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RACINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Racine Community Foundation has awarded 59 scholarships totaling \$70,880 to Racine County college-bound students for the 2015-2016 academic year. All scholarships were awarded on a competitive basis and are a part of an increasing number of legacy scholarships established with Racine Community Foundation by Racine County individuals, families, businesses, civic leaders, and educators. The names of this year's recipients are followed by the college or university each student plans to attend in the fall.

Ten students were awarded the Bud and Mary Androff Scholarship. This scholarship fund was established in 1996 through a grant made by Bud and Mary Androff to benefit students who show interest in the areas of general education, physical education or human relations. This year's recipients are: **BriAnna Alma Brooks** (UW-Milwaukee), graduate of Washington Park; **Steven Bydalek** (Carthage College), graduate of William Horlick; **Bailey Flannery** (UW-Milwaukee), graduate of Union Grove Union; **Erika Hauser-Smetana** (UW-Whitewater), graduate of William Horlick; **Michael Kaun** (UW-Parkside), graduate of J.I. Case; **Regan McCauley** (UW-Whitewater), graduate of St. Catherine's; **Danielle Moore** (UW-Madison), graduate of J.I. Case; **Amber Rasmussen** (Carroll University), graduate of Union Grove Union; **Amy Stephan** (Carthage College), graduate of J.I. Case and **Elle Veranth** (Minnesota State - Mankato), graduate of St. Catherine's.

Michael Grubber (UW-LaCrosse), graduate of Washington Park, is the recipient of the Henry P. and Marjorie W. Bruner Scholarship. The Bruner Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 by Mr. and Mrs. Bruner's children to honor their parents, and is awarded to a student who demonstrates an interest in pursuing a Liberal Arts degree.

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

Established in 2007 to benefit a full-time student entering the sophomore or junior year at UW-Parkside, the Alan B. Grossberg Scholarship was awarded to **Ashley Erb** (UW-Parkside). The recipient of this scholarship must declare a major in one of the traditional sciences.

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

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

This year's recipient of the Sonja Henning Scholarship is **Madeline Lyon** (Eastern IL University), graduate of William Horlick. The Sonja Henning Scholarship was established within the Racine

Community Foundation in 2014. The scholarship honors Sonja Henning, an attorney and former collegiate and professional women's basketball player.

The Ted and Elizabeth Jacobson Memorial Scholarship was established in 2014 by brothers Steve and Fred Jacobson, to honor their parents, Ted and Elizabeth Jacobson, who believed every child's education was important. This year's recipient is **Christine Kujawa** (UW-Madison), graduate of Washington Park.

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

Six students from Union Grove Union were awarded the Leopold K. Kerschitz Scholarship. The "Mr. K" Scholarship, as it is known, was established in 1995 by Leo Kerschitz to encourage students with academic potential to pursue education beyond high school. This year's recipients are: **Karsten Acker** (UW-Madison); **Brendon Belongia** (UW-Platteville); **William Henderson** (UW-Madison); **Tara Manteufel** (UW-Madison); **Paige Murdoch** (Edgewood College) and **Jorey Staven** (Marian University).

In 1983, Mrs. Florence E. Lockwood and her son, James E. Lockwood, Jr., established the Lockwood Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is designated to benefit graduates of Washington Park High School. Six students were awarded the Lockwood Scholarship this year. They are: **Danielle Hood** (Alverno College); **Amanda Johnson** (UW-Parkside); **Christine Kujawa** (UW-Madison); **Meaghan Large** (UW-Milwaukee); **Michael TeVrucht** (UW-Parkside) and **Rian Vickery** (Carthage College).

Mikaila Strong (Alverno College), graduate of Washington Park, is the recipient of the Shirley Nelson Scholarship. In 1997, Shirley Nelson established this scholarship fund to benefit students who show steady, constant improvement over the course of their high school career.

The Onnink Family Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 by Allen and Florence Onnink. This scholarship is awarded to Racine Unified School District students who demonstrate high academic potential. This year's recipients are: **Christine Kujawa** (UW-Madison), graduate of Washington Park; **Kaleb Schulz** (Drake University), graduate of William Horlick; **Kayla Williams** (UW-Whitewater), graduate of William Horlick and **Traviance Witherspoon** (UW-Madison), graduate of Washington Park.

In 1986, James C. Thompson, former Principal of Washington Park High School, established the Park High School Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is awarded to graduates of the school who have attained high academic achievement, participated in extracurricular activities, and demonstrate good character, poise and conduct. This year's recipients are: **Bryce Hansche** (UW-LaCrosse) and **Kinzie Kujawa** (UW-Madison).

The Perkins Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 and is awarded to Racine area high schools who will pursue a post-secondary education. The recipients are: **Karly Fitchett** (Gateway Technical College), graduate of Washington Park; **Citali Garcia** (UW-Milwaukee), graduate of Walden III; **Sylvester Gray** (UW-Milwaukee), graduate of Racine Lutheran; **Erika Hauser-Smetana** (UW-Whitewater), graduate of William Horlick; **Maria Lefeber** (Indiana State University), graduate of St. Catherine's and **Julie Normany** (UW-Milwaukee), graduate of J.I. Case.

In 1994, the Racine Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Commission established a scholarship fund to benefit graduates of Racine County high schools who show outstanding academic achievement in

history. **Mary Franitza** (UW-LaCrosse), graduate of William Horlick and **Jacob Rusch** (MSOE), graduate of Racine Lutheran, are this year's recipients of the Racine Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Scholarship.

This year's recipients of the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp Scholarship are **BriAnna Alma Brooks** (UW-Milwaukee), graduate of Washington Park and **Ciara Williams** (UW-Milwaukee), graduate of William Horlick. The scholarship fund was established by Nancy and Art Smith to help Racine County students achieve their full potential through continuing education.

Bailey Flannery (UW-Milwaukee) and **Jacqueline Franceschina** (UW-Whitewater), both graduates of Union Grove Union, have received the Ruzicka-Homburg Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship fund was established in honor of former principals A.F. Ruzicka who served from 1940 through 1949, and William Homburg, who served throughout the 1950's.

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

Graciella Rodriguez (UW-Milwaukee) is the recipient of the Jeannette F. Sokol Scholarship that was established in 2003 by Alice Jane Sokol in honor of her mother, Jennette Sokol, a graduate of the UW-Milwaukee School of Education. This scholarship benefits third or fourth year students enrolled in UW-Milwaukee's School of Education.

Alice Jane Sokol also established the John J. Sokol Scholarship Fund in 2003 to honor her father, John J. Sokol, who was a member of the first graduating class of the Boys' Trade and Technical High School.

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Now known as the Lynde & Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School in Milwaukee, the scholarship is awarded to a graduate of the school who will attend an accredited technical or trade school. The recipient of this scholarship is **Brian Bowen** (Milwaukee Area Technical College).

Austin Rosa (University of Alaska SE - Juneau), graduate of Washington Park, is the recipient of the Martha M. Trautmann Memorial Scholarship. Established in 2007, this scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from a Racine Unified School District high school who demonstrates interest in pursuing a career in teaching.

In 2004, Union Grove Area Businesses established a scholarship fund to benefit graduating seniors from Union Grove Union High School and/or Union Grove Christian School who will attend schools of higher education. All graduates of Union Grove Union, this year's recipients are: **Karsten Acker** (UW-Madison), **Brendon Belongia** (UW-Platteville), **Bailey Flannery** (UW-Milwaukee); **Edward Graba** (UW-LaCrosse) and **Sydney Rasmussen** (Michigan Technological University).

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

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