

VISITORS BUREAU

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Record Number of Students Awarded PMVB Scholarship

Eleven local students receive total of \$10,750

July 11, 2022 – The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau (<u>PMVB</u>) has awarded a variety of <u>scholarships</u> to eleven recent high school graduates and undergraduate students who are pursuing degrees in or related to the hospitality and tourism industry. The scholarship program, which the PMVB organizes and funds annually, is benefitting a record number of local students this year (see next page for recipients).

Scholarships are available to East Stroudsburg University (<u>ESU</u>) and Northampton Community College (<u>NCC</u>) students as well as high school seniors entering a two-year or four-year college or university of choice. Recipients are pursuing degrees in hospitality and tourism or supporting fields such as business, graphic design, or videography.

"We are honored to provide financial support once again to students as they embark on an exciting and rewarding career path," said Chris Barrett, President/CEO of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. "Tourism is a promising business, especially here in the Poconos, as our industry provides sustainable wages and endless opportunity for growth. It is our goal to encourage and set up the future workforce for success."

ESU and NCC scholarship recipients are selected by their own professors and staff members, while a committee of PMVB employees selects the high school recipients.

Proceeds from the upcoming <u>11th Annual Dario Belardi Golf Tournament</u> at Hideaway Hills Golf Club on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, will benefit the PMVB Scholarship Program.

Email <u>scholarships@poconos.org</u> to inquire about future scholarships or donate toward the cause.

2022 PMVB Scholarship Recipients:

NAME	SCHOOL	AWARD	AMOUNT
Chris Elisseou	Pocono Mountain West High School	PMVB General Scholarship	\$500
Ella Farnell	Jim Thorpe Area High School	PMVB General Scholarship	\$1,000
Angela Hubner	Wallenpaupack Area High School	Harry & Mary Kiesendahl Scholarship	\$1,000
Savannah Marinho	Pocono Mountain East High School, Monroe Career & Technical Institute	PMVB Hospitality Scholarship	\$1,000
Hannah Mitchell	Wallenpaupack Area High School	PMVB Hospitality Scholarship	\$1,000
Elias Norton Rivera	East Stroudsburg High School South	PMVB General Scholarship	\$500
Angelina Seagrave	Carbon Career & Technical Institute	PMVB Hospitality Scholarship	\$1,000
William Been	East Stroudsburg University	Bob Uguccioni Endowed Scholarship	\$1,750
Josephine Milanzi	Northampton Community College	Heart of Hospitality	\$1,000
Angela O'Brien	East Stroudsburg University	PMVB Annual Scholarship	\$1,000
Melanie Padilla	Northampton Community College	Heart of Hospitality	\$1,000

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