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20 STUDENTS AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE Realtor® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY

Springfield, MA – June 11, 2010 – This year marks the 36th year the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley has awarded scholarships to area high school graduates about to enter college. This year, 20 students were awarded a total of \$11,231. The students were honored at a banquet held June 8th at The Delaney House in Holyoke. Since 1992, three-hundred and thirty-five students have been awarded \$200,408 in scholarships from the Realtor® Association.

Gabriella A. Abbondanza is a graduate of **Southwick-Tolland Regional High School**; she will be attending Suffolk University and majoring in English/Secondary Education. Gabriella is the daughter of Susan and Vincent Abbondanza, Susan is with Perella Real Estate in East Longmeadow. Gabriella is a recipient of the Lee Powell Memorial Scholarship.

Nicholas J. Bonafilia is a graduate of **Agawam High School**; he will be attending Syracuse University and majoring in Chemical Engineering. Nicholas is the son of Rebecca and Daniel Bonafilia, Rebecca is with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Westfield.

Samuel J. Bonk is a graduate of **Westfield Vocational Technical**; he will be attending Holyoke Community College and majoring in Sports Management or Criminal Justice. Nicholas is the son of Lori and Philip Bonk, Lori is with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Westfield.

Julia A. Knightly is a graduate of **home school**; she will be attending Springfield Technical Community College and majoring in Nursing. Julia is the daughter of Kathleen and Arthur Knightly, Arthur is with Robert P. Molta Realty d/b/a Carlson GMAC Chicopee.

Meghan R. Chisholm is a graduate of **Westfield High School**; she will be attending the University of Massachusetts and majoring in Public Health Science/Physicians Assistant. Meghan is the daughter of Scott and Michelle Chisholm, Michelle is with Park Square Realty in Westfield.

Matthew L. Diamond is a graduate of **Westfield High School**; he will be attending the University of Pittsburgh and majoring in Neuroscience/Pre Medicine. Matthew is the son of Kimberly and Lee diamond, Kimberly is with First Choice Real Estate – Westfield.

Stephanie E. Dionisi is a graduate of **Longmeadow High School**; she will be attending the University of Miami –Ohio. Stephanie is the daughter of Cheryl Dionisi, Cheryl is with William Raveis Real Estate – East Longmeadow.

John T. Gallagher is a graduate of **Somers High School**; he will be attending the University of Connecticut and majoring in Mathematics/Actuarial Science. He is the son of Wanda and John F. Gallagher, John is with Gallagher, Shea and Gallagher, Attorneys at Law.

Pierre E. Joseph is a graduate of **Springfield Central High School**; he will be attending Boston College and majoring in Economics/Political Science. Pierre is the son of Chris and Pierre W. Joseph, Chris is with Century 21 Hometown Associates – East Longmeadow. Joseph is a recipient of the Carl Sargeant Community Service Scholarship.

Jennifer M. Kapinos is a graduate of **Agawam High School**; she will be attending Springfield College and majoring in Psychology. Jennifer is the daughter of Diane and James Kapinos, Diane is with Park Square Realty – Feeding Hills.

Alexander J. Lessard is a graduate of **SABIS International Charter School**; he will be attending Northeastern University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Alexander is the son of Lynn and Paul D. Lessard, Paul is with Lessard Realty in Springfield. Alexander is a recipient of the Koula Romanos Spiritual Memorial Scholarship.

Cameron A. Martin is a graduate of **Chicopee Comprehensive High School**; he will be attending Western New England College and majoring in Accounting & Finance, minoring in Education. Cameron is the son of France and Timothy Martin, France is with Kathy M. Paul Real Estate in Chicopee. Cameron is a recipient of the Charles Bergeron Business Memorial Scholarship.

Felicia M. Murphy is a graduate of **Gateway Regional High School**; she will be attending Holyoke Community College. Felicia is the daughter of Judith and William Murphy, Judith is with Park Square Realty in Feeding Hills.

Nicole L. Prucnal is a graduate of **Hampshire Regional High School**; she will be attending Springfield College. Nicole is the daughter of Kathleen Caputo and Duane Prucnal, Kathleen is with Greenfeidl Savings Bank in Greenfield. Nicole is a recipient of the Koula Romanos Spiritual Memorial Scholarship.

Michael J. Ratchford is a graduate of **Southwick-Tolland Regional High School**; he will be attending Westfield State College and majoring in History. Michael is the son of Lori Perella and Harry Ratchford, Lori is with Perella Real Estate in East Longmeadow.

Simon E. Ross is a graduate of **Northampton High School**; he will be attending Ithaca College and majoring in Sound Recording Technology/Physics. Simon is the son of Paula and Herbert Ross, Herbert is the broker of H.E. Ross Realty in Northampton.

Michael L. Sullivan is a graduate of **Westfield High School**; he will be attending Bentley College and majoring in Business/Accounting. Michael is the son of Lisa Oleksak-Sullivan and Richard K. Sullivan Jr., Lisa is with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Westfield. Michael is a recipient of the Charles Bergeron Business Memorial Scholarship.

Ben D. Virgilio is a graduate of **Four Rivers Charter Public School**; he will be attending Champlain College and majoring in Information Security. Ben is the son of Dahna Virgilio, Dahna is broker of Dahna Virgilio Real Estate Inc. in Greenfield.

Andrew S. Wilson is a graduate of **Westfield High School**; he will be attending American International College and majoring in Criminal Justice. Andrew is the son of Jennifer and Mark Wilson, Jennifer is with First Choice Real Estate in Westfield.

Kathleen M. Wynne is a graduate of **Central High School**; Kathleen has been accepted at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Kathleen is the daughter of Jane and John Wynne, John is with RE/MAX Prestige in East Longmeadow.

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