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Hammond Education Foundation Awards 17 College Scholarships

HAMMOND, IN. – Seventeen 2021 high school graduates of the School City of Hammond have received \$17,000 in college scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year, thanks to financial contributions provided to the Hammond Education Foundation.

Seven scholars from Morton, four scholars from Clark, three scholars from Gavit, and three scholars from Hammond High were awarded post-secondary scholarship funds.

Shardai Holmes received the \$2,500 Biel Scholarship. Miss Holmes will be attending Tuskegee University, majoring in Nursing. The Biel Scholarship is awarded to a Hammond High graduate and is a gift made anonymously by a Hammond High alumnus in memory of the late Hammond teacher and administrator Mark Biel.

There are twelve recipients of a \$1,000 Draskovich/Brundidge Scholarship. They are Maria Santacruz attending Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis, majoring in Computer Engineering; Anahi Briseno attending Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, majoring in Business Administration; Yasmine Booker attending Indiana University Bloomington, majoring in Finance; Jesus Montes attending Valparaiso University, majoring in Civil Engineering; Demilade Adeyeye attending Indiana University Bloomington, majoring in Pre-Physician Assistant; Nazareth Diaz attending Butler University, majoring in Psychology; Cashmere Booker attending Indiana University Bloomington, majoring in Journalism and Political Science; Joshua Lamb attending Marian University, majoring in Biology; Annikkha Setlak attending Valparaiso University, majoring in Nursing; Luke Miiller attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Finance; Giana Foley attending Valparaiso University, majoring in Nursing; and Karina Padilla attending Indiana University Northwest, majoring in Dentistry. The Draskovich/Brundidge Scholarships are awarded city wide and are a gift by retired Hammond teacher Zlatana Draskovich in support of student success.

Logan Hansen received the \$1,000 Hammond Education Foundation Legacy Scholarship. Mr. Hansen will be attending Purdue University Northwest, majoring in Health & Human Services.

Additionally, the following individuals were selected to receive \$500 awards: Mauro Hurtado attending Valparaiso University received the Robertsdale/Whiting Kiwanis Scholarship; Divina Juarez attending Purdue University Northwest received the James Hornak Trades Scholarship; and Desirae Escobedo attending Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis received the Dr. Gary Jones Scholarship.

The Hammond Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and philanthropic partner of the School City of Hammond. Since its origin in 1983, the foundation has generated more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, classroom grants, programs and other support for extraordinary learning experiences and opportunities to help Hammond students succeed—in school and beyond.

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