

## Press Release from the Littleton Commissioners of Trust Funds

The Littleton Commissioners of Trust Funds announced the scholarship awards for 2013 from the F.M Kimball- Second Fund. This was the seventeenth year for awards from this fund that was established by H. Vincent Couper in honor of his uncle Frank M. Kimball. Mr. Kimball had established the original fund that enabled Vincent to earn a degree from the Massachusetts Agricultural College – now known as the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in the 1920's.

Mr. Couper, known as "Vince" was a very successful Littleton farmer who raised a variety of crops here in Littleton as well as in Florida. In addition to this scholarship he was very generous to the Reuben Hoar Library, the Children's Hospital in Boston, and the University of Massachusetts.

The recipients of awards this year were selected by the awards committee appointed by the Commissioners and were recognized by the Commissioners at an awards ceremony held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. They are as follows:

**Andrew Minior** - Andrew has just completed his freshman year in the Francis School of engineering at UMass-Lowell where he is working toward a degree in either Mechanical or Electrical Engineering. He was selected for a UMass-Lowell Dean's Scholarship, the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship and is a Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship program.

**Brittany Wile** - Brittany is graduating from Littleton High School and is enrolled in Simmons College as a Nursing major. Her current goal is to become a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant. At LHS, she has played on the field hockey, lacrosse and basketball teams, serving this year as captain of the girls varsity basketball team.

**Joe Carl** - A graduate of Littleton High School Class of 1999, Joe is also a 2005 graduate of the School of Fashion Design (Boston). Since then he has worked in the fashion industry as a pattern maker and custom garment creator at Daniel Foucher Couture, using both computer-based and traditional construction techniques. He hopes to receive a B.A. in Fashion Design and will apply this scholarship to that degree program at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.

**Shelby Hickox** - Shelby has just completed her third year at Alvernia University, majoring in nursing. She hopes to eventually earn a graduate degree as a Woman's Health Nurse Practitioner. She serves as the "Junior Class Representative and Social/Peer Mentor Chair," and is employed at the Alvernia University Office of Admissions as an Orientation Leader.

**Roger Leblanc** - Roger is completing his sophomore year at George Mason University, where he is an Environmental and Sustainability Studies major, an interdisciplinary degree incorporating environmental science, government policy and anthropology. He is involved in many environmental activities to enrich and complement his academic studies.

**Rachel Marshall** - Rachel is completing her freshman year at the University of Rhode Island where she is pursuing studies in both Aquaculture Fisheries Technology and Theater. As a fisheries major she wants to study wild fish in order to identify methods, practices and disease prevention techniques to help marine species thrive. She is also working toward a BFA in Theater, participating in a variety of capacities from actor to light board operator.

**Casey Taylor** - Casey is completing her third year at Framingham State University, where she is majoring in Psychology and Early Childhood Education. Her coursework has also included field work at the Brophy Elementary School in Framingham and the Jeanne M. Canelli Child Development Lab on campus. She is an enthusiastic member of the school's field hockey team and works several part time jobs to help fund her education.

**Ethan Dauphinais** - A senior at Littleton High School, Ethan will enroll at UMass-Amherst in a sports management program, with an eye toward becoming an athletic director in either a high school or collegiate setting. As this year's student representative to the Littleton School Committee, he's seen firsthand the kind of people skills and data assessment and analytical skills it takes to advance a budget through a public process and realizes those skills will be highly relevant in his career choice.

**Sarah Reilly** - Graduating from Littleton High School this year, Sarah has enrolled in a six-year Doctor of Pharmacy program in the Bouve College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University. A contributing factor in this decision is her six-years of experience at a Christian-based summer camp whose summer residents include both youth and adult campers with special needs. At Littleton, Sarah has also participated in sports and club life, including serving as President of the International Club.

**Michelle Yang** - Accepted and enrolled into Northeastern University, Michelle plans to pursue a five year bachelor's and master's degree with a concentration on constitutional law. At Littleton she has participated in the Model U.N., Science Olympiads, Roots and Shoots Club and as a Co-President of the National Honor Society. Michelle also managed to intern with a Congressional campaign and spent five weeks taking a Fundamentals of Law course at Georgetown University.

**Anika Gibbs** - Finishing up her senior year at Littleton High School, Anika has chosen to enroll in Simmons College as a pre-veterinarian student. A long-time animal lover, Anika has for years been involved in a wide variety of 4H club activities, including community service, leadership and public speaking activities. She created and still organizes a 4H group that regularly visits the Littleton Lifecare Center, a local nursing home. She has organized the creation of care packages for soldiers and leads junior members on annual shopping trips to grocery stores to collect donation for the Acton Food Pantry.

**Kendra Lavallee** - Just finishing up at Littleton High School, Kendra has been accepted to the University of Pittsburgh where she anticipates that the many research opportunities at facilities in the Pittsburgh area will help her target a major within Biostatistics, Biomolecular Chemistry or Biomedical Engineering. Captain of the indoor and outdoor track teams, Kendra credits this leadership experience with opening her up to all members of Littleton's large and age-diverse track teams.

**Shane Tarca** - Completing his sophomore year at Fairfield University, Shane is well on his way to obtaining his goal of a Master's in Accounting at Fairfield, while also double majoring in Information Science, a combination that gives him additional insight into the database structures that often underlay the data he works with on the front-end. His current post-graduate career goal is to work in New York City for Deloitte LLC, one of the big four accounting firms in the U.S.

**Jacob Hevenor** - Jacob will attend Gordon College in the fall and major in International Affairs before continuing to graduate school. Active in numerous church-related activities, Jacob is also Winner of the Harvard Book Award and the Precalculus Achievement Award. He was also captain of the boys' varsity soccer team and named a Central Massachusetts All-Star in 2012.

**Temperance Staples** - Temperance has enrolled at Hofstra University and will begin work toward a communication disorders or social development and health major. At Littleton, Tempe has been involved with Relay for Life and the scholarship drive. She's been stage manager of the spring musical all four years and served as Vice President of the International Club for three years. Additionally she's tutored a special needs student in the middle school, enrolled in sign language class, and even been on two mission trips to Honduras.

The recipients of these awards illustrate the intent of Vince Couper in his desire to help those who were interested in advancing their careers. To date, the F.M. Kimball-Second Fund has awarded over \$111,000 in scholarships to the residents of Littleton since its inception in 1996.

These scholarships are open annually to residents of Littleton who are pursuing higher education or additional skills training in order to advance their career objectives. Further information, as well as an application, is available at the Town's web site