



OAR Awards Scholarships to 49 Students with Autism

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) takes great pleasure in announcing the recipients of the Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships and Schwallie Family Scholarships for 2018. The two scholarships attracted over 500 applicants, and the 49 awards total \$147,000. Through this program, OAR has now provided scholarships to 318 students with autism diagnoses – a total financial contribution of \$954,000 since the program started in 2007.

This year's edition of OAR's scholarship competition saw an increase of 11 Schwallie Family Scholarships to award. 10 of the additional scholarships are due to the generosity of the Schwallie family. The 11th bonus scholarship was funded by Gabriella Hoffman, a 12-year-old girl with autism who raised money by creating and selling essential oils. Hoffman raised \$3,220 through her business, "Oil My Goodness," to sponsor an OAR scholarship.

Both scholarships provide one-time \$3,000 awards to students with autism diagnoses pursuing post-secondary education at a variety of different institutions. This year, OAR is awarding 31 Schwallie Family Scholarships to students attending four-year and two-year colleges. OAR is awarding Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarships to 18 students, who will be attending four-year or two-year colleges, vocational/technical schools, or co-operative life skills programs. To be eligible for one of the scholarships, an applicant must have a confirmed autism diagnosis (DSM-IV or later), be accepted for enrollment in the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters, and submit three short personal essays along with an application form and recommendation letter.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship

Morgan Barton, George Mason University

Justus Budde, Waukesha County Technical College

Lelon "Russell" Bulluck, Beyond Academics at University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Darryl Carter, Wharton Junior College

Matt Delacy, Elmhurst College

Benjamin Dynes, Otis College of Art and Design

Dawson Franklin, Ridgewater College
Harley Glick, Palm Beach State College
Isaac Kimbrough, Jr., Wallace Community College
Sean Knobbe, Elmhurst College
Ernest “Trey” Long, Montgomery College
Jared A. McGhee, On Campus Transitions Program at University of North Florida
Sonny O’Callaghan, Harrisburg Area Community College
Hunter Primmer, TOPS at Ohio State University
Sterling Ramsey, University of South Florida Learning Academy
Dylan Somberg, Farber Soul Center
Emily Tharp, Slippery Rock University
Celeste Vandiver, Northwest Shoals Community College

Schwallie Family Scholarship

Sean Patrick Bentley, Saint Anselm College
Andrew Bergantz, Washington University
Basia Czajkowski, St. Mary’s College
Adrian DeSimone, University of Connecticut
Mia Dubin, Towson University
Caroline Brooke Flunker, Agnes Scott College
Harrison Hall, Trinity University
Ethan Harris, Defiance College
Lily Haynes, Stevens Institute of Technology
Teal Kim, Mount Holyoke College
Elias Kott, St. Bonaventure University
Jonathan Kratchman, Rutgers University
Jaxson Lamb, Fox Valley Technical College
Hannah Langkamer-Smith, Temple University
Kylie Mae Linn, California State University – Channel Islands
Sutherland Nguyen, University of California, Santa Barbara
Christopher Ospina, State University of New York at Farmingdale
Michael Paone, County College of Morris
Aversa Prentosito, Miami University
Ciaran Roberts-Osterberg, Berklee College of Music
Alexander Rosa, College of New Jersey
William Brownrigg Spray, Hamline University
Adam M. Stetson, Eastern Maine Community College
Elijah Scott Stone, Sinclair Community College
Michael S. Strano, SUNY New Paltz

Maximilian Wentz-Fischer, Salem State University
Terrance Werho, Georgia Institute of Technology
Amanda Marie Wisk, West Chester University
Alice Ying Wu, University of Pittsburgh
Lauren Zeigler, Florida Institute of Technology
Mattie Zimmer, Loyola University of New Orleans

OAR congratulates each of the 49 recipients listed and extends its gratitude once again to the Lisa Higgins Hussman Foundation and the Schwallie Family Foundation. These scholarships would not be possible without their generous support.

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national nonprofit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at their Web site: www.researchautism.org.