

Raymond F. Gates, Jr.

Memorial Scholarship Fund



Kristine Abo attends Dartmouth College where she is studying Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Literature. She intends to continue her education and attend medical school. Her teachers refer to her as an outstanding student and an accomplished young woman. Kristine is the daughter of Richard and Patricia Abo. Richard is a REALTOR® with Collier Dow & Condon and a member of the Hartford Association.

Alexandra Bachyrycz recently graduated from Seymour High School and will attend Quinnipiac University in the fall where she will major in Biology. During high school, she was Vice President of the National Honor Society and also received numerous awards/honors for swimming and track. She is the daughter of Don and Jayne Bachyrycz. Don is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Waterbury Board.

Russell Ballard attends Georgetown University focusing on completing a double major in Economics and Chinese. He has consistently been on the Dean's List since arriving at the university. Russell has recently been named a John Carroll Fellow. He is the son of Patricia and Charles Ballard. Patricia is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Ridgefield Board.

Mollie Braaten graduated in June from Ridgefield High School and will attend Purchase College in the fall. During her four years of high school, Mollie was on the High Honor Roll and also received numerous Awards for Achievement in English, Social Studies, and Art. Mollie is the daughter of Dee and Richard Braaten. Dee is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Realty and a member of the Ridgefield Board.

Heather Braunagel is a recent graduate from Trumbull High School and in the fall will attend Columbia University where she will major in Economics. During her years in high school, Heather was a member of the Spanish Honors Society, National Honor Society, and was in the Program of Excellence. Heather is the daughter of Thomas and Ann Braunagel. Ann is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Realty and a member of the Bridgeport Board.

Taylor Burns is a 2009 graduate of New Milford High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Taylor has been described as a self-directed and self-motivated individual. In the fall, she will attend the University of Pittsburgh pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Communications. Taylor is the daughter of Paul Burns and Kathy Snow-Burns. Paul is a REALTOR® with ERA Goodfellow Homes and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

Dana Callahan graduated in June from Valley Regional High School and will attend Middlebury College in the fall pursuing a double major in Environmental Studies and Economics. During high school, Dana was a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society and participated in pep bands. Dana is the daughter of Patrick Callahan and Ann Walton Goodwin. Patrick is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Midd-Shore Association.

Kyle Capaldo is a graduate of Thomaston High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to study business at Fairfield University in the fall. Kyle is the son of Sharon and Michael Capaldo. Sharon is a REALTOR® with Klemm Real Estate and a member of the Litchfield County Board.

Rebecca Christiansen will be entering her senior year at Hofstra University where she is majoring in mathematics. She is a member of the Hofstra University Honors College, Phi Eta Sigma College Honor Society, a member of Alpha Theta Beta Sorority and a resident assistant. Rebecca is the daughter of Carol and Terry Christiansen. Carol is REALTOR® with RE/MAX Realty Group and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Megan Cody attends Lehigh University where she is an accounting major in the College of Business and Economics and has consistently been named to the Dean's List since arriving at the university. Upon graduation, she plans on a career in public accounting. Megan is the daughter of Kristi Vaughan and Todd Cody. Kristi is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Ridgefield Board.

Jeffrey Crow graduated in June from St. Joseph High School where he was consistently named to the Honor Roll. His teacher describes him as a polite young man who she believes will make his mark on the world. He will attend the University of Miami-Frost School of Music where he will pursue a dual major in music and business. Jeffrey is the son of Lorrie and Jeff Crow. Jeff is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Bridgeport Board.

Jessica Crow attends the University of Miami where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. She is on the Dean's List and Provost's Honor Roll, a member of Gamma Sigma Alpha Greek National Honor Society and Rho Lambda National Panhellenic Society. Jessica is the daughter of Lorrie and Jeff Crow. Jeff is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Bridgeport Board.

Courtney Cyr attends Hofstra University where she is majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. She is looking into a research-oriented career after graduation. Her intellectual qualities are described as first rate. Courtney is the daughter of Barry and Sheryl Cyr. Barry is the Designated REALTOR® with Realty One, LLC and a member of the Tri-County Board.

Salvatore D'Amico attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Management Technology. He received the Rensselaer Leadership Award and has maintained his standing on the school's Dean's List. Salvatore is the son of Sal and Marlyn D'Amico. Marlyn is a REALTOR® with RE/MAX Hilltop and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

Hannah Decatur graduated in June from St. Luke's School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Her teacher describes Hannah as having strong critical thinking skills. She will be attending Johns Hopkins in the fall. Hannah is the daughter of Rebecca and James Decatur. Rebecca is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

Peter De Riemer recently graduated from Greenwich High School and in the fall will attend Williams College exploring the fields of Journalism and Biology. During high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Finalist. His teachers refer to him as a conscientious, dedicated, and hard-working student. Peter is the son of Cynthia and Mark De Riemer. Cynthia is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Greenwich Association.

Jessica Durkee is a 2008 graduate of Vassar College where she received a degree in Chemistry with a minor in Analytical Philosophy and Molecular Biology. In the fall, she will return to the University of Maryland, School of Medicine where she will continue her medical degree. Jessica is the daughter of Margaret and Henry Durkee. Margaret is a REALTOR® with West View Properties and a member of the Waterbury Board.

James Fayal attends the University of Maryland and is studying Business. He is described as incredibly bright, highly motivated and a natural leader. James spent last summer doing missionary work in Ecuador. He is the son of Annemarie Haag and James E. Fayal. Annemarie is a REALTOR® with RE/MAX Coast & Country and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Asia Foreman is a 2009 graduate of Fairfield Ludlowe High School where she was in the drama club and a Spanish tutor. She will attend the University of Richmond in the fall. Asia plans on studying Spanish and Leadership. She is described by her counselor as a serious student, an enthusiastic individual, and a compassionate friend to all. Asia is the daughter of Mark and Wende Foreman. Mark is the Designated REALTOR® with Cornerstone Capital Real Estate and a member of the Bridgeport Board.

Vincent Freccia, IV attends Colgate University where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in Economics. He received the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence consistently since arriving at the university. Vincent is the son of Ann and Vincent Freccia, III. Ann is a REALTOR® with the Real Estate Information Center and a member of the Stamford Board.

Kirsten Fuchs attends Bucknell University and is pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as an occupation in Mechanical Engineering. She was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and received the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement. Kirsten is the daughter of Craig and Martha Fuchs. Craig is a REALTOR® with S.L. Cooke Company/H. Pearce Real Estate and a member of the New Haven Association.

Sarah Gallagher graduated in June from Staples High School and will be attending Boston College where she will study International Relations. One day she hopes to work in a diplomatic position, possibly as an ambassador. During her high school years, she was a member of the National Honor Society, received Awards for Excellence in French/German and was on the Varsity Swim Team. Sarah is the daughter of Mary Ellen and John Gallagher. Mary Ellen is a REALTOR® with Higgins Group and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Chelsea Galvin is a recent graduate of Farmington High School where she was an academic scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. In the fall, she will attend the University of Vermont where she will study Biology and French. She is the daughter of John and Donna Galvin. John is the Designated REALTOR® with Andrews and Galvin Appraisal Services and a member of the Hartford Association.

Michael Garzi graduated in June from South Kent School and will be attending Colgate University in the fall where he will study Economics and Business. He plans on pursuing a career in Soccer because of his passion and outstanding abilities on the soccer field. Michael is the son of Brenda and Joseph Garzi. Brenda is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the New Milford Board.

Jessica Granger attends the University of Southern California-School of Cinematic Arts. Jessica will double major in Film and Television Production as well as Visual Anthropology. She has maintained honors since arriving at the university. Jessica is the daughter of Irit and John Granger. Irit is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the New Milford Board.

Bridget Hegarty is a recent graduate of Brookfield High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Girl Scout Gold Award. Bridget was the Valedictorian of her graduating class. In the fall, she will be attending Cornell University. Bridget is the daughter of Jim and Donna Hegarty. Jim is a REALTOR® with Hegarty & Company, Inc. and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

Colin Heneghan graduated in June from South Windsor High School and will be attending Bryant University in the fall studying marketing and finance. During high school, he was on the Honor Roll, played basketball, volleyball, swim team, and did volunteer work. Colin is the son of James and Colleen Heneghan. James is the Designated REALTOR® with Trinity Appraisal & Real Estate and a member of the Hartford Association.

Hannah Horowitz attends Harvard and is majoring in Earth and Planetary Sciences. She is a student conductor for Harvard University Band, flutist/piccolo player in the Bach Society Orchestra, and was pit orchestra flutist for the Dramatic Club's production of Sweeney Todd. Hannah is the daughter of Ralph and Maureen Horowitz. Maureen is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Hartford Association.

Keegan Johnson recently graduated from Avon High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society, received Scholar Athlete Awards for golf/swimming and volunteered for the Special Olympics. He will attend Elon University in the fall. Keegan is the son of Katherine and Ryan Johnson. Katherine is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Hartford Association.

Davida Judelson attends Brandeis University where she is pursuing her interest in art and science with a major in Studio Arts and a minor in Chemistry. She obtained an internship at the George Eastman House in the area of photographic conservation. She is described as modest, good-natured, ambitious and imaginative. Davida is the daughter of Deborah and Bruce Judelson. Deborah is a REALTOR® with Kamp & Nielsen and a member of the New Haven Association.

Abigail Kamp graduated in May from Sacred Heart Academy and will be attending George Washington University in the fall where she will be majoring in International Relations with a minor in Spanish. After college, Abigail plans on joining the Peace Corps volunteering in Latin America. Abigail is the daughter of Elise and Michael Kamp. Elise is a REALTOR® with Press & Cuzzo REALTORS® and a member of the New Haven Association.

Harrison Katz attends Lehigh University where he is pursuing a degree in International Relations and plans on going to law school. He was on the Dean's List for the first semester at the university. His advisor describes him as a very diligent student and leader. Harrison is the son of Stuart and Suzanne Katz. Suzanne is a REALTOR®-Associate with Sotheby's International Realty and a member of the Greenwich Association.

Stephanie Kearns attends Merrimack College where she is currently studying Civil Engineering, Business and Math. This past year Stephanie was placed on the President's List. She aspires to someday own an independent engineering firm. Stephanie is the daughter of Heidi and Walter Kearns, Jr. Heidi is a REALTOR® with EJ Murphy Realty and a member of the Litchfield County Board.

Mark Kersteen is a recent graduate of Daniel Hand High School where he had been enrolled in a very competitive college curriculum. He will be attending the University of St. Andrews, Scotland in the fall and plans on receiving his Bachelor's Degree in English. Mark plans on returning to the United States to obtain his Master's and Doctorate Degree's. He is the son of Tracey and Douglas Kersteen. Tracey is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Midd-Shore Association.

Eleanor Kleinhans graduated in June from East Lyme High School and will be attending Stevens Institute of Technology in the fall studying Biomedical Engineering. During high school, Eleanor was a member of the National Honor Society, Top News Writer, and co-editor-in-chief for The Viking Saga, ELHS school newspaper. She is the daughter of Nell and Robert Kleinhans. Nell is the Designated REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Right and a member of the Tri-County Board.

James Lacerenza attends the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. He would like to be an on-air personality for a major television or radio network, syndicator and/or production company. He has been very active in the Muscular Dystrophy Association and appeared on the 2008 Jerry Lewis MDA telethon. James is the son of James V. Lacerenza. James is a REALTOR®-Associate with Sotheby's International Realty and a member of the Greenwich Association.

Joseph LaSala is a 2009 graduate of Wilton High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and for three years contributed many hours to his work with underprivileged youth. In the fall, he will attend Washington & Lee University where he plans to major in business with an interest in environmental sciences. Joseph is the son of Marianne and Stephen LaSala. Marianne is a REALTOR® with The Higgins Group and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Danielle Marshak is a recent graduate of Weston High School and will be attending Brown University in the fall where she plans to study International Economics and Mathematics. While in high school, Danielle achieved academic superiority, never receiving a grade lower than an A, was a member of the National Honor Society and Editor-in-Chief for The Weston High School Journal. She is the daughter of Lynn Walkoff and Craig Marshak. Lynn is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Christine Marshall graduated in June from Old Saybrook High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and Captain of the varsity soccer and basketball teams. She will be attending UConn in the fall pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Christine is the daughter of Patricia and Steven Marshall. Patricia is a REALTOR® with JM Realty and a member of the Mid-Shore Association.

Nicholas Matiasz attends Tufts University School of Engineering and intends to earn a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Nicholas has been on the Dean's List since arriving at the university and won 1st place at the Electrical Engineering Department's Speaker Contest. Nicholas is the son of Maria and Nestor Matiasz. Maria is a REALTOR® with Century 21 William R. Smith Realty and a member of the Hartford Association.

Joy Meng attends UConn where she is pursuing the study of Pharmacology. She has volunteered in the Pharmacy and Emergency Departments at Windham Community Hospital, tutored students from grades K-8 and was involved in the America Reads Project. Joy is the daughter of Wenzhi Meng and Jing Wang. Wenzhi is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Bay-Mar Realty and a member of the Mid-State Association.

Kayleigh Metviner attends the McGill University where she is pursuing an honors degree in International Development with a minor in International Relations. Kayleigh will be studying in the fall at the University of Auckland, New Zealand to expand her academic/cultural horizons. Kayleigh is the daughter of David Metviner and Jackie Scaringella. David is a REALTOR® with Paul Rullo Real Estate and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

Urania Michael attends UConn and is majoring in Biomedical Engineering. As a biomedical engineer, she intends to integrate all she has learned to improve the quality of human health and life. She was recently named to the Dean's List. Urania is the daughter of Anna and Nicos Michael. Anna is a REALTOR® with Delta Real Estate and a member of the Waterbury Board.

Nicole Michaelis recently graduated from Staples High School where she was consistently on the Honor Roll, was a member of the National Honor Society, and volunteered at an after-school program for at-risk youth. She will be attending Bowdoin College in the fall and will majoring in Economics with a minor in English. Nicole is the daughter of Judy and Larry Michaelis. Judy is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker/Riverside and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Lauren Mitchell graduated in June from Guilford High School where she received Honors, was a Scholar Athlete and was named Most Valuable Player in Lacrosse. She will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall as a Liberal Arts Major. Lauren is the daughter of Kathy and Dean Mitchell. Kathy is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Mid-Shore Association.

Kelsey Murphy is a 2009 graduate of Daniel Hand High School and will be attending New York University in the fall where she plans to pursue Creative Writing. Kelsey was recently presented the English Award of Excellence. She is the daughter of Sheila Tinn-Murphy and William Murphy. Sheila is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Mid-Shore Association.

Patricia Murphy is a recent graduate of Kingswood-Oxford School where she was involved in athletics, music, and theatre. In the fall, she will attend Dartmouth College. In college Patricia plans to focus her studies in the Arts and Sciences. Patricia is the daughter of Thomas and Mary Beth Murphy. Thomas is a REALTOR® with Shimkus, Murphy & Lemkuil and a member of the Hartford Association.

Nicholas Nocella graduated in June from Simsbury High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and an AP Scholar. He will be attending UConn in the fall where he will study Biology. He hopes to attend medical school in the future. Nicholas is the son of Darlene and Alfonso Nocella. Darlene is a REALTOR® with Vision Realty and a member of the Hartford Association.

Kelly O'Connor is a 2009 graduate of South Windsor High School. She will attend UConn and pursue a program of study in Natural Resources. Throughout high school, Kelly was an Honor student, a member of the National Honor Society, and was named Most Outstanding Student. Kelly is the daughter of Robert and Karen O'Connor. Karen is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Hartford Association.

Elysia Pan is a recent graduate from Stamford High School and will be attending Duke University in the fall where she will study Biology and Public Policy and plans to pursue a career in Epidemiology and Global Health. During high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, debate team, and played field hockey. Elysia performed over 1,100 hours of community service. She is the daughter of Eugenia and Yun-Guo Pan. Eugenia is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Access America and a member of the Stamford Board.

Thomas Paquette graduated in June from Bolton High School where he was on the Honor Roll, a member of the National Honor Society, participated in concert band and played multiple sports. His teachers refer to him as being self-motivated, independent and a positive young man. In the fall, he will attend Keene State College. Thomas is the son of Lee and Dorothy Paquette. Lee is a REALTOR® with ERA Philips and a member of the Tri-County Board.

Christine Pelletier is a 2009 graduate of Sacred Heart High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the art, science and technology clubs and a member of the swim & diving team. She will attend the University of Connecticut-Waterbury Campus in the fall. Christine is the daughter of Carol and Michael Pelletier. Carol is a REALTOR® with Marone Realty and a member of the Waterbury Board.

Priscilla Perez attends Salve Regina University pursuing a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She plans to attend medical school. Priscilla is currently a member of the public relations committee of Salve Regina University's Pre-Med Club. She is the daughter of Nereida Lisboa. Nereida is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the New Haven Association.

Alexis Peters is a recent graduate of Robert E. Fitch Senior High School and will attend Brown University in the fall. During her high school years, she was a member of the National Honor Society, yearbook staff, and participated in varsity cross country and track teams. Alexis is the daughter of Michele and Kenneth Peters. Michele is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Rachel Rozewski is a 2009 graduate of Rocky Hill High School where she received a Certificate for Academic Honors, a member of the National Art Honor Society, and won the President's Award for Educational Excellence. Rachel spent her February vacation rebuilding homes in New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity. In the fall, she will attend The University of Tampa and pursue a degree in Business. Rachel is the daughter of Steve and Debi Rozewski. Debi is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Clemens & Sons and a member of the Hartford Association.

Thomas Sauro graduated in June from Amity Regional High School and will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering. During high school, he maintained honors and participated in the schools Wind Ensemble and marching band. He is the son of Sandra and James Sauro, Jr. Sandra is a REALTOR® with Gaudioso REALTORS® and a member of the New Haven Association.

Michelle Scatamacchia is a recent graduate of Norwalk High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and participated in varsity soccer/basketball. In the fall, she will attend UConn and is contemplating a career in sports management, education, or psychology. Michelle is the daughter of Steven and Theresa Scatamacchia. Steven is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Benjamin Scudder graduated in June from Avon High School and will be attending Berklee College of Music in the fall pursuing a degree in Music Business and Management. During high school he was on the Honor Roll, lettered in both crew and track, and participated in the jazz, marching and pep bands. Benjamin is the son of Russell and Jodi Scudder. Russell is the Designated REALTOR® with Big Oak Realty, LLC and a member of the Hartford Association.

Caitlin Scudder attends Amherst College where she is a Spanish Major. She hopes to work as a high school Spanish teacher. Caitlin's assistant professor describes her as maintaining an above-average performance in many of her courses and being very involved in community work in Costa Rica. She is the daughter of Russell and Jodi Scudder. Russell is the Designated REALTOR® with Big Oak Realty, LLC and a member of the Hartford Association.

Richard J. Senft attends Rochester Institute of Technology where he is currently pursuing a Bachelor's of Science degree. He is a member of the Executive Board for the Electronic Gaming Society, has been on the Dean's List and is described as having very strong organizational skills. Richard is the son of Richard A. and Vivian (Inglima) Senft. Vivian is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Midd-Shore Association.

Avery Silverstein is a recent graduate of Amity Regional High School and will be attending Brown University in the fall. Avery is planning on becoming a commercial real estate broker. During her high school years, she was a member of the National Honor Society and a Female Scholar Athlete. Avery is the daughter of Steve and Nancy Silverstein. Nancy is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the New Haven Association.

Gabriel Sim graduated Summa Cum Laude from Fairfield College Preparatory School and will attend Georgetown University where he will pursue a degree in Finance. He was a member of the National Honor Society, named National Merit Commended Scholar, participated in numerous clubs, and was an active volunteer. Gabriel is the son of Mary and John Sim. Mary is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Newtown Board.

Kyle Sledge will transfer to the University of Virginia and continue his studies towards his Bachelor's of Science degree in Chemistry. Kyle was recently accepted into both the Honors Program and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Kyle also served as a tutor to children in the Philadelphia area. He is the son of Joseph and Darcy Sledge. Darcy is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Hilary Smith attends Bucknell University and is pursuing a double major in International Relations and Economics. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Hilary is the daughter of James Hoffman and Pamela Smith. James is a REALTOR® with Weichert REALTORS® and a member of the Greenwich Association.

Suzanne Stelmach attends Salve Regina University and has recently been accepted in the accelerated graduate program. She will receive her Bachelor's of Arts degree in Administration of Justice and Master's degree in Homeland Security. Suzanne was a past recipient of the Presidential Scholarship at Salve Regina. She is the daughter of Stan and Paulette Stelmach. Stan is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Access America and a member of the Hartford Association.

Stephanie Strano attends Hofstra University where she is pursuing a degree in Biology. She recently received the AP Scholar with Honor Award and is described by her teacher as being superior academically. Stephanie is the daughter of Frank and Diane Strano. Frank is the Designated REALTOR® with Strano Realty and a member of the Tri-County Board.

Matthew Swircenski is a recent graduate of Holy Cross High School and in the fall will be attending UConn studying computer science and engineering. During his high school years, Matthew was a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, a member of the National Honor Society, chess club, jazz band and plays the piano. Matthew is the son of Kim and Gary Swircenski. Kim is a Designated REALTOR® with Kim Swircenski, LLC and a member of the Waterbury Board.

Lucas Talbot graduated in June from Canton High School where he received the Honors Academic Achievement Award, was named Student Athlete, and received the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete Award. In the fall, he will attend Western New England College and study sports management. He is the son of Tim and Gayle Talbot. Gayle is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Hartford Association.

Alan Thorne, Jr. is a 2009 graduate of Hopkins School where he was a four-year Malone Scholar, a National Achievement Scholar winner, and was captain of the cross country and varsity track teams. In the fall, he will attend Princeton University and major in computer science. Alan is the son of Francine and Alan Thorne, Sr. Francine is a REALTOR® with Sette Real Estate and a member of the New Haven Association.

Laura Tuneski is completing her Master's of Arts in English Education at UConn. Upon graduation in May 2010, Laura will teach English to inner-city children. She is described as being an overachiever, motivated, goal-oriented and hard working. Laura is the daughter of Glenn and Elaine Tuneski. Glenn is a REALTOR® with Conte & Lucas REALTORS® and a member of the Hartford Association.

Parvati Vaish graduated in June from Shelton High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the AP Scholar and Honors Award. In the fall, she will attend Babson College where she will pursue a degree in Business Management with a concentration in International Business. Parvati is the daughter of Arvind and Mala Vaish. Mala is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Access America and a member of the Bridgeport Board.

Chanel Walker is a recent graduate of Bloomfield High School where she was Class President, a member and secretary of the National Honor Society, won the Superintendent's Award and volunteers for the group Untouchables. Chanel will attend Temple University in the fall to major in Psychology and minor in child development or social work. She is the daughter of Sheila Minnifield and Carlton Walker. Sheila is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Clemens & Sons and a member of the Hartford Association.

Catherine Wayland attends New York University as a Classical Civilizations major with a minor in Business Studies and has consistently been on the Dean's List since arriving at the university. She intends to work in the field of classical archaeology and/or the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This summer, she will be participating in an archaeological excavation on the western coast of Cyprus. Catherine is the daughter of David and Ewa Wayland. Ewa is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Hartford Association.

Amy Wheeler is a 2009 graduate of New Milford High School and in the fall will be attending Western Connecticut State University where she will pursue the study of Fine Arts. During her high school years, she was a member of the National Honor Society and played varsity field hockey and softball. Amy is the daughter of Tad and Sherry Wheeler. Sherry is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

Megan Woodruff graduated in June from Wamogo Regional High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, named Outstanding High School Accounting Student and was in the jazz band. Megan will attend Nichols College in the fall to major in Accounting. She is the daughter of Diane and Robert Woodruff. Diane is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Litchfield County Board.