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## Rockville Scholarship Foundation Awards 2014 College Grants to Three Local Students

*Winners To Be Honored By City's Mayor and Council on June 2*

### *After Nearly 30 Years of Service, Rockville Scholarship Foundation Ends Operations*

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 28, 2014 – Three students displaying exceptional academic careers and unique extracurricular involvement have been named awardees of college scholarship grants by the Rockville Scholarship Foundation.

The Foundation, created in 1985, is a partnership of the City of Rockville and Montgomery College-Rockville. Since its inception, the foundation has granted more than 150 scholarships worth more than \$200,000 to Rockville students pursuing post-secondary education.

After nearly 30 years of service, 2014 will be the last year the Rockville Scholarship Foundation continues operation. Citing fundraising challenges, the Rockville Scholarship Foundation board has voted to dissolve operations of the not-for-profit, charitable organization in order to more fully support fundraising efforts led by Montgomery College for local students.

“It has been my pleasure to lead the Rockville Scholarship Foundation for nearly 30 years,” said John Moser, president of RSF. “We are proud to have helped hundreds of students make their higher education dreams come true. As we complete our last year of awards, I am honored to reflect on the significant contributions this organization has made to the youth in the Rockville community and am thankful to the many local volunteer board members who have joined me in making the effort possible for so many years.”

The 2014 awardees are:

**Mackenzie Allen (\$2,500)**- Mackenzie Allen is a Thomas S. Wootton High School star senior who plans to pursue a professional ballet career at the prestigious Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music while simultaneously pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience. Allen has studied ballet for 12 years and dances six days per week with The Washington School of Ballet. She is a member of four honor societies and an AP scholar who has completed college-level coursework. She is also Treasurer of the Wootton Student Government, a Patriot Ambassador, conducting orientations for new students, and president of the Cancer Awareness Club, which raises funds for cancer research.

**Brian Jordan (\$2,500)**- Brian Jordan is a community-minded senior at Thomas S. Wootton High school who plans to attend the University of Maryland, College Park to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice and eventually a career in public safety. Jordan maintains a high GPA while participating in the City of Rockville's Citizens Police Academy, volunteering as an emergency medical technician/ firefighters in training with the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and serving as an emergency medical responder with the Montgomery County First Aid Unit, Explorer Post 521. He has also worked as a City of Gaithersburg Lifeguard for the past three years and has served as a Patriot Ambassador, Leadership Council Member, planning and coordinating new student orientations. A member of the National Honor Society, Jordan is also a varsity Track and Field athlete.

**Latrese Morris (\$1,500)**- Rockville High School Senior, Latrese Morris, is shooting for the stars, literally, as she plans to pursue a Meteorology degree at Pennsylvania State University. From an early age, Morris has dreamed of becoming a news meteorologist. She has maintained a high GPA in the International Baccalaureate Program and is a member of two honor societies. She is the recipient of the African American Award for Academic Excellence, the Alpha Phi Alpha Award and the STAR Merit Award. She was also a varsity member of the Unified Bocce Ball Team.

The 2014 awardees and longtime board members will be honored on Monday, June 2, by Rockville's Mayor and Council and leaders of Montgomery College, Rockville and the Rockville Scholarship Foundation at the Mayor and Council's televised public meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Applications were reviewed by a panel of judges after an April deadline based on five categories — academic standing, integrity and character, community involvement, school activities and need. All honorees reside within the corporate city limits of the City of Rockville.

For further information, visit <http://www.rsfoundation.net/>.

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