



## PRESS RELEASE

### Three County Fair Awards 2018 Scholarships

*Three County Fair announces six local graduating seniors who will receive scholarships for their future studies*

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**Northampton, MA** – America’s longest continuous agricultural Fair, the Three County Fair, has selected their 2018 scholarship award recipients.

The Three County Fair is awarding a total of \$4,500 to six different graduating seniors from an extensive pool of applicants. Applicants are scored on academics, extra-curricular activities, application presentation, future study plans and involvement in agriculture, including the annual Labor Day Fair.

“We were very impressed by all the applicants who submitted for our scholarships this year” said Chip Parsons, President of Hampshire Franklin & Hampden Agricultural Society. “It’s so important that young people continue learn and further agriculture studies for our own sustainability and for future generations.”

The Fair manages the prestigious Raymond & Josephine Duda Scholarship. This year’s recipient is Gregory Norris of Westhampton, MA. Gregory is graduating from Hampshire Regional High School and plans to study Dairy Science at Penn State University in the Fall. Gregory began working with dairy cattle at an early age and is also active in 4-H, swimming, track & field, cross country, as well as playing the piano and trumpet.

The Duda Scholarship was established in 2014 by Raymond & Josephine Duda of Easthampton, who operated one of the area’s largest dairy farms. Ray Duda has been a member of the Society for fifty-six years, including two terms as President. Duda and his wife endowed the scholarship as a way to help keep focus on the Fair’s agricultural roots and celebrate individuals pursuing agricultural studies. “From horse racing to establishing the Fair’s Farm Museum and flower shows, through our daughter showing cattle at the Fair, we are thrilled to give back to the organization that helped fill us with a lifetime of memories” said Duda.

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Full list of 2018 scholarship winners is listed below:

Student: Gregory Norris  
High School: Hampshire Regional High School  
College: Penn State University  
Major: Dairy Science  
Award: Raymond & Josephine Duda Scholarship (\$1,000)

Student: Natasha Sawabi  
High School: Ware High School  
College: Holyoke Community College/UMASS Stockbridge School  
Major: Sustainable Studies/Food & Agriculture  
Award: Three County Fair Scholarship (\$500)

Student: Kyle Harris  
High School: Ludlow High School  
College: Springfield Technical Community College  
Major: Architecture  
Award: Three County Fair Scholarship (\$500)

Student: Parker Mas  
High School: Belchertown High School  
College: Harvard University  
Major: Government  
Award: Three County Fair Scholarship (\$500)

Student: Hayden Pike  
High School: Westfield High School  
College: SUNY-Cobleskill  
Major: Animal Science  
Award: Three County Fair Scholarship (\$500)

Student: Emma Hauschild  
High School: Granby High School  
College: Green Mountain College  
Major: Animal Conservation & Care  
Award: Three County Fair Scholarship (\$500)

Each of the scholarship winners and their schools have been informed of their achievements and will be recognized during their upcoming graduation events.

**About the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society:**

Located in Northampton, Massachusetts and incorporated in 1818, the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society promotes agriculture, agricultural education, agricultural science and sustainability for the region through exhibitions, displays, competitions and demonstrations and operates The Three County Fair, “America’s Oldest Fair” annually over Labor Day weekend.

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