

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 2020 from the F.M Kimball- Second Scholarship Fund and the John & Eunice Morrison Scholarship Fund totaling \$58,000 to 13 recipients. This year's awards included a \$10,000 scholarship to one of our outstanding recipients. Over 86 applications were submitted for these scholarships.

This was the twenty fourth 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 seventh 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 16th via Zoom. They are as follows:

Rachel Coupal - Rachel is a 2018 graduate from Littleton High School. Rachel recently completed her 2nd year at UMass Amherst in the Nursing program where she once again excelled in the classroom. She has a passion for helping others, previously volunteering at Nashoba Valley Life Care Center and as a personal care assistant for a family with two disabled children. Rachel aims to become a pediatric nurse and assist the quality of lives for children who endure health issues.

Elizabeth Estep - Elizabeth has continued her undergraduate studies at Bentley University with a double major in Corporate Finance & Accounting and Liberal Studies Major Global Perspectives. She is a prior year recipient of a Morrison Scholarship and has maintained her dean's list grade point average. Elizabeth is also taking advantage of college life with her participation in the "College Activity Board," a competitive hip-hop team and a sorority with a mission statement that matches her goals. She has been accepted in the Women's Leadership Program and is deeply committed to the expansion of women in corporate leadership positions. Elizabeth would eventually like to obtain an MBA and become a CFO or CEO.

Isabella Goddard – Isabella is the venerable veteran of this year's group of Scholarship winners. This is her fifth Scholarship Award From these Funds. She completed her undergraduate studies with a 4.0 GPA from Sacred Heart University. Isabella is presently enrolled in the Physical Therapy Doctoral program at UMass Lowell, where her 4.0 GPA continues. She has been doing Pro Bono work at Peak Movement, where she has been working with patients with severe Neurological and Musculoskeletal conditions. Isabella continues to be an inspiration as she moves closer to her career in Physical Therapy.

Theresa Maylott - Through her experiences in college, Theresa has grown as an artist. But she's quick to acknowledge that she's also grown as a person and it's through this growth, that Theresa has developed a passion for the environment, human rights and humanitarianism. Her goal now is to marry this vast set of experiences, education and beliefs into a career in animation-design and movie-making to tell her story and make an impact on the world around her. A strong desire to make a positive impact through animation.

Morgan Mayo - Morgan has been an undergraduate student at Worcester State University majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is a prior year Morrison Scholarship recipient and has achieved a 3.50 grade point average which is testimony to her ability to develop personal strategies that enable her to succeed. Morgan is also active in taking advantage of opportunities that college life provides. She hopes to continue her professional development in a graduate program in Speech and Language Pathology. Morgan is a compassionate and caring individual who wants to work with special need children and desires to return to do just that in the Littleton Public Schools.

Christina Monarrez - Christina has completed her second year of undergraduate studies in Fine Arts Photography at the Savannah College of Art/Design. She is a prior year Morrison Scholarship recipient. Christina has settled into a wonderful comfort zone on campus that has enabled her to flourish as an artist and a student. In her studies she has been named to the dean's list while learning to master higher level technical photographic techniques. Christina has a close circle of friends who provide academic, artistic and personal support. She would like to earn a graduate degree in Photography and eventually work for National Geographic.

Tianna Naylor - Tianna is a recent graduate of Littleton High School and will be starting her undergraduate studies at the University of Mass at Amherst. She will major in bioengineering and will explore the possibilities of becoming a MD. She has excelled in virtually everything she has been involved in. Tianna leaves Littleton High School as one of the top students of her graduating class. This was accomplished while being a three-sport athlete for four years. Her insightful, practical and nurturing characteristics combined with her mastery of time management will serve her well in the future.

Katie Norton - Katie is entering her junior year at UMass Amherst and is enrolled in the highly competitive Isenberg School of Business. She is studying business with an aim towards running her own company someday, serving the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing community. Katie has joined the UMass Powerlifting team and competing for the first time this past January.

Madelyn O'Meara - Madelyn, graduated this year from Littleton High School achieving a 4.53 GPA. During her High School career she not only excelled academically, but as a go to member of the basketball team, captain of the band, School Representative to the School Committee, as well as many other extra-curricular activities. Maddie will be entering NYU in the fall to pursue a major in Nutritional Science along with a minor in either Spanish or French. She plans to follow on with a graduate degree which will allow her to enter her career as a nutritionist, focusing on an English as Second Language population.

Eleah Flockhart - Eleah is carrying a 4.0 gpa into her sophomore year at the Commonwealth Honors College within UMass Amherst. She is enrolled as a double Major in Microbiology and Public Health. Eleah's long term goal is to earn her PhD in Immunology and Virology which will allow her to pursue a Career in infectious disease research. During her tenure at LHS Eleah volunteered for a myriad of local organizations, including Ruben Hoar Library, and thru Girl Scouts supported Littleton Country Gardeners, Shaker Lane School assisting with their Social Curriculum, and Castle in the trees. In Amherst she continues her volunteerism while supporting the Stonewall Center, the Microbiology club and the LGBTQIA club.

Lauren Faber - This nursing student is a first time recipient of a Kimball Morrison scholarship. Lauren is entering her sophomore year at Endicott College where she holds a 3.5 GPA and is a member of the college's women's lacrosse team. Lauren has already decided that she'll continue her education after receiving her nursing degree and become a nurse practitioner. Lauren's strong work ethic in the classroom, at her part-time jobs, and on the lacrosse field make her a well-deserved recipient.

Angela Mancuso - Entering her freshman year at Harcum College outside of Philadelphia, Angela is taking her passion for photography to the classroom and the dark room. Angela hopes to own her own photography business someday.

Sarah Drinkwater - Sarah is a 2015 graduate of LHS. She attended Stonehill College for her freshman year, where she attained a 3.53 GPA. For the past several years she has worked at L'ecole de Ballet where she has been teaching dance and working in the office. She has continued her dance performance activities thru Dance Prism and the On Stage Dance Company. In September Sarah will be entering the Phelps Palladio School of Dance within Dean College, where she will be working toward a Bachelor of Arts in Dance. Sarah plans to move into a Career in Dance Movement Therapy.

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 \$235,000 in scholarships to the residents of Littleton since its inception in 1996. The Morrison Fund has awarded \$255,000 over its seven 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.