



NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone SCHOLARSHIP

**VALLONE SCHOLARS:
CAN'T STOP WON'T STOP!**

The NPMHU Scholarship Committee completed its task of evaluating many applications from well qualified NPMHU members and members of their immediate families. Fifteen applications were selected out of a total seventy-eight received by March 15th, 2022. After careful review and consideration, a new group of Vallone Scholars has been awarded a scholarship for the next four years.

The NPMHU National Scholarship was dedicated and named after Arthur S. Vallone after his untimely passing in 2005. Arthur S. Vallone served as the elected President of Local 309 headquartered in Buffalo, New York and represented approximately 1,500 Mail Handlers throughout upstate New York. Arthur S. Vallone also served three terms on the National Executive Board as the Northeastern Region Vice President. Brother Vallone's deep understanding of education and learning are just a handful of reasons why the National Postal Mail Handlers Union dedicated this legacy to Brother Arthur Vallone.

The Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship is now in its 22nd year of existence. This award was designed to offer deserving Mail Handlers and members of their immediate families some relief from the financial burden of paying for higher education. With the COVID pandemic continuing to linger and fewer resources becoming available, it can be quite the

challenge for families to absorb the cost of higher education. As developing an education savings plan is often difficult for families, the NPMHU has dedicated such an award for deserving individuals.

Each NPMHU Region has been granted up to three scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,000 each, renewable by the recipient for up to four years or until the completion of the students undergraduate or trade school degree, whichever occurs first for a maximum of \$4,000 per recipient over four years.

The pandemic has taken a financial toll on Mail Handlers and their families. As we navigate through these unprecedented times, we recognize that Mail Handlers are continuing to provide an essential service under these still extraordinary times. It is only fitting that we recognize the importance of the work being done. Whether you are heading to Community College, a traditional four-year institution or trade school, the National Postal Mail Handlers Union want you to know that we are here for you and can assist in helping you to achieve your goals, this was Brother Vallone's legacy.

Most students that applied for the Vallone Scholarship were thrust into one to two years of online learning. Relationships with teachers and peers were developed through a computer screen rather than in a classroom. These new 15 Vallone Scholars are truly special

because of the circumstances they had to endure over the pandemic. The pandemic didn't stop them from excelling and reaching far and wide to achieve their goals. Recent scholarship recipient Tam Phong Le (Local 305) spent a month out of his summer in 2021 collaborating in a research team of four to explore innovative solutions pertaining to sustainable agriculture. As a result, the team presented a 20-page paper that proposed alternative and renewable sources of energy.

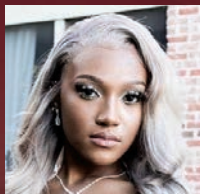
Another example of a Vallone Scholar whose application stood out

amongst the others was Marina Rezk. In her essay, she stated, "My methods of success were always honest and earnest, never containing a hint of foul play or cheating, and that is what I consider a true achievement: honest success." We should all be thankful that students like these are paving the way for the future, they are a breath of fresh air in times of troubles and uncertainty.

These fifteen Vallone Scholars are truly remarkable, to be able to achieve such a high level of successes in times of a pandemic and uncertainty are a

part of what makes them extraordinary students. As the new Vallone Scholars prepare to further their studies in fields such as Politics, Pharmacological Science, Environmental Science, and Social Work, we wish them congratulations and good luck on your next adventure. Don't stop reaching for the top!

The next opportunity to be a Vallone Scholar will present itself in November 2022 if you are a Mail Handler or MHA and have a rising senior in High School, please encourage them to apply for the Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship.



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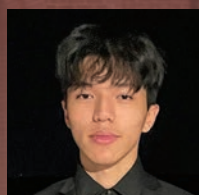
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