



Arthur S. Vallone

# Vallone Scholars: Success Stories

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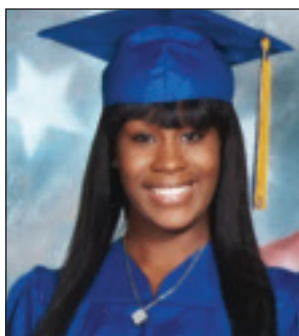
Midway through last year, the NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Committee completed its task of selecting 25 new Vallone Scholars. The Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship program is now in its 12th year, originally designed to offer deserving mail handlers and their immediate families' financial assistance to defray the rising cost of higher education. Each NPMHU region has been granted a total of 5 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, renewable for the recipient for up to 4 years or until the completion of the student's undergraduate degree, whichever occurs first –for a maximum of \$4,000 per recipient over four years.

The National Office received well over 200 applications through the deadline in May of 2012, which were then divided between the 3 judges that make up the Vallone Scholarship committee. Fifth year judge and National Labor College professor Jean Dearden commented; "I'm amazed every year at the quality of the NPMHU scholarship applications: the time, imagination, and effort put into some of the applications I read over is just incredible."

Over the past years the NPMHU has received many letters from present and past scholarship recipients thanking the union for the financial assistance: 2012 winner Charlie Bentley wrote "This award is helping my family and me pay for something they frequently feel beyond our means. You're letting my family breathe a little easier." Kascha Fuller 2008 scholarship recipient recently wrote "I am a rising senior Biology major at Howard University I would like to thank the National Postal Mail Handlers Union for your generous scholarship over the past years. I have truly flourished while at Howard and I am so grateful for the scholarship. I have accomplished so much during my college experience. I will be applying to graduate school in the fall."

The Scholarship Committee is currently reviewing applications submitted for consideration for the 2013–2014 scholarship program. Those awards will be announced shortly. What follows are the names and photos of the new recipients for the 2012–2013 scholarship program. Please join us in extending congratulations to these fine students.

## Northeastern Region



**LaToya Lucas**  
Local 300



**Mary Rogers**  
Local 300



**Safiya Subegdjo**  
Local 301

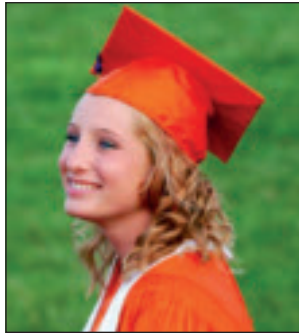


**Mikala E. Varela**  
Local 301



**Jessica M. Zawadzki**  
Local 309

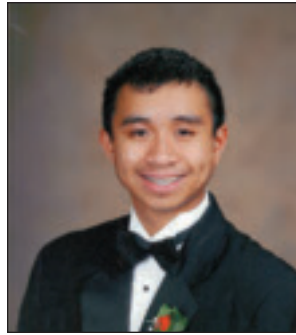
## Eastern Region



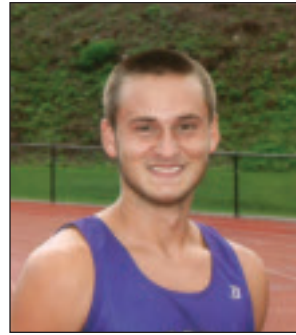
**Abigail Morrissey**  
Local 308



**Adam Richards**  
Local 304



**Kevin Silang**  
Local 308

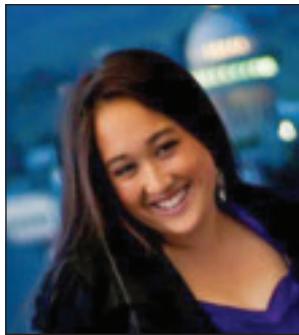


**Luke Phillips**  
Local 322



**Terrence Booker Jr.**  
Local 305

## Western Region



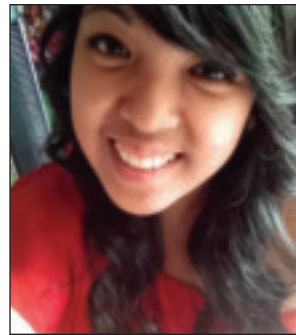
**Carlee Panlilio**  
Local 330



**Jasmine Aldava**  
Local 320



**John Wang**  
Local 303



**Mary Anthonette Binongcal**  
Local 316



**Megan Garrett**  
Local 332

## Southern Region



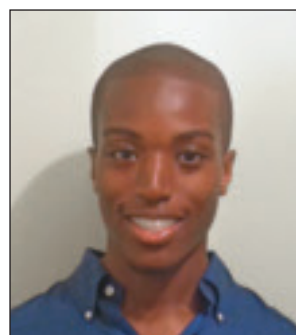
**Ashphet Mallery**  
Local 312



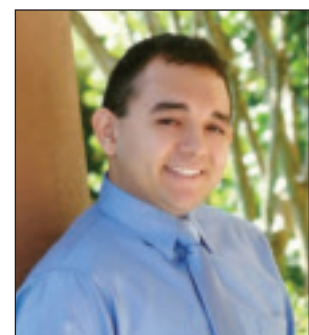
**Caleb Williamson**  
Local 329



**Samantha Egan**  
Local 318



**Thaddeus Gholston**  
Local 310



**Vince Deliz**  
Local 318

## Central Region



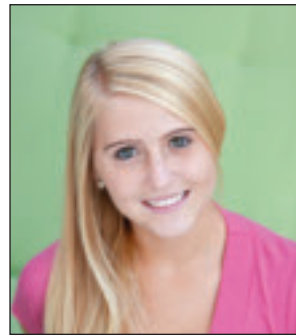
**Charlie Bentley**  
Local 297



**Crystal Ho**  
Local 321



**Justin Park**  
Local 306



**Kelsey Durovy**  
Local 306



**Theresa Tran**  
Local 307