

Introducing The NYRWA's Founder Scholarship Recipients

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2006/2007 school year.

Congratulations go out to each of the 2006 Founder's Scholarship winners for 2006. This year the NYRWA awarded five deserving students from member systems representing the five regions a \$500.00 scholarship to help defray the costs of tuition, fees, books, and/or room and board for the

From the White Plains Region:

Kevin DiGrazia is a graduate from the Rondout Valley High School in Accord, New York. He was ranked 10th in his class and has been on National Honor Roll for two years. He plans to complete a double major in Law with a MBA in Finance. He also would like to do an internship abroad and study Microbiology, Organic Chemistry and a few other courses related to water testing and purification. Kevin says he has been working tirelessly the last few years to make sure that he has gotten good grades. He has worked as a Lab Analyst at Gen-Tech and interned at Merrill Lynch over the summer.

From the Capital Region:

Sara Zurmuhlen is a graduate from the Richfield Springs Central High School in Richfield Springs, NY. She was ranked 2nd in her class and plans to attend Colgate University in the fall studying Environmental Biology. She says her interest in Life Science and Art has always fascinated her. She has spent every summer since middle school engaging in some sort of outdoor/learning activity, attending two years of DEC Camp, a one month Outward Bound wilderness excursion to northern Maine, and interning at the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field States on the shores of Otsego Lake.

From the Northeast Central Region:

Anita Sokal-Davidson is a graduate from the Mexico High School in Mexico, NY. She was ranked 5th in her class and plans to study Pharmacy. She has a strong devotion to serving her community and has been involved in a variety of community service projects. Biology and Chemistry are her favorite classes. Through job shadowing a Pharmacist at a local drug store, she found a way to combine her strength in Science and her love of serving her community. She hopes to honor her role as a Pharmacist and a community member by conducting her services with responsibility, care, and ethics.

From the Finger Lakes Region:

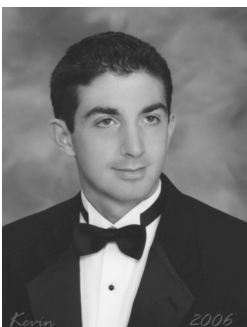
Thomas Canary is a graduate from the Geneseo Central School and resides in Mount Morris, NY. He was ranked 9th in his class and has been on National Honors Society the last two years. Thomas plans to attend Penn State University this fall studying Engineering. His goal is to graduate with a degree in Biomedical or Chemical Engineering. He believes that through hard work and dedication, he will become an accomplished Engineer.

From the Buffalo Region:

Aaron Jackson is a graduate from the Scio Central High School and was ranked 1st in his class. He has been active in Student Council for the past three years and as a senior, took office as Class President. He is an American Red Cross volunteer and plans to attend SUNY-ESF at Syracuse University this fall studying Environmental Resources and Forest Engineering. Aaron has known since seventh grade that he wanted to be an Engineer, but it was not until his junior year of high school that he realized Civil Engineering would be the field he would study in college. His ultimate goal is to work for a company and help make life better from everyone.

The NYRWA would like to thank every applicant for applying and encourage you to apply again in the future. We extend our best wishes to all students in achieving their future endeavors. 💧

Congratulations to each of these scholarship recipients!!



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