

# Vallone Scholars:

## EDUCATION IS A PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE



ARTHUR S. VALLONE



NOAH GIEBEL

Midway through the summer The Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Committee finalized its work of selecting 15 new Vallone Scholars to be awarded financial scholarships. The names and photos of these Vallone Scholars are presented on this page. The Arthur S. Vallone scholarship program was established 16 years ago, and was designed to offer deserving mail handlers and members of their immediate families some financial assistance to defray the sky rocketing cost of higher education. Each NPMHU Region has been granted a total of 3 scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,000 each, renewable by the recipient for up to four years or until completion of the students undergraduate or trade school degree, whichever occurs first, for a maximum of \$4,000 per recipient over four years.

The NPMHU National Scholarship was dedicated and named after Arthur S. Vallone after his passing in January 2005. Arthur S. Vallone served as the elected president of NPMHU Local 309, which was headquartered in Buffalo, NY and represented approximately 1,000 mail handlers throughout Upstate New York. Vallone also served on the National Executive Board for 3 years as the Vice President for the Northeast Region. The NPMHU has continued Vallone's legacy by

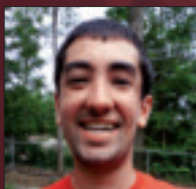
his firm belief on the importance of education. As noted, through the Arthur S. Vallone scholarship program, the NPMHU again recognizes fifteen students for their hard work and accomplishments.

Every year the Vallone scholarship committee has the job of sorting through and selecting fifteen new exceptional recipients this year makes no exception. Dean Abatte of Local 323 and father of new Vallone Scholar Matthew Abatte wrote; "Matt graduated from Anoka High School with High Honors. He is the first member of the Abatte family to be accepted to and enroll in college. We are all very happy and proud of Matt. Actually, he is the first from either side of the family. All previous family members enlisted in the military going back on both sides of the family as far as we have recorded. So this is an exceptionally proud moment for the whole family".

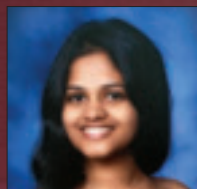
Congratulations to the latest Vallone Scholarship recipients you are all now officially Vallone Scholars! Applications for the 2017 NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Program will be available in late November 2016. For details, you may contact your Local Union or the National Union Headquarters, the application will be available for download on the NPMHU website at [www.npmhu.org](http://www.npmhu.org).



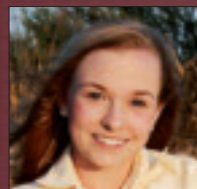
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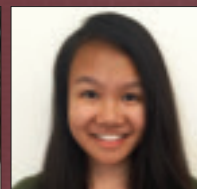
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JUSTIN LOMBARDO



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LAURYN HART



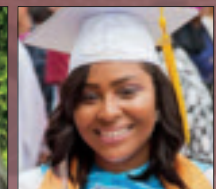
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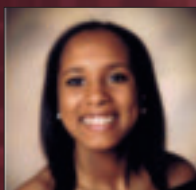
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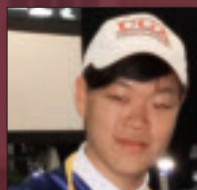
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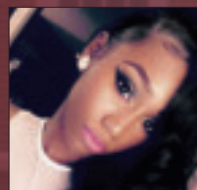
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Local 308  
BETSY AOEOYE



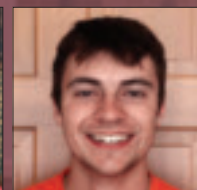
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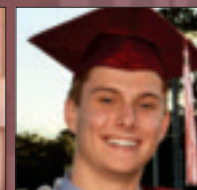
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MYKALIA HARRISON



Local 318  
EBONY GOOCH



Local 321  
DYLAN EBERHARD



Local 323  
MATTHEW ABATTE



Local 331  
MADISON MARINO