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NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone SCHOLARSHIP

VALLONE SCHOLARS
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The NPMHU Scholarship Committee completed their task of evaluating over one hundred applications from well qualified NPMHU members and members of their immediate families. Fifteen applicants were selected and awarded scholarships from this year's pool; this is an exceptional group of extraordinary Vallone Scholars.

The Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship is now in its 19th year of existence. This

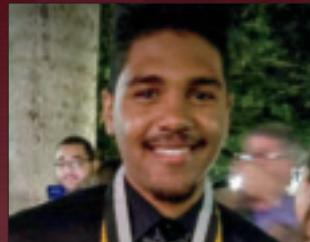
award was designed to offer deserving Mail Handlers and members of their immediate families some relief from the financial burden of paying for higher education. With fewer and fewer resources becoming available for paying for higher education it can become a burden for families to absorb the cost of college this can become very overwhelming. While some individuals and families develop savings



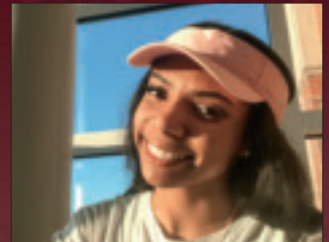
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ALEISHA KERR



Local 324-S
CHERYL VILLATOR



Local 318-S
JAMAL GODFREY



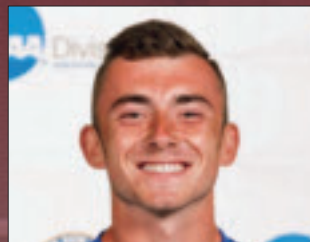
Local 297-C
KARSON HAWKINS



Local 305-E
AMON THOMAS



Local 304-E
CHRISTIAN TURNER



Local 301-NE
JOSHUA LABONTE



Local 309-NE
LAYA MATHAI

plans for higher education there are some that do not and that's why the NPMHU has dedicated such an award for deserving individuals.

Each NPMHU region has been granted a total of 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 NPMHU National Scholarship was dedicated and named after Arthur S. Vallone after his passing in 2005. Arthur S. Vallone served as the elected President of Local 309 which is headquartered in Buffalo, New York and represented approximately 1,000 Mail Handlers throughout upstate New York. Vallone also served 3 terms on the National Executive Board as the Northeast Region Vice President. Vallone's strong belief in learning and education are just a few reasons why

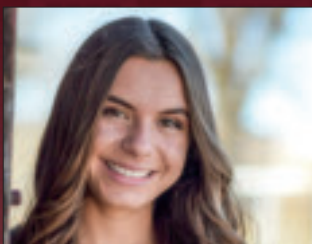
the NPMHU dedicated this legacy to Brother Vallone.

One application from the group of Vallone Scholars recently caught my eye. Taline Mkrtshjan, wife of Local 301 Mail Handler Shop Steward John Mkrtshjan out of Providence, RI is currently seeking an Associate Degree from The Community College of Rhode Island. One of Mrs. Mkrtshjans' Professors wrote a wonderful letter of recommendation. In the letter of recommendation, the professor wrote; "When she joined my General Psychology class, Taline immediately stood out as someone who was driven and would excel. She was always punctual, took excellent notes, and was quick to seek me out with questions. Her goal was to get an A in a usually very difficult class. Her work was consistently the highest in the class. Although she did not need to, Taline did all of the optional assignments for the class and went above and beyond to get the most from the

experience. She even found inconsistencies between the online learning platform we were utilizing and the textbook. Taline was always prepared, respectful, and worked well with classmates. She made it look easy."

It's students like Taline Mkrtshjan that are a fine example of what Arthur Vallone stood for and what I hope every student that is granted the opportunity to attend higher education strive to be. Congratulations to the 15 wonderful recent recipients of the Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Award, the National Executive Board and members of the NPMHU wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Applications for the 2020 NPMHU Arthur S. Vallone Scholarship Program will be available in late November 2019. For details you may contact your Local Union or National Union Headquarters, the application will also be available for download on the NPMHU website at www.npmhu.org.



Local 331-W
MELISSA GABALDON



Local 297-C
RIKKI LI



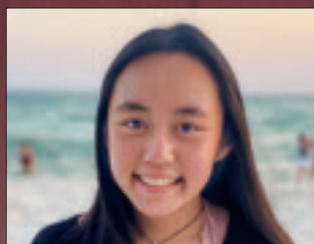
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SYDNEY QUARTUCCI



Local 332-W
VICTORIA SOPER



Local 306-C
MORGAN BRIDGES



Local 311-S
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Local 301-NE
TALINE MKRTSCHJAN