

**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 2019 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 75 applications were submitted for these scholarships.

This was the twenty third 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 sixth 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 11<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. They are as follows:

**Elizabeth Estepp** - Elizabeth will enter Bentley University where she will pursue a Financial Management Master's degree in their accelerated program. She has also been accepted into the very competitive Women's Leadership Program. During her time at Littleton High School Elizabeth has been involved in a myriad of organizations, including the Humanitarian Club, Peer Leaders, New England Math League and the National Honor Society.

**Julianna Banda** - Julianna will be attending Merrimack College in the fall to study Health Sciences. She will become a health teacher, to educate people about how to risks of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and other poor lifestyle choices. At Littleton High, Julianna accumulated over 350 hours of community service.

**Rachel Coupal** - Rachel is a 2018 graduate from Littleton High School. Rachel recently completed her 1<sup>st</sup> year at UMass Amherst in the Nursing program where excelled in the classroom receiving a 4.0 GPA for both semesters. 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. She continues to volunteer at the UMass Student Nurses Association.

**Morgan Mayo**- Morgan is the first Littleton High graduate to complete full-time dual enrollment at LHS and at Middlesex Community College. In addition to celebrating her high school graduation, she is also celebrating the receipt of her Associates Degree in Psychology and is entering Worcester State College as a junior. In addition to receiving a 3.95 cumulative GPA in high school, Morgan dove headfirst into her community at MCC and was Student Government President, a PR Chair of the Student Advisory Council with Massachusetts Dept. of Higher Education and a student representative for Open Educational Resources statewide task force.

**Jessica Baron** - Jessica just completed her sophomore year at Fitchburg State University 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. Jessica is also currently studying with the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

**Isabella Goddard** – Isabella is a multi-year recipient of the Kimball/Morrison scholarships. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 she graduated from Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut with a Bachelor Degree in Exercise Science while achieving outstanding academic performance. She will continue her education at the University of Massachusetts Lowell enrolled in the three year Doctor of Physical Therapy program starting May 20th. Outside of the classroom studies, she worked at Concord Area Special Education (CASE) Collaborative as a Teacher Assistant. Isabella's longer range plan is to work with physically disabled individuals to help them progress, achieve and later maintain a higher quality of life.

**Cristina Monarrez** - Cristina just completed her freshman year at Savannah College of Art and Design. It was a new challenge but she met the challenge both academically and socially. During her college winter break she worked at CASE Collaborative as a substitute class room teacher, pre-school to high school and hopes to continue working at Case in the five week summer program at the Russell Street School. Her long term plan is to work for National Geographic as a photographer.

**Sarah Gordon** - Sarah will be entering Northeastern University in the fall, where she will be embarking on a double major in English and Graphic Design. Just a few of Sarah's accomplishments during her tenure at Littleton High School include; a GPA of 4.9, SAT's of 1590, induction into the National Honor Society and many other awards. She also found time to Tutor in several subjects, participate in Slam Poetry at Grub Street and complete an Internship at The Improv Comedy in Boston.

**Katherine Norton** - Katherine (Katie) just finished her freshman year of study at the Eisenberg School of Management within the University of Massachusetts, where she continued on her path of academic excellence. In Amherst, Katie has volunteered in support of Safe Passage, which is an organization that works to assist victims of Domestic Abuse and their families.

**Ella Heitmeyer** - Ella is a 2019 graduate of Littleton High School. In the fall, she plans on attending the University of Virginia, double majoring in biology and in public health. While at Littleton High, she has maintained a stellar academic record, with a near perfect grade point average. Outside of the classroom, she has been active in the school's track teams, volunteered at Lowell General Hospital and a nonprofit cafe, as well as tutored students at the Middle School. Upon graduating, she hopes to use her education to effect positive change in the sphere of global public health.

**Derek Ng** - Derek Ng has just completed his high school career at the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In August, he will be entering Northeastern University to pursue a degree in both cyber security and criminal justice. While attending this academically accelerated institution for advanced high school juniors and seniors, he has proven himself to be a gifted student with impeccable academic performance. Before transferring to the academy, Derek attended Littleton High School, where he was active in the humanitarian club and the tiger help desk, while also serving as a volunteer at Loaves and fishes.

**John Palaia** - Jack Palaia is a member of Littleton High School's graduating class of 2019. In September, he will be studying computer science at the Georgia Institute of Technology. A student with impressive scholastic achievement, he has taken nearly all honors and advanced placement classes throughout his high school career. Aside from his academics, he has been active at Littleton High in the school's varsity tennis and cross country teams, as well as its concert and jazz bands. He has also been a volunteer mentor to his peers, and started the school's SAT tutoring center. To serve his community, Jack has volunteered his time at the Garden at Church Meadows, helping to provide fresh vegetables to Loaves and Fishes food pantry, and at the LHS Help Desk, assisting senior citizens with technology inquiries

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 \$217,000 in scholarships to the residents of Littleton since its inception in 1996. The Morrison Fund has awarded \$210,000 over its six 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](http://www.littletonma.org) .