

NEWS RELEASE

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Mitchell Institute Announces the 2010 Mitchell Scholars

Portland, ME (June 18, 2010): One hundred thirty (130) Maine high school students have been chosen as the 2010 Mitchell Scholars by the Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute. **With the selection of this year's scholarship recipients, the Institute is pleased to announce that it has supported nearly 1,800 Maine students in their pursuit of higher education by awarding almost \$8 million in financial assistance.**

Founded by Senator George Mitchell, the Mitchell Institute annually provides scholarships to one student from every public high school in the state of Maine. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of **academic potential, community service** and **financial need**. Most scholarships are for \$5,000, dispersed in increments of \$1,250 for up to four years. **A list of the 2010 Mitchell Scholars can be found at the end of this release.**

In addition to scholarship help, Mitchell Scholars gain access to Mitchell Institute support programs, which include community service projects, leadership and professional development, mentoring opportunities, and summer employment fellowships. These programs connect and engage the Mitchell Scholars with their communities and their chosen career paths with a goal of encouraging graduates to remain in Maine after college. **In fact, nearly 90% of Mitchell Scholar Alumni live and work in Maine or intend to do so within the next five years. Mitchell Scholars demonstrate a remarkable college persistence rate of 95%. They are also committed to service: Mitchell Scholars and Alumni report devoting a total of over 30,000 hours to community service last year alone.** Scholars become a part of an ongoing longitudinal research study that tracks their progress and evaluates the impact of the organization's programming.

Since 2003, KeyBank has provided funding for sixteen Mitchell Scholarships (one for each county in Maine) in the amount of \$6,000 each (\$1,500 each year). The **KeyBank Mitchell Scholarships** are targeted to first-generation college students.

The Mitchell Institute has also named the recipients of the **Unum - Stephen B. Center Diversity Leadership Awards**. These five annual awards seek to encourage those who inspire others to value differences and end discrimination.

Overall, nearly two-thirds of Mitchell Scholars come from families where neither parent holds a four-year degree and about seventy percent (70%) are from families whose household income is below the state median.

"These are students for whom the scholarship will make a real difference and who will, in turn, make a difference in their communities," said Senator Mitchell. "My family had few financial resources. Neither of my parents finished high school, but they believed in education. With their help and the help of others, I was able to go to college, and it changed my life. Maine's young people deserve the same opportunity to succeed."

For more information about the Mitchell Institute, please visit www.mitchellinstitute.org.

2010 Mitchell Scholars

Androscoggin County

Cameron Blouin, Lisbon High School
Willie Brown, Livermore Falls High School
Michelle Caron, Lewiston High School
Benjamin Denison, Edward Little High School
Brittany Nye, Poland Regional High School
Erin Plante, Oak Hill High School
Samantha Varney, Leavitt Area High School

Aroostook County

Taylor Baker, Ashland Community High School
Sydney Beckwith, Washburn District High School
Jordan Codrey, Houlton High School
Logan Desmond, Southern Aroostook Community School
Megan Duprey, Van Buren District Secondary School *
Kayla Guerrette, Wisdom High School
Jordan Harris, Presque Isle High School
Emmaly Jurson, Hodgdon High School
Elisha Lizotte, Madawaska High School
Kellie Moody, Caribou High School
Salvadore Portera Jr., Limestone Community High School
Anna Sherwood, Easton High School
Amelia Stevens, Fort Kent Community High School
Ethan Stiles, Central Aroostook High School
Kiri Strack-Grose, Maine School of Science and Math
Kelsie Wilson, Fort Fairfield High School

Cumberland County

Terri Bastarache, Gorham High School
Joice Bongomin, Portland High School #
Patricia Borderia, Yarmouth High School
Chelsea Bruno, Brunswick High School
Garrett Clemmer, Windham High School
Nathan Davis, Casco Bay High School #
Sophie Holbrook, Falmouth High School
Katherine Hotham, Gray-New Gloucester High School
Kim Lim, South Portland High School *
Jeffrey Morse, Westbrook High School
Gabrielle Mozie, Scarborough High School
Samuel Naseef, Cape Elizabeth High School
Keleigh O'Neil, Deering High School
Caitlyn Paul, Lake Region High School
Joshua Sturtevant, Freeport High School
John Visentin, Greely High School

Franklin County

Mallory Bonnevie, Jay High School *
Emily Christensen, Rangeley High School
Amanda Hall, Mount Blue High School
Serena Richard, Mount Abram High School

Hancock County

Cody Farrell, Bucksport High School
Goldie Garcia, Deer Isle-Stonington High School
Gabrielle Huebner, Ellsworth High School
Joshua Sawyer, George Stevens Academy
Brooke Swanson, Mount Desert Island High School #
Kelsey Tucker, Sumner Memorial High School *

Kennebec County

Amanda Bouchard, Monmouth Academy
Kimberly Curtis, Winslow High School
Andrew Emery, Winthrop High School
Ameena Khan, Waterville High School
Cale Knox, Messalonskee High School
Jacob Lachance, Cony High School
Christopher McArthur, Hall-Dale High School
Erik Ogren, Maranacook Community High School
Kory Peckham, Gardiner Area High School *
Samuel Seekins, Erskine Academy

Knox County

Ann-Marie Beverage, North Haven Community School *
Christopher Crippen, Camden Hills High School
Jennifer Gupstill, Vinalhaven High School
Vinh Nguyen, Rockland District High School #
Alec Young, Georges Valley High School

Lincoln County

Jonathan Dailey, Medomak Valley High School
Brendan Mammia, Lincoln Academy
Aleksandra Smith, Boothbay Region High School
Johanna Verney, Wiscasset High School *

Oxford County

Tyler Aldrich, Telstar High School
Jedidiah Allen, Buckfield High School
Kirstin Blood, Dirigo High School
Michael Hagenow, Fryeburg Academy
Daniel Kiley, Mountain Valley High School *
Mariah Kimball, Oxford Hills High School
Meagan Ouellette, Sacopee Valley High School

Penobscot County

Caitlin Barrows, Hermon High School
Mary DeLorenzo, John Bapst High School
Katie Eastman, Dexter Regional High School
Jordan Faloon, Penobscot Valley High School *
Christina Fortin, Hampden Academy
Grace Gonnella, Old Town High School
Ben Guido, Lee Academy
Jorden Osnoe, Katahdin High School
Devvan Powers, Schenck High School
Jessica Rogers, Stearns High School
Sean Sibley, Mattanawcook Academy
Kaylie Smith, Orono High School
Benjamin Taylor, Nokomis High School
Justina Ventucci, Bangor High School
Eric White, Brewer High School
Brett White, Central High School

Piscataquis County

Ethan Herrell, Penquis Valley High School
Angel Peterson, Foxcroft Academy
Matthew Pinkham, Piscataquis Community High School
Saige Weeks, Greenville High School *

Sagadahoc County

Rebekah Bryer, Mt. Ararat High School *
Mallory Plummer, Morse High School
Zachary Towne, Richmond High School

Somerset County

Hannah Belanger, Upper Kennebec Valley High School
Janet Dosseva, Skowhegan High School
Tessa Hathaway, Maine Central Institute
Miranda Liberty, Lawrence High School
Scott Rivas, Forest Hills Consolidated School
Nicholas Tart, Madison Memorial High School
Kaylie Thornton, Carrabec High School *

Waldo County

Kali Berenyi, Searsport High School
Dylan Hahn, Belfast Area High School
Nicholas Knight, Mount View High School *
Roxanne Pendleton, Islesboro Central School

Washington County

Jesse Blackburn, Narraguagus High School
Kit Cates, Shead High School
Chase Fitzsimmons, Lubec Consolidated School
Aaron Henn, East Grand School
Brett Lyons, Washington Academy *
Whitney Norton, Jonesport-Beals High School
Hillary Provencher, Calais High School
Brittaney Shults, Machias Memorial High School
Felicia Vincent, Woodland High School

York County

Amy Cole, Marshwood High School
Ashley Cram, Bonny Eagle High School
Kimberly Dao, Thornton Academy #
Kelsea Dixon, Old Orchard Beach High School
Kelsey Heroux, York High School
Amarinda Keys, Noble High School
Nicholas Legere, Sanford High School
Cassandra Leighton, Massabesic High School *
Jaclyn McCurry, Biddeford High School
Molly Nunan, Kennebunk High School
Samantha Paquette, Wells High School
Amber Robinson, Traip Academy

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