

Press Release from the Littleton Commissioners of Trust Funds

The Littleton Commissioners of Trust Funds announced the scholarship awards for 2014 from the F.M Kimball- Second Scholarship Fund and the John & Eunice Morrison Scholarship Fund totaling \$39,000 to 14 recipients.

This was the eighteenth 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 initial 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 17<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. They are as follows:

**Stephanie Gentile** – A graduating senior from Littleton High School, Stephanie has been accepted into the freshman class in a 5 year program in occupational therapy at the University of New Hampshire. She was Class President and a 3 sport varsity athlete in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse.

**Kendra LaVallee** – Kendra has just completed her freshman year at the University of Pittsburgh’s Swanson School of Engineering where she is working on obtaining a degree in cellular bioengineering. Upon graduating, Kendra hopes to attend medical school with an ultimate goal of conducting stem cell research.

**Roger LeBlanc** – Roger has just finished his Junior Year at George Mason University in Environmental and Sustainability Studies, an interdisciplinary degree incorporating environmental science, government policy and anthropology. He is involved in many environmental activities to enrich and complement his academic studies. Roger’s goal is to work in the non-profit arena to push for environmental policy change or to establish volunteer projects to promote environmental education.

**Rachel Marshall** – Rachel has completed her sophomore year at the University of Rhode Island where she is pursuing studies in both Aquaculture Fisheries Technology and Theatre. 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.

**Braedan McKee** – Braedan has just finished his freshman year at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell where he is a member of the Honors College. A graduate of Littleton High School, Braedan balances academics with music, the outdoors and service to the community in programs such as such as Relay for Life.

**Brendan Burke** – Brendan will be entering Villanova University in the fall to study engineering. He plans to pursue a career in engineering and the sciences. A member of the humanitarian club and student council, Brendan plans to continue his commitment to helping others.

**Annika Gibbs** – Annika has just completed her freshman year in biochemistry at Simmons College. She has been able to continue her work with animals. Annika has been active in the community in a variety of programs.

**Andrew Minior** – Andrew has just completed his freshman year at the Francis School of Engineering at UMass-Lowell. He is working toward a degree in electrical engineering, with an interest in robotics. He hopes to work for a car company exploring hybrid engine designs that emphasize energy efficiency.

**Kaitlin O'Neil** – Kaitlin has just finished her sophomore year in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College, studying secondary education and English with a minor in special education in the honors program. At BC she participates in the Best Buddy program where she is paired with someone with intellectual and developmental disorders.

**Caroline Maylott** -Caroline will be returning to school to study Special Education at Cambridge College, picking up an interrupted education. She has worked for 8 years as a Special Education Assistant at Shaker Lane Elementary School and her goal is to obtain her certification in special education and behavior.

**Lauren Minior** – A Dean's List student, Lauren has just completed her freshman year at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell where she is working towards her BA in business administration with a concentration in accounting. Lauren hopes to become an accountant in the private sector, continuing her studies to become a certified public accountant.

**Julia Pitino** – Julia will be entering Trinity College as a freshman in a scientific field leading to a pre-med, research, or pre-veterinary outcome. At Littleton High School she received a long list of awards commending her citizenship, leadership, and scholarship, including the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, the Ronald Reagan Student Leader Award, and the Harvard Book Club Award, given in her junior year.

**Aaron Hatch** - Aaron has been accepted as a freshman in graphic design at Fitchburg State College, where he will be able to pursue his interest in art, illustration, and design. His goal is a career that will allow him to use his graphic design skills, perhaps as a concept designer for television or video games. He recently completed illustrating a children's book for a beginning author.

**Andrew MacGregor** – Andrew has been accepted to the University of Massachusetts, Lowell where he will study Computer Science. A hands-on student, Andrew has taken great pleasure in a project to building a 3-D printer and his goal is to apply his engineering skills in a way that will allow him to build things. He is an athlete and was captain of both high school track teams. As chair of the Special Olympics Committee he organized students to volunteer to help at Special Olympics events.

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 \$125,000 in scholarships to the residents of Littleton since its inception in 1996. The Morrison Fund has awarded \$25,000 in this, it's first year.

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