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2015 MetroWest Chamber STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Scholarship Recipients

Alexa DaForte is a senior at Hopedale Junior-Senior High School and is planning to attend Drexel University in the fall. Alexa has been accepted into Drexel's prestigious 5-year accelerated Physician Assistant program and plans to pursue a career path in the health care arena. Alexa is an exceptional student and has an outstanding track record of success. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has made the honor roll and principal's honors every grade since 7th grade. To further prepare her for a career in medicine, Alexa has completed countless hours of work outside of the classroom including: A service trip with her school to Costa Rica benefitting a village in need, a volunteer at Milford Hospital, an internship at the Boston Children's Hospital Pathology Lab, and participant at the National Student Leadership Conference at Harvard University.

Erica Davis is a senior at Hudson High School and is planning to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute to fulfill her dream of becoming a doctor of medicine. Erica plans to major in Biochemistry with a Pre-Med track and later attend medical school. Erica is graduating at the top of her class in June and has completed 8 AP courses over the course of her time at Hudson High School. Apart from her outstanding academic achievements, Erica placed 2nd in the State Science Fair her sophomore year, where she and her partner displayed research they conducted on UV protection of various sunscreen products which spurred her interest to pursue science in college. After receiving her college degree, Erica's plans to "study, push scientific boundaries, make discoveries, and heal."

Danya Gaudet is a senior at Marlborough High School and is planning to attend the University of New Hampshire to pursue a career as a zookeeper or conservationist. In addition to her passion for animal care, Danya has taken an impressive list of AP and Honors courses that have prepared her to pursue this career. Danya has a strong history of volunteering, including involvement with the Children's Health Insurance Program's Children Identification Program for many years. Danya is a selfless, self-motivated individual who dreams of making the world a better place for animals and will continue her education at the college level in order to make that dream a reality.

Kendra Melanson is a senior at J.P. Keefe Technical High School and is planning to attend Clark University in pursuit of a career as a Research Scientist. Kendra has struggled to overcome adversity in her life, and does not succumb to the intense pressure to let it define the course of her life. Kendra has received high honors in every term throughout high school and is the Secretary of the National Honor Society at her high school. In addition to her academic success she has participated in the Dual Enrollment program at Framingham State University. She also has competed in the SkillsUSA District Competition and participated in the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Sea Science & Leadership Program.

Kelley Rivers is a senior at J.P. Keefe Technical High School and is planning to attend the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall to study in the STEM Field and minor in business. Kelley recently took classes at Northeastern University and is interested in start-ups and small businesses and plans to work at a startup after college or even during college as an intern. Kelley has excelled academically to place her at the top of her graduating class. Moreover, she is the Treasurer of her high school chapter of National Honor Society and has previously served as Vice President. In addition to her outstanding academics, Kelley has received multiple awards from the Massachusetts Business Professionals of America including 2nd place for PC Servicing and Troubleshooting in 2013. Kelley was also selected as a Student Ambassador to represent the USA in Australia for People to People in 2011.

2014 Arcadius, Emma & Robert Lemieux Scholarship Recipients

Hannah Caroll is a senior at Hudson High School and is planning to attend Boston University to pursue a career in medicine and public health. Hannah plans to major in biology with the long term goal of attending medical school. Hannah has demonstrated a strong passion to use science and human interaction to further improve the quality of life around the world. Last year, Hannah attended a conference in Portugal for young scientists run by UNESCO. This year she traveled to Peru for a medical mission with Bridges to Malawi and joined her classmates on a trip to the Amazon, to explore culture and contribute to community projects. In addition to her outstanding service work, Hannah is also President of the Class of 2015, and National Honor Society President.

Devin Clemons is a senior at Marlborough High School and is planning to attend Merrimack College to study both Finance and Economics. This will prepare him for a variety of career options with the ultimate goal of providing for his family. Devin is an exemplary student excelling in AP classes and is an active member of the National Honor Society. Devin placed 1st in the 2015 State of Massachusetts

Business Professionals of America (BPA) conference, has volunteered for over 70 hours, and has been an exemplary employee at the Marlborough Youth Center for 2 years. He has received honors at his high school for Accounting, Entrepreneurship, and Marketing.

My-Linh DeBonis is a senior at Natick High School and is planning to attend Babson College in hopes of achieving her goal of building an institution for disadvantaged youths who cannot afford an education. My-Linh plans to achieve this goal by participating in the Foundations of Management and Entrepreneurship (FME) program while attending Babson. Originally from Vietnam, My-Linh has seen first-hand the struggles of children who live in poverty and seeks to improve educational opportunities to ameliorate that struggle. My-Linh is extremely devoted to her dreams and aspirations and is prepared to bring her inventive spirit to the business world.

Jenna Kennally is a senior at J.P. Keefe Technical High School and is planning to attend the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in order to achieve her goal of becoming a nurse. Jenna is a certified nursing assistant and strongly desires to provide the best possible care to each and every one of her residents and patients. Jenna is heavily involved in extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, as well as being the Secretary of Student Council. She has received many awards including the SkillsUSA State Competition Silver Medal for First Aid/CPR as well as the SkillsUSA District Competition Gold Medal Winner for First Aid/CPR. Jenna has a strong passion for helping others through nursing care and will actively pursue that passion as she attends college in the fall.

Robert Oliver III is a senior at Bellingham High School and is planning to attend the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth with aspirations of becoming a mechanical engineer. With an appetite for design and art, Robert possesses significant artistic talent including theater, music, painting and drawing. He hopes to one day publish some of his graphic novels and illustrations. Robert is one of the top students in his graduating class, is a committed member of his church and has been an active member of his high school's National Honor Society. With a passion to build and a creative energy to inspire, Robert will fulfill his dream to build a better society.

Tristen Perez is a senior at Framingham High School and is planning to attend Salve Regina to pursue a career in Criminal Justice. Tristen is an extremely motivated young man, with a selfless personality and a desire to serve those less fortunate. Tristen's list of extracurricular activities include being named captain of the Flyer's football team in both his junior and senior year. Tristen displays his leadership and strong passion to help others off the field as well, including serving food for the Salvation Army and travelling to Costa Rica on a 10-day service trip, to help build a drainage system for a village's youth soccer field. Tristen is motivated and hard-working and will continue to lead by example and serve others as he continues on his path to success.

2015 MetroWest Chamber Kelleher Scholarship Recipient

Jailene Alonzo is a senior at J.P. Keefe Technical High School and is planning to attend Worcester State University to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Jailene has consistently excelled academically which has repeatedly earned her a spot on her high school's honor roll. Jailene has strong involvement in the Early Childhood Education Program at her high school, assisting in classrooms consisting of infants, toddlers, preschool, and pre-k children. She has developed and taught her own lesson plans, as well as developed activities to help children improve social skills, motor skills, and moral development. In addition, Jailene has developed strong customer service skills and patience through her job at Market Basket. She expects this will aid her greatly in achieving her goal of preparing young people for their futures.

2015 MetroWest Chamber Flutie Scholarship Recipient

Cameron Wilson is a senior at Blackstone Valley Technical High School and is planning to attend Dean College to pursue a career in sports media. Cameron was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at the age of 5. Despite the arduous road this has presented, he has been determined to overcome the obstacles that face him in everyday life. He is a leader to his peers and underclassmen in his vocational field of Auto Body Technology. Cameron has a strong affinity for sports and has volunteered countless hours to assist a variety of his school's sports teams. He has a keen understanding of player stats, making him a terrific candidate for a future position at a sports media network. Cameron has been able to maintain an A/B average throughout high school and will fulfill his dream of going to college in the fall to advance his desire to work in sports entertainment.

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