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Longport Scholarship Fund Announces 2018 Winners

LONGPORT— The officers and directors of **The Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Fund** proudly introduced 2018's scholarship recipients to the public at the May 16th Commissioner's Meeting at Longport Borough Hall. Seven recipients received a total of \$12,500 in scholarships this year – the largest amount given in the 12 years the fund has been operating – bringing the grand total of awards to \$64,000. These awards are given to Longport student residents graduating high school or currently attending a form of higher education, who demonstrate scholastic achievement, civic leadership, and strong work ethic.

Funding for the scholarships comes from donations from year-round and seasonal residents. Contributions may be made at any time in honor or in memory of a relative or friend. Donation checks may be mailed to Longport Scholarship Fund, c/o Treasurer Michael Garvin, 32 S 32nd Avenue, Longport, NJ 08403. Contributions can also be made on the Website: www.longportscholarshipfund.com.

Our 2018 Gold Award Winners:

Aspen Lawler is a driven academic – she's been the top female student at OCHS two years running, is National Honor Society Treasurer, and has been listed on the Academic Distinguished Honor Roll for all 4 years of her high school career. She's equally driven in athletics - a surfing fanatic, Aspen is Captain of the OCHS Surf Team and is about to compete in her second Nationals surf competition and is a member of both the Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams. Aspen intends to pursue a degree in Biostatistics – a major that fuses biological medical research with analytics, in order to ensure accuracy in reporting experimental research data.

Nalu Tripician already has college experience under his belt – he's been attending college-level math courses at Atlantic Cape Community College for two years! An insatiable learner, Nalu has been listed on Ocean City High School's Academic Distinguished Honor Roll for all 4 years of his high school career and earned 4's or 5's on all SIX Advanced Placement exams taken during his sophomore and junior year. He is also president of OCHS's History Club and

Academic Team. Nalu will be attending Wesleyan University this fall, to continue his love of computer science, math, and physics. He dreams of either becoming a doctor or working in the aerospace industry.

Thomas M. Rafter, Jr.'s dedication and hard work are no surprise to the teachers that wrote his letters of recommendation. Tom has worked hard to balance academic achievement (National Honor Society Member, top 10% of his class, and the Gifted & Talented Club) with sportsmanship (4 years on the ACHS Varsity Baseball team and Ventnor Rec basketball teams). Tom is excited to be attending Villanova University this fall, to pursue a double-major in Finance and Economics and work to start his own business after graduation.

The 2018 Silver Award Winners:

Erin Rafter is currently pursuing a degree in English & Secondary Education at The College of New Jersey. As an active member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, Erin participates in community outreach, including volunteer work at the Mercer County Correctional Center and the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. A previous scholarship recipient, the Board is proud to continue to support Erin in her journey to become a teacher and mentor to future learners!

Natalie Viso is also currently enrolled in school; she's attending California State Fullerton and majoring in Communications. Her love of film has driven her to complete extensive work on and off campus in the film industry. Besides a full course load and part-time job, Natalie is a member of the Film Club, is writing a screenplay, and has been interning and volunteering on a wide assortment of TV and film projects.

The 2018 Bronze Award Winners:

Tanner Tomassi's wish is to pursue a degree in Marketing, with dreams of traveling and working in the sales industry. While ranked as a number one singles tennis player at Ocean City High School, Tanner also was a member of the Academic Competition Team, a member of both the Leadership Club and History Club, and an intern at several local physical therapy offices. Tanner is planning to attend Rowan University this fall.

Seamus Ulmer is a previous scholarship recipient that we are proud to continue to support. Seamus is currently pursuing his degree in Environmental Business and Sciences at Rutgers University. Seamus hopes to work for a company that focuses on innovation in the alternative power sources field.

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