

Press Release from the Littleton Commissioners of Trust Funds

Littleton Trust Fund Scholarship Awards

The Littleton Commissioners of Trust Funds announced the scholarship awards for 2018 from the F.M Kimball- Second Scholarship Fund and the John & Eunice Morrison Scholarship Fund totaling \$59,000 to 12 recipients. This year's awards included a \$10,000 scholarship to one of our outstanding recipients. Over 80 applications were submitted for these scholarships.

This was the twenty second year for awards from the Kimball 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.

This is the fifth year of awards from the Morrison Fund. John and Eunice Morrison are probably best known as the former owners of what has become the last apple orchard in Littleton. John Morrison was a conservationist who ensured that the orchard, located at Nagog Hill and Nashoba Roads remain as agricultural land.

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 5th at Town Hall. They are as follows:

Isabella Goddard – Isabella will be entering her junior year at Sacred Heart University in the fall. There, she is majoring in exercise science, while pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy. At the University, she maintains a stellar GPA, and has had the opportunity to explore her future career path by shadowing at the campus's physical therapy clinic. In her spare time, she volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House of charities in New Haven, Connecticut.

Stephanie Gentile – Stephanie is a multi-year recipient of the Kimball/Morrison scholarships. She has been enrolled at the University of New Hampshire in an accelerated degree program in occupational therapy. Stephanie will be completing the master's degree segment of her studies and thus far has maintained an honors level grade point average. Stephanie has served as the president of the student OT association and has worked as a graduate research assistant.

Latavia DeAngelis – Latavia is graduating from Littleton High School and will be entering Bridgewater State University in the fall. She has impressive academics and a strong will to succeed! Over the past few years Latavia has volunteered her services for the Littleton Garden club. She also held an internship with a local dentist which culminated in a part time job offer.

Nathalie Marek - A recent graduate of Nashoba Valley Technical HS, Nathalie has excelled in all aspects of her studies. Her diverse experiences at the tech school have given Nathalie a unique perspective on her goals. The peer mentoring that she received and gave has sparked an interest in pursuing a career in education. She is particularly passionate about helping special needs children and will be pursuing her studies at Fitchburg State with a major in special education.

Cristina Monarrez - Cristina is graduating from the Landmark School where she has consistently been an honor roll student. This coming fall she is entering the Savannah College of Art and Design. She has spent her volunteer hours supporting Lazarus House, Cradles to Crayons and the Littleton Road Race. Cristina's dream job when she finishes her studies in Savannah is to be a National Geographic Photographer.

Jessica Baron - Jessica just completed her freshman year at Fitchburg State University with an outstanding academic performance, adjusting to the demands of college and working a 20- hour part time job. She is enrolled in the Business Administration program majoring in accounting with a desire to obtain a CPA and a longer term goal of owning her own business.

Katherine Norton - Kate is a recent Littleton HS graduate having completed a challenging blend of honors and advanced placement studies. She will be attending UMass Amherst pursuing a business curriculum. Her goal is to become involved with an organization or her own business that assists individuals that are deaf or hard of hearing. Through her high school experiences in extra curricula activities and part-time employment Kate has become a self-confident motivated role model with a promising future.

Matthew Greco - Matthew is a 2018 graduate of the Lexington Christian Academy. He will be entering his freshman year at Northeastern University in September. At Northeastern, he will be studying entrepreneurship and innovation at the D'Amore-McKim School of Business, while also pursuing a double major in interactive media, design, or computer science. At LCA, Matthew has made his mark as an outstanding student. He has served on the board of directors for the humanitarian club, and founded the school's first chess and debate clubs. Outside of school, Matthew founded and operates his own non-profit company, providing services to underprivileged athletes.

Rachel Coupal - Rachel is a 2018 graduate from Littleton High School. She has a passion for helping others, volunteering at Nashoba Valley Life Care Center for six years and as a personal care assistant for a family with two disabled children. Rachel has also received certification from the Red Cross as a nurse's assistant. She will attend U Mass Amherst which has the resources of a large research university, while being enrolled in a nursing program limited to only 64 students. Her goal after completing the Nursing Program is to work in the emergency room at Boston's Children's Hospital.

Hope Tully - Hope is a 2018 graduate of Littleton High School. In the fall, she will be attending Northeastern University, majoring in nursing at the School's Bouve College of Health Sciences. At Littleton High, Hope has excelled in her academic career, taking numerous advanced placement and honors courses. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Her goal is to use her education at Northeastern to become either a pediatric or emergency room nurse in Boston.

Courtney Adema - Courtney is finishing her freshman year at Hofstra University. She is an impressive student with a 3.83 GPA. Courtney is studying Journalism with an eye toward becoming a TV News Anchor. She is currently a writer for the Hofstra TV show Hofstra Today. After demonstrating her strong writing and organizational skills, Courtney will be taking on the Head Writer position for Hofstra Today show in the fall. She recently helped to make history by participating in the March for Our Lives, advocating for stricter gun control, in Washington DC.

Theresa Maylott - A 2018 graduate of Littleton High School with strong academic performance, Theresa Maylott will be attending Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida with a major in animation. She hopes to work in film as either an animator or a storyboard artist. Theresa attended the Ringling Pre-College program in 2017 where she experienced artistic growth. She is hopeful while at Ringling to work closely with top film studios and take advantage of internships or international study programs.

The recipients of these awards illustrate the intent of Vince Couper and John & Eunice Morrison to help those who were interested in advancing their careers. To date, the F.M. Kimball-Second Fund has awarded over \$199,000 in scholarships to the residents of Littleton since its inception in 1996. The Morrison Fund has awarded \$170,000 over its five years of awards starting in 2014.

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 www.littletonma.org .