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EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL OF PASSAIC COUNTY – 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Educational Council of Passaic County, a non-profit organization consisting of the executive county superintendent of schools and the presidents and vice-presidents of educational organizations, was formed to provide a forum for public educational issues and to establish continual cooperation in the promotion of effective education within schools. One of the Council's goals is to ensure that all of our students are given the opportunity to continue their education in order to pursue their dreams. Since the 1980's the Council has raised thousands of dollars and awarded hundreds of scholarships to high school seniors in Passaic County in aspiring to reach this goal.

It is our pleasure to announce the awarding of 22 - \$1,000 scholarships for the "Class of 2017." Due to the continued support of our Commemorative Journal publication and through the overwhelming sponsorship from our 2016 Platinum Sponsors: **Lightpath and North Jersey Newspapers** and Gold Sponsors: **New Jersey Education Association, North Jersey Federal Credit Union, Passaic County Association of School Business Officials, Passaic County Education Association, Paramus Medical and Sports Rehabilitation Center** that we are able to provide financial assistance to 22 of our high school seniors graduating this June.

Again, a special thanks to all those individuals and educational entities that continue to support the Council's scholarship program. Please join the Council as we congratulate the following 22 - 2017 Scholarship Award recipients:

PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (\$1,000.00)

Ana Moya Soperanez	Pompton Lakes H.S./Pompton Lakes Major: Nursing
George Baladi	Wayne Valley H.S./Wayne Major: Engineering

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY (\$1,000.00)

Jhobayme Ortega	School of Government & Public Administration/Paterson Major: Physician Sponsor: Paramus Medical & Sports Rehabilitation Center
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SCHOOL OF CHOICE (\$1,000.00)

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Tyler De Marco	Butler H.S./Butler Major: Information Technology (New Jersey Institute of Technology) Sponsor: Lightpath
Jack Garruto	Clifton H.S./Clifton Major: Business/Finance (William Paterson University) Sponsor: P.C. Association of School Business Officials
Andrea Paz	Clifton H.S./Clifton Major: Computer Science (Passaic County Community College)
Gabriella Varano	Clifton H.S./Clifton Major: Journalism (Hofstra University) Sponsor: North Jersey Newspapers (The Record/Herald News)
Andrew Dragonetti	Hawthorne H.S./Hawthorne Major: Undecided (Passaic County Community College)
Krista Maher	Lakeland Regional H.S./Wanaque Major: Special Education/Early Childhood Ed. (Bloomsburg University) Sponsor: Passaic County Education Association
Genifer Avelino-Paula	Passaic H.S./Passaic Major: Accounting (Passaic County Community College)
Helena Drain-Carter	Passaic H.S./Passaic Major: Graphic Design (William Paterson University)
Archan Patel	Passaic H.S./Passaic Major: Economics/Finance (University of Michigan)
Larissa Sagha	P.C. Manchester Regional H.S./Haledon Major: Biology (Seton Hall University)
Suzy Louie	Passaic County Technical Institute Major: Physical Education/Health Education (William Paterson University) Sponsor: New Jersey Education Association
Eqbal Ahmed	Passaic County Technical Institute/Wayne Major: Management Information Systems (Rutgers University) Sponsor: Lightpath
Victoria Ayoub	Passaic Valley Regional H.S./Little Falls Major: Political Science (Drew University)
Keijuan Staton	Paterson Charter School for Science & Technology/Paterson Major: Culinary (Passaic County Community College)
Syriaha Brown-Cobb	International H.S./Paterson Major: Undecided (Kean University)
Christopher Torres	School of Architecture & Construction Trades/Paterson Major: Civil Engineering (Fairleigh Dickinson University)

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Tabasun Kalam	School of Business, Technology, Marketing & Finance Major: Computer Engineer (Montclair State University)
Domenic DiCarlo	Wayne Hills H.S./Wayne Major: Finance (Rowan University) Sponsor: North Jersey Federal Credit Union
Cristina Pellegrino	West Milford H.S./West Milford Major: Accounting and Information Systems (Fairfield University)

2017 Scholarship Program Update

As of June 9, 2017, the Council has raised a little over \$15,000 toward the 2018 Scholarship Awards Program. Again, we would like to thank all of the educational and business communities that have contributed to the Council's Scholarship Program by becoming a Gold Sponsor and/or purchasing advertisements in the "Commemorative Journal." As always, it is our goal is to provide a scholarship to one student in every public high school in Passaic County for a total of \$25,000; \$10,000 more to go.

If you would like to support the Educational Council, please send your tax deductible donation to the following:

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c/o Passaic County Superintendent of Schools' Office
501 River Street, Paterson NJ 07524***

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