

Press Release

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ConnexCares Awards \$30,000 in Scholarships to Fifteen Exceptional Students

North Haven, CT (August 15, 2024) – ConnexCares, the philanthropic arm of Connex, is proud to announce the recipients of its 2024 Scholarship Program, awarding a total of \$30,000 to fifteen outstanding students who have demonstrated academic excellence, dedication to their communities, and a commitment to their future educational goals.

The ConnexCares Scholarship Program is committed to supporting students pursuing higher education. The following students have been selected as scholarship recipients in recognition of their achievements and potential to make an impact in their chosen fields:



(Pictured: Carl Casper- President ConnexCares, Joseph Seaman, Logan Cahill, River Eberhardt, Scott Heinrich, Noah Barnhart, Angie Manigat, Olivia Carroll, Virginia Grabovsky, Sarina Kapoor, Lee Dupree- ConnexCares Board Member, Michael Nowicky- ConnexCares Board Member. Not Pictured: Jason Collins, Dempsey Watford, Ashlynn Topper, Riyad Lahnin, Reilly Miller, Jawon Parker.)

John R. Edwards Community Involvement Scholarship aims to support those dedicated to creating positive change in their communities:

- Noah Barnhart, Wallingford
- Logan Cahill, Deep River

Nicolas G. Hackett Memorial Scholarship awards applicants who demonstrate an outstanding academic record:

- Olivia Carroll, Blue Point

- Angie Manigat, Stratford

Arthur B. Haesche Scholarship awards applicants who show a commitment to academic excellence and a passion for business and entrepreneurship:

- Scott Heinrich, Wallingford
- Joseph Seaman, Hamden

David F. Clark Arts and Music Scholarship aims to recognize and encourage those with outstanding artistic portfolios and potential:

- Virginia Grabovsky, Monroe
- Ashlynn Topper, Hamden

Public Service Scholarship recipients demonstrate a profound commitment to creating positive change in their communities:

- Jason Collins, Northford
- Dempsey Watford, Old Saybrook

Trade Scholarship recipients plan to pursue a career in a trade or vocational field:

- Reilly Miller, West Haven
- Jawon Parker, New Haven

Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship recipients showcase a strong advocacy for diversity, equity, and inclusion in academic and social settings:

- Sarina Kapoor, Wallingford

Athletic Scholarship recognizes an individual who demonstrates intentions to continue their athletic journey at the collegiate level:

- River Eberhardt, Berlin

STEM Scholarship awards an individual pursuing a degree in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) related field:

- Riyad Lahnin, Wallingford

ConnexCares awards scholarships on an annual basis and will begin accepting applications again in January 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year. To learn more about the scholarship program, please visit connexcu.org or call 1-800-CR-UNION.

About Connex

One of Connecticut's largest credit unions, Connex is a full-service credit union serving more than 70,000 members at eight branches. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, attends school, or worships in New Haven, Hartford, Middlesex, or Fairfield counties. For more information, please call 1-800-CR-UNION or visit connexcu.org.

About ConnexCares

Established in 2022, ConnexCares is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. More specifically, ConnexCares seeks to address community needs by promoting financial literacy and well-being, providing financial assistance for education, addressing children's health, responding to food insecurity needs, and engaging in related volunteer and philanthropic activities.

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