

Raymond F. Gates, Jr.

Memorial Scholarship Fund



Emily Baldwin attends Central Connecticut State University where she majors in Psychological Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. Her ultimate career goal is to become a child therapist specializing in play therapy and creative arts therapy for young children. Emily is the stepdaughter of REALTOR® Kristen Rose Baldwin of William Raveis and a member of the New Canaan Board.

Bradley Barcello will be returning to Springfield College in the fall to pursue his Doctorate of Physical Therapy. His goal is to become a sports physical therapist, combining his clinical knowledge with his experience as a 4-year collegiate athlete and one day own a sports-focused physical therapy clinic. Bradley is the son of REALTOR® Thomas Barcello of US Asset Realty in Stratford and a member of the Greater Bridgeport Board.

Aria Beger is a University of Connecticut Economics major. She is most interested in international economics and hopes to work in Regulatory Relations either domestically or internationally while she decides whether or not to pursue a master's degree. Aria is the daughter of REALTOR® Dipti Joshi of Sunbelt Sales & Development in Stamford and a member of the Greater Bridgeport Board.

Milo Burch will graduate from Daniel Hand High School and is slated to attend St. Lawrence University to major in Conservation Biology and Outdoor Leadership. He aims to work in a career that allows him to protect natural spaces while helping communities use them responsibly. Milo is the son of REALTOR® Karen Rosenthal of William Raveis Real Estate in Guilford and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Isabella Carbutti recently completed her freshman year at the University of Connecticut where she is studying Computer Science-Engineering with the hope to ultimately focus her studies on cyber security. Bella is the daughter of REALTOR® Peter Carbutti of Carbutti & Co. REALTORS® in Wallingford and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Mia Carey is graduating from Shelton High School and will attend The Pennsylvania State University, where she plans to major in Biobehavioral Health. Her plans are to earn her master's degree and pursue a career as an occupational therapist. Mia is the daughter of REALTOR® Christopher Carey of Carey & Guarrera Real Estate in Shelton and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Ella Cherenek will soon graduate from Darien High School and will major in Biology at Bowdoin College. She plans to go on to medical school and become a dermatologist with a specialty in skin cancer removal and treatment. Ella is the daughter of REALTOR® Alison P. Cherenek with Houlihan Lawrence Darien and a member of the Darien Board.

Cameron Clark just completed her freshman year at Duke University where she is studying Statistical Sciences with a concentration in Data Science. She is interested in applied, data-driven fields such as sports analytics and women-focused industries like beauty and wellness. Cameron is the daughter of REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® Patricia Clark with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services in Old Greenwich and a member of the Greenwich Association.

Zachary Cooper currently attends the Rochester Institute of Technology majoring in Software Engineering. This summer he will be completing a summer software co-op where he will be able to apply his technical and problem-solving skills to real engineering challenges. Zachary is the son of Designated REALTOR® Kathleen Sposato of Sposato Realty Group in Woodstock and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Isabella DeVito graduates from New Canaan High School this year and will attend Villanova University to major in Business Management/Marketing. She loves understanding how ideas connect with people and inspire action. As someone deeply passionate about animals and nature, she hopes to merge her creative interests with her desire to promote conservation and inspire others to protect the environment. Isabella is the daughter of REALTOR® David DeVito of Call It Closed Realty in Naples, FL and a member of the New Canaan Board.

Ashia Durrant recently graduated from A.I. Prince Technical High School and is looking forward to her freshman year at the University of Hartford. With a long-term goal of becoming a construction manager, she's planning to study Civil Engineering. Ashia is the daughter of REALTOR® Terence Durrant of Tinker Realty & Insurance in Hartford and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Hasana Durrant is a recent high school graduate who will attend CT State Community College (Manchester) where she'll be majoring in Baking & Pastry Arts with the hope of one day becoming a pastry or private chef. Hasana is the daughter of REALTOR® Terence Durrant of Tinker Realty & Insurance in Hartford and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Brody Fusco will graduate from Wilton High School and attend Purdue University in the fall, majoring in Electrical Engineering. His goal is to become a specialized integrated circuit design engineer with a focus on alternative digital storage and memory technologies. Brody is the son of REALTOR® Lori Fusco of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty in Westport and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Charlie Gianacoplos, a recent Robert E. Fitch High School graduate, will be attending Louisiana State University as a Business Finance and Affiliated Marketing major. As a child, Charlie attempted to launch an affiliate marketing venture, develop an app and even write a movie. He looks forward to bridging the gap between ideas and action as well as between people and opportunities in his future career. Charlie is the son of REALTOR® Heather Gianacoplos of Compass in Mystic and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Kai Gordon graduated from Robert E. Fitch High School and will study Finance at the University of Florida in the fall. The more he has learned about inclusive finance, the more he is committed to leveraging social entrepreneurship to break down barriers and create opportunities for underserved communities by combining business studies with public policy and social work. Kai is the son of REALTOR® Geoff Gordon of Compass Connecticut in Mystic and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Karen Hawash currently attends Fairfield University's Dolan School of Business in pursuit of a Master's in Finance. Her immediate goal after completing graduate school is to begin working at Boeing in a role that allows her to apply her analytical and problem-solving skills in operations, engineering coordination or financial analysis. Karen is the daughter of REALTOR® Akmal Hawash of The Bella Group in Warren and a member of the Greater Bridgeport Board.

Saira Isfahani is graduating from New Canaan High School and will be attending the University of Richmond as a Business Major. She would like to pursue a career in business with a focus on marketing and consumer behavior. Saira is the daughter of REALTOR® Jennifer Isfahani of Redfin Corporation in New Haven and a member of the Greater Bridgeport Board.

Maya Kasica currently attends Fairfield University where she is working to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing as well as a Registered Nurse license. She would like to work in pediatric nursing and become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Maya is the daughter of REALTOR® Katarzyna Kasica with Century 21 All Points Realty in Southington and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Alicia Ligouri currently attends the University of South Florida, majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology with plans to continue on to medical school. Alicia serves as the Best Buddies USF Membership Co-Chair, carrying on her service as Best Buddies President/Social Media Manager/Mentor throughout high school. Best Buddies is a global nonprofit dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development. Alicia is the daughter of Tammi Ligouri, a REALTOR® with Independent Realty Group in Brookfield and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

Burke Lindsay is a soon to be alumni of Amity Regional High School who will major in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Florida. His career goal is to work with leading engineering organizations such as NASA, SpaceX or Boeing so he can work with groups that push the boundaries of space exploration and engineering excellence. Burke is the son of REALTOR® Christy Lindsay of Coldwell Banker in Milford and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Ava Lombardo is graduating from Newtown High School and will attend Roger Williams University in the fall to study Marine Biology/Aquaculture and Aquarium Science. She would ultimately like to be a part of a rescue, rehab and release team for marine life and work on rehabilitating animals to go back to a normal life in the ocean. Ava is the daughter of Debra and Robert Lombardo, REALTORS® with Coldwell Banker in Newtown and members of the Newtown Board.

Eddie Love IV is a recent graduate of Platt Technical High School who will attend Wentworth Institute of Technology this fall to study architecture. He carries his father's lessons with him that remind him to keep showing up even when life feels uncertain which gives him confidence in tackling the new challenge of college. Eddie is the son of REALTOR® Brethela Love of J&S Realty Services in Fairfield and a member of the Greater Bridgeport Board.

Blake Lowe is graduating from Greenwich High School and will attend Johns Hopkins University where he plans to major in Civil Engineering and minor in Financial Economics. He hopes to design infrastructure projects that solve real-world problems while pursuing a finance career focused on land use and infrastructure development. Blake is the son of REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® Julie Lowe of Houlihan Lawrence and a member of the Greenwich Association.

Andrew Lowe currently attends the University of Chicago studying Business Economics and Data Science. His goal is to work with family-owned and founder-led businesses (particularly in the industrial sector) to help them grow, expand and navigate important transitions. This plan interests Andrew as it combines entrepreneurship, consulting and leadership while helping the families and businesses that are the backbone of our country. Andrew is the son of REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® Julie Lowe of Houlihan Lawrence and a member of the Greenwich Association.

Eric Luo attends Cornell University and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He has developed an increasing interest in computational analysis and may consider going on for his master's degree in engineering. For the summer, he is looking forward to interning with HyAxiom, a company that specializes in hydrogen fuel cells. Eric is the son of REALTOR® Liping (Lisa) Tan with Vision Real Estate in Unionville and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Elizabeth Maffeo is graduating from Montville High School with plans to major in Early Childhood Education (with a focus on special education) and minor in Spanish at Carlow University. She will continue her education to earn her master's degree and begin her career as an elementary school teacher before looking for an opportunity in administration and/or special education management. Lizzie is the daughter of REALTOR® Lisa Maffeo of Signature Properties of New England in Uncasville and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Charlotte Minnick just completed her second year at Dickinson College where she studies Environmental Science and French & Francophone Studies. She aspires to become an environmental scientist focused on water, air, wildlife or plants. Charlotte is the daughter of REALTOR® Lynn Prevost Minnick of Carl Guild & Associates in East Hampton and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Yvaine Montalvo Martinez recently graduated high school and plans to start her college career at Central CT State University. Looking to study General Biology, she would like to become either a Neuroscientist, Cardiologist or Marine Biologist. Evie is the daughter of REALTOR® Douglas Montalvo Mussenden of eXp Realty of CT in West Hartford and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Brooke Pallarino currently attends Endicott College and is studying Environmental Science. Her long-term goal is to teach and mentor students who have an interest in the environment while also conducting research in that field. Brooke is the daughter of REALTOR® Susan Pallarino of East Coast Associates in Norwalk and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

Ayanna Perez attends Albertus Magnus College, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Education. Her long-term career goals are to combine her background in psychology with leadership training to build environments within higher education where individuals feel valued, supported, and motivated to succeed. Ayanna is the daughter of REALTOR® Amanda Tracy of Emerald Glen Associates in Orange and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Christian Peterson is transferring from CT State Community College–Gateway to the University of Wisconsin Madison this fall as a Biochemistry and Health Sciences major in pursuit of his nursing degree and ultimately to become a Certified Nurse Anesthetist. Christian is the son of REALTOR® Douglas Peterson of the One Team at William Raveis in Guilford and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Benjamin Pollio will be graduating from North Haven High School shortly and will be attending Sacred Heart University to pursue a degree in Computer Science. He is interested in careers involving research or development of artificial intelligence. Benjamin is the son of REALTOR® Janelle Maffeo of Realty ONE Group Connect in Monroe and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Charlotte Reitz just completed her freshman year at the University of New Hampshire where she majors in Political Science and Sustainability. She hopes to attend law school and pursue her dream of creating laws and policies to help protect and conserve the environment. Charlotte is the daughter of REALTOR® Julie Reitz with Coldwell Banker in West Hartford and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

Justin Rosario graduates from Lyman Hall High School and will pursue a degree in Business or Exercise Science at Springfield College. His anticipated career goal is to become an Athletic Trainer. Justin is the son of REALTOR® Elisia Bontatibus of Rosa Realty Team in East Haven and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Adonis Santiago currently attends Salve Regina University where he majors in Business Administration with a double minor in entrepreneurship and accounting. Adonis plans to complete his master's degree in business, then return to school for architecture and hopefully start his own architecture firm someday. He is the son of REALTOR® Danielle Pellerin of PMI Southeast CT in East Lyme and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Kelsey Stern currently attends Sacred Heart University, pursuing a degree in Communication Disorder (3+2) with a minor in Educational Studies. As a future Speech and Language Pathologist, her ultimate goal is to empower children to be able to overcome any challenge that they face. Kelsey is the daughter of REALTOR® Brette Stern of Calcagni Real Estate in Cheshire and a member of the New Haven Middlesex Association.

Brooke Shaughnessy is graduating from Staples High School and plans to study business math, accounting or finance at the University of Maryland this fall. She would like to pursue a career where she can use her strength in mathematics, possibly as an actuary. Brooke is the daughter of REALTOR® Debra Shaughnessy of Coldwell Banker in Westport and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

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In memory of:



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BOB KIMBALL



LARRY STORY



BILL VIBERT

The Foundation is pleased to highlight scholarships awarded yearly in honor of CT REALTORS® Past Presidents who have recently passed away. The following 5 applicants have been selected to receive this year's tribute scholarships in memory of 1995 Past President Frank Green from the Stamford Board, 1974 Past President Joe Gustin from the Mid-State Association, 2012 Past President Bob Kimball from the Eastern CT Association, 1996 Past President Larry Story from the New Canaan Board and 2000 Past President Bill Vibert from the Greater Hartford Association:

Frank Green Tribute Scholarship

Matthew Lagana attends the University of Connecticut School of Medicine pursuing a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree. His career goal is to become a physician practicing in Connecticut and specializing in outpatient internal medicine (primary care).

Matthew would also like to extend his work behind the clinic through public health advocacy, believing it is imperative for physicians to consider the social determinants of health that shape individual patient health outcomes and drive health disparities. He is the son of REALTOR® Rosa Lagana of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties in Stamford and a member of the Stamford Board.

Joe Gustin Tribute Scholarship

Andja Demiraj attends Boston University Dental School with career goals that center on integrating clinical dentistry with health policy to improve access to equitable, high-quality oral healthcare. Most recently, she has been serving as a Graduate Fellow with the Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research where she conducts policy analysis and contributes to reports on public health issues. Andja is the daughter of REALTOR® Arben Demiraj with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Gaetano Mara Homes and a member of the Mid-State Association.

Bob Kimball Tribute Scholarship

Maxson Denny will graduate from Marine Science Magnet High School and go on to Penn State University Park to major in Mechanical Engineering. He hopes to be a part of a professional engineering firm with a special interest in the automotive, manufacturing or production industries. Max is the son of REALTOR® Katrina Korpi of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties in Mystic and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

Larry Story Tribute Scholarship

Rowan Tanner will graduate from Brien McMahon High School and go on to Virginia Tech where she plans to major in Biotechnology. She wants to pursue a career in biotechnology to be a part of finding cures for many of the diseases that cause harm in society today by combining medical research and the near staggering ability for AI to sequence DNA, test/discover new compounds and make a huge impact going forward. Rowan is the daughter of REALTOR® Richard Tanner with Houlihan Lawrence in New Canaan and a member of the New Canaan Board.

Bill Vibert Tribute Scholarship

Amaya Washington, a recent high school graduate, is heading to the University of Connecticut in the fall where she is planning to major in Political Science. She would like to pursue law school, become a lawyer and then use this path to help young children find their voices and protect them from harm. Amaya is the daughter of REALTOR® Jessica Washington of William Raveis Real Estate in Farmington and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.



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