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Scholarship Earners are Named by The Thomas and Elsie Deeley Foundation

Bristol, CT – June 14, 2024 – Four scholarship earners have been named by the Thomas and Elsie Deeley Foundation, a not-for-profit private foundation established by their two children in 1996 to memorialize the “helping hand” approach they learned from their parents. The foundation grants annual scholarships for deserving graduating seniors planning to attend college.

These scholarships are based on the belief that personal involvement with recipients creates a tangible bond between the student and the donor. Each recipient is assigned at least one former scholarship earner as their mentor throughout college and beyond. Hopefully, this bond will encourage the scholarship recipients to offer personal support to someone else after they graduate by “paying it forward” – in the form of mentoring and/or financial assistance.

This year the awards total \$134,000 over four years and the recipients are as follows:

Michael Barzee is receiving a scholarship to attend the University of St Joseph's and major in Criminal Justice. His mentor is Tommy Romero. Tommy will be graduating from Western Connecticut State University this year with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently interviewing for a job as a police officer with three local jurisdictions. He plans to work as a police officer while he obtains his Master's in Criminal Justice. After obtaining his Master's he plans to work for Homeland Security.

Gabriela Quirk is receiving a scholarship to attend Boston College and major in Political Science. Her mentor will be Jatorra "Tori" Jackson who has a degree in Political Science from the University of Connecticut and is currently working for the Connecticut State Supreme Court while she saves money to attend law school.

Brianna Wood is receiving a scholarship to attend Boston College and major in Mathematics. Her mentor will be Gillian Smith, a 2022 graduate of St. Paul Catholic High School, and is a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute majoring in Engineering.

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Jocelyn Kennedy is receiving a scholarship to attend Eastern Connecticut State University majoring in Biology. Her mentor will be Jenna Madigan who graduated from Fairfield University with a degree in Bio-Engineering and is employed by Medtronics as a Research Engineer.

Mr. Cary Dupont '72, St. Paul President/Chief Administrator says, "We're thrilled to partner with the Thomas and Elsie Deeley Foundation and are most grateful for their generosity in supporting our graduates in making their college dreams possible. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients."

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