also participated in three varsity sports in high school — basketball, baseball and football. He was the co-captain of the football team and captain of the baseball team. He is proud to be the recipient of the 2012 Richard Weaver-Bey Youth Leadership Award. Khalil is also an active member and leader in his church’s youth ministry program. In college, Khalil hopes to major in business and pursue a career in sports management.

Khalil will attend Hampton University, his parents’ alma mater.

Thomas J. Villano Scholarship
Daniel Clark Perkins Fund

Kathryn Newton
Conard High School, West Hartford

Kate is an intelligent and personable young lady. She works hard on her academics, and was in the top 10 percent of her very competitive class. Her academic success earned her induction into the National Honor Society. She participated in soccer, gymnastics and track and field throughout high school. She was named captain in both track and field and gymnastics. She takes her role in athletics very seriously and holds herself to high standards. Community involvement plays an important role in Kate’s life. She volunteers on various mission trips and she is co-president of the “Lose the Training Wheels” program that teaches special needs children to ride bicycles. She raised $15,000 this year to keep this program going in her community. Kate is interested in studying sports medicine or physical therapy.

Kate plans to attend the University of Connecticut.

Elmer Cooke Young — Ethel Taylor Young Scholarship

Benjamin Doolittle
Windsor High School

Not often do you meet a young man with a black belt in Karate who enjoys (and teaches) skiing, and who is also an aspiring author. This is Ben Doolittle. Ben has been involved in karate for more than 10 years, and it has taught him self-control, discipline, respect and confidence. It has also given him an interest in the Asian culture, which he would like to explore in more depth in college, perhaps even majoring in Japanese. Ben also teaches skiing on winter weekends, and is currently writing two books, inspired by the fantasy writings of J.R.R. Tolkien. Ben is described by his school counselor as passionate about all that he does.

Ben will attend Skidmore College.
Lucia Greene  
*Glastonbury High School*

Lucia wants to stay close to home for college and will follow in her father’s footsteps and attend the University of Connecticut. She describes her purpose in life “to heal and to help” and has been involved in a host of organizations in high school. She is most proud of her membership in the drama club where she appeared in several plays. Her teachers describe her as focused, hardworking, personable, collaborative and kind. With all of these attributes, Lucia will certainly succeed in reaching her career goal as a broadcast journalist.

Lucia will attend the University of Connecticut.

Jonathan Kaplan  
*Glastonbury High School*

Described as a joyful young man by his teachers, Jonathan is a gifted student. Those who know him cite strong communication and interpersonal skills along with motivation and maturity as the key factors contributing to his success. After lettering every year in high school, Jonathan has earned a spot on a Division I college team through his dedication and perseverance. While a busy student athlete, Jonathan took the initiative to coach others to help insure the future strength of his high school’s lacrosse team. Jonathan is also very involved in community service, having participated in several fundraisers to benefit the American Brain Tumor Association.

Jonathan will attend the University of Vermont and major in business.

Adam McCann  
*Windsor High School*

Adam has successfully pursued the most challenging of academic courses in high school. He was inducted into the Latin Honor Society as well as the National and French honor societies. He has attended several summer programs sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. These programs concentrate on topics such as politics in the Middle East, ancient Greek and international politics. In addition to being gifted academically, Adam is a skilled musician. He has received recognition both by the Windsor High School Orchestra program and the town’s Community Orchestra. Adam is an active member of his church’s youth group, he volunteers at a local nursing home and serves meals at a local shelter. He is planning on a double major in international politics and writing.

Adam will attend Johns Hopkins University.

Douglas Peters  
*Windsor High School*

Douglas has a dream. His greatest desire is to become Teacher of the Year as an elementary school teacher. His kindness and compassion exude as he plans to fulfill this dream. Doug has taken great care to pay attention in school and participate in activities that would boost his efforts academically. His observations of his mother as she teaches in her preschool class have helped fuel his desire to teach young children, especially those with special needs. As a member of the National Honor Society, editor-in-chief of the school paper and member of the orchestra, Doug loves school and wants to instill that same feeling in young children. As a gifted string musician, he plans to promote reading skills through music in his classroom.

Doug will attend Vassar College.

Gwendolyn Peyton  
*Windsor High School*

Gwendolyn aspires to join the Peace Corps after college graduation. She ultimately wants a career that will allow her to help others. Gwendolyn is described as responsible, hardworking and committed to community service. At Windsor High School, she excelled in academics and in extracurricular activities, resulting in an award from the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents for excellence in community service. She served as the vice president of the Key Club and Donate Life Connecticut, where she helped to fundraise and bring awareness to organ and tissue donation. Her father suffered from liver disease and this fuels her dedication to making a difference and helping those in need.

Gwendolyn has been accepted into the honors program at the University of Connecticut.

Since 1945, the Hartford Foundation has awarded over 5,900 scholarships.
First-time recipients from funds held at the Hartford Foundation

The Hartford Foundation congratulates the following students and acknowledges the generosity of the individuals, families and organizations that have created funds to make these scholarships possible.

This list includes students who have received first-time awards as of July 1, 2013 for the 2013-14 academic year.

Officer Brian A. Aselton Memorial Scholarship
- Kylie Hanlon: East Hampton High School
- Tyler O’Connell: Tolland High School
- Linda Parlapiano: South Windsor High School
- Sydney Reichin: Simsbury High School
- Christian Rodriguez: Enrico Fermi High School, Enfield
- Julia Sirois: Manchester High School
- Lindsay Stoldt: East Hampton High School
- Leah Zavalick: Glastonbury High School

Sara Jackson Batchelder Fund
- Erica Byrd: A. I. Prince Technical High School, Hartford

Lebbeus F. Bissell Scholarship
- Julie Bezanson: Ellington High School
- Luke LaBranche: Ellington High School
- Caitlyn Landry: Rockville High School, Vernon

David T. Black Memorial Fund
- Marc Palmer: Franklin and Marshall College
- Margaret Rowe: William H. Hall High School, West Hartford

J. Leo Bodo Scholarship
- Jessica Kilpatrick: Killingly High School
- Jordan Provost: Killingly High School

Phyllis Kosiorek Cordner and Roy R. Cordner Scholarship
- Mehrin Bhuller: Rockville High School, Vernon
- Alicia Biske: Rockville High School, Vernon
- Michelle Congleton: Manchester High School
- Alison D’Oleo-Lundgren: East Catholic High School, Manchester
- Michelle Giola: East Catholic High School, Manchester
- Paige Gorman: East Catholic High School, Manchester
- Justine Jarvis: Manchester High School
- Jessica Petritus: Manchester High School
- Shailfur Rahman: Manchester High School
- Mae Sullivan: Manchester High School

Farmington UNICO Scholarship
- Danielle Dickinson: Farmington High School
- Alexander Suk: Conard High School, West Hartford
- Minh Tran: Farmington High School
- Amanda Wedge: Farmington High School

Ethel Cushing Gardner Fund Scholarship
- Stacey Yazo: Ithaca College

Glastonbury Memorial Scholarship
- Yeboa Amofa: Glastonbury High School
- Richard Anderson: Glastonbury High School
- Sarah Bengtson: Glastonbury High School
- Mark Colleran: Glastonbury High School
- Kelsey Finn: Glastonbury High School
- Erica Hyland: Glastonbury High School
- Jugerta Istrefi: Glastonbury High School
- Richard Jeong: Glastonbury High School
- Savannah Kelly: Glastonbury High School
- Anna Lundberg: Glastonbury High School
- Luis Mejias: Glastonbury High School
- Nicholas Montminy: Glastonbury High School
- Ushma Patadia: Glastonbury High School
- Briana Tucker: Glastonbury High School
- Jennifer Youn: Glastonbury High School

Kristine Barbara Guest Memorial Fund
- Victoria Ashley: Conard High School

Hartford Whalers Booster Club Scholarship
- Patrick Dowd: Wethersfield High School
Jennifer Hodges Fund Scholarship  
Paige Townsend  
Conard High School, West Hartford

Barbara Kelco Memorial Scholarship  
Megan Kuhnly  
Granby Memorial High School

Kristin Kepner & Kimberly Kepner McCahill Memorial Scholarship  
Benjamin Crawford  
Avon High School  
Andrew Redlund  
Avon High School

Ray Lachat Memorial Award  
Julia Stoughton  
Conard High School, West Hartford

Eric T. Mahoney Memorial Fund  
Richard Wenner  
Glastonbury High School

The Middlebury Fund Scholarship  
Marissa Strumolo  
Pomperaug High School, Southbury

Douglas J. Myers Scholarship  
Brie Reynolds  
Conard High School, West Hartford

NSDAR – Marjorie P. Nutt Scholarship  
Briana Tucker  
Glastonbury High School

Carl P. Palazzotto "P.M.A." Scholarship  
Olivia Proietti  
Conard High School, West Hartford  
Minh Tran  
Conard High School, West Hartford

Drs. Nima Patel and Daniel McNaughton Scholarship  
Suyash Adhikari  
Conard High School, West Hartford  
Geormarie DeLeon  
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, Hartford

Ritter Family Scholarship  
Paolo Brandon  
Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, Hartford  
Domingo Delgado  
Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, Hartford  
Tanner Mitchell  
Noah Webster MicroSociety Magnet School, Hartford

Roosa Family Scholarship  
Alissa Pace  
Talcott Mountain Academy of Science, Mathematics & Technology, Avon

Samuel A. Roth Scholarship  
Keval Patel  
Griswold High School

Bill and Maxine Schortman Scholarship  
Ryan Bagdikian  
East Windsor High School  
Christopher Cosker  
East Windsor High School

Town and County Club Fund Scholarship  
Lizaida Collazo  
Manchester Community College  
Debra Green  
Manchester Community College  
Marissa McDougal  
University of Hartford  
Danielle Rock  
Trinity College  
LaTanya Sumlin  
University of Saint Joseph  
Karen Taylor  
Trinity College

Scholarship recipients Princess Russell-Blidgen (and son), Debra Green, Lizaida Collazo, Cindy Gartland and Marissa McDougal with members of the Town and County Club

Julie Veilleux Memorial Scholarship  
Angelina King  
South Windsor High School  
Jamie Kwok  
South Windsor High School

Emma Waldo Scholarship  
Sarah Bengtson  
Glastonbury High School  
Paige Cantwell  
Glastonbury High School  
Kelsey Finn  
Glastonbury High School

Lillian W. and William B. Welden Fund Scholarship  
Daniel Bouchard  
Simsbury High School  
Johnathan Kehoe  
Simsbury High School

L. Wynne Wister Memorial Scholarship  
Antonette Gunter  
Bloomfield High School  
Aisha Vassell  
Bloomfield High School  
Jamelle White  
Bloomfield High School

Amiel P. Zak Scholarship  
Krista Campisi  
Suffield High School
Hartford Foundation
Community College Scholarship Program

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is pleased to list recipients of the Community College Scholarship Program. The recipients will be attending a local community college.

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Graduate School Scholarship Award Recipients

In addition to undergraduate scholarships, the Hartford Foundation takes pride in awarding scholarships to students continuing their education in graduate school. Below are the names of first-time graduate scholarship recipients in 2013.

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Scholarship recipient Jonathan Nip with his parents during the 2013 Scholarship Recipient Reception

Scholarship recipient Heather Plenzio Dierberger and her husband with Kathy Steinwedell
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