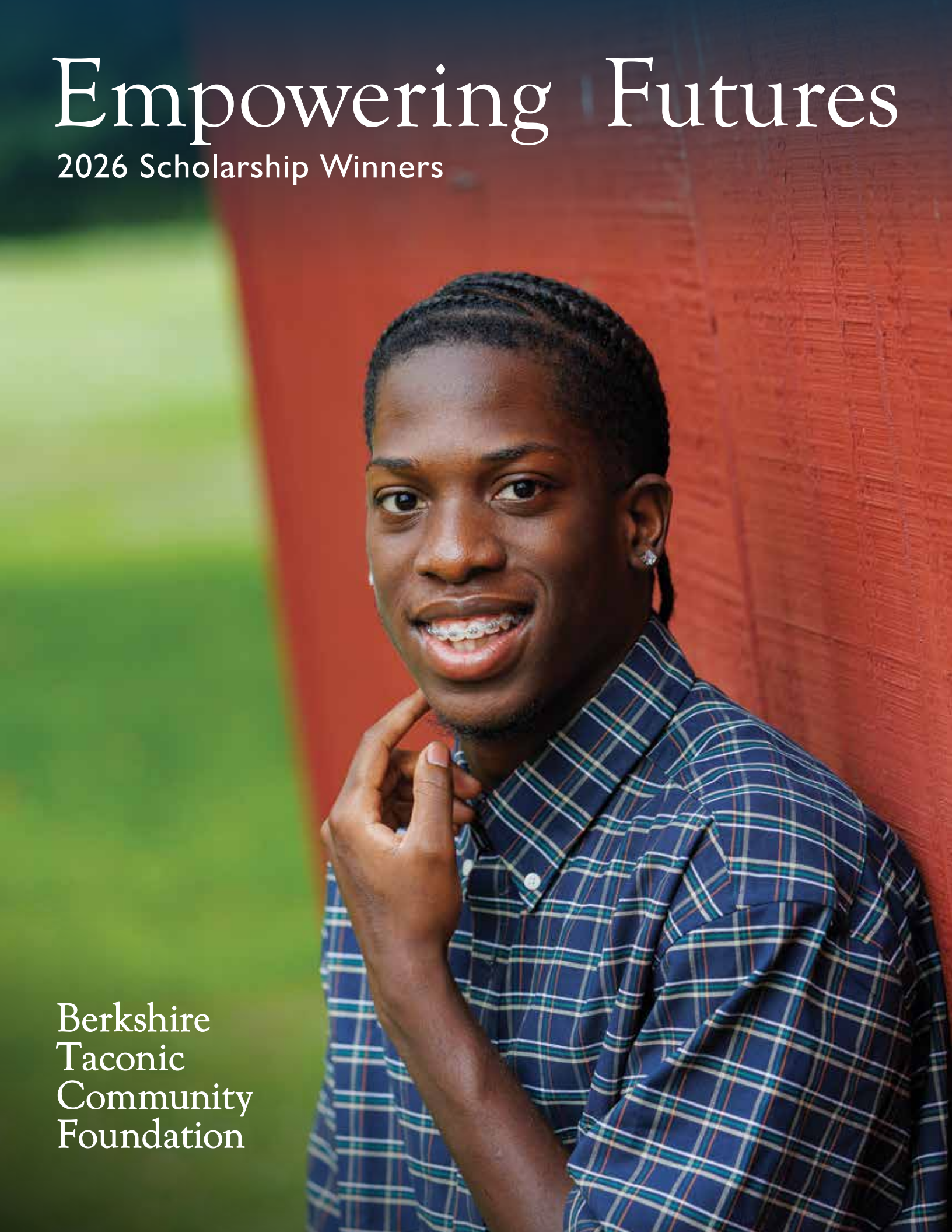
Empowering Futures

2026 Scholarship Winners



Berkshire
Taconic
Community
Foundation



"I have never been more excited about something in my entire life. Thank you for seeing my talent and choosing to help me in achieving my goals."

—Alex Wilbur
Jacques Parker and Marie Deguard Scholarship and *George H. and Lucille E. Buterbaugh Scholarship*
(See spotlight, page 3)

Cover: Joshua Tandoh, recipient of the John & Elizabeth Laurent Family Scholarship and William Stanley Scholarship, (See spotlight, page 9). Graphic Design:Christine Casarsa. Photos of Joshua Tandoh & Alex Wilbur by Sarah Kenyon.

2026 BY THE NUMBERS

554 Applicants

$919K Total Dollars Awarded

281 Students Received Awards

32% First Generation to attend College

$2,993 Average Scholarship Award

75% of Scholarships Renewable up to 4 years

Message from Our President



At Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation we believe that scholarships do more than help students pay for education—they express our community's belief in the next generation.

This year, we awarded 281 exceptional students in our region with scholarships totaling over $919,000. The majority of recipients are high school seniors poised to attend college. We also have a small but growing number of scholarships that support high schoolers pursuing a trade, and adult learners charting a new career path.

The career aspirations of our scholarship winners span healthcare, education, technology, skilled trades, public service, business, and the arts. While pursuing their education, many are navigating work, family responsibilities, and financial challenges. Some are the first in their family to attend college. All have demonstrated academic excellence and initiative in extracurricular and community-serving pursuits.

We are deeply grateful for our donors, who make this program possible. BTCF stewards over 70 scholarship funds. Many were established to honor someone's life, values and passions. Many were born from a strong connection to place and a desire to see one's community thrive. All are centered on a belief that each student will develop their talents and contribute to our region, and beyond.

To ensure that the intention of each donor is honored, a dedicated team of over 140 committee members thoughtfully review hundreds of applications each year, identifying students whose aspirations align with each award's vision.

To our donors and community partners, thank you for making these opportunities possible. Together, you are creating a legacy of opportunity that will continue to shape lives for years to come.

To all our scholarship winners, you have inspired us. Congratulations on all that you have achieved, and the future you will create!



Kara Mikulich,
President, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

2026 Scholarship Recipients

Berkshire Taconic is proud to award scholarships to over 281 students this year! Through a careful selection process, our dedicated advisory committee members chose the following students to receive awards.

1941 Scholarship

Provides scholarship support to graduating high school seniors of Drury High School, with a priority placed on academic achievement.

Lucas Hamilton, North Adams, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Alice B. Henriquez Memorial Fund Writing Prize

For seniors at Webutuck High School who are entering their first year of a two-year or four-year nationally accredited college, university or trade-school.

Anibal Cuc Coc, Amenia, NY, Dutchess Community College

Andrea Wagner Women in Science Scholarship

For female residents of the Berkshire Taconic region who are enrolled in a four-year college program majoring in math, chemistry, physics, engineering, or biology.

Leontine Galvin, Sharon, CT, St. John's College
Polly Geddes, Glendale, MA
Nell Stevens, Millbrook, NY, Wellesley College
Rachel Tilotson, Dover Plains, NY, Marist University
Anonymous Recipient

Antonio and Antoinette Pieropan Scholarship

For high school seniors, graduates, and GED recipients who are 21 or younger and have been residents of Stockbridge or West Stockbridge for a minimum of 5 years.

Tatum Bimhak, Stockbridge, MA, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Rae Geddes, Glendale, MA, Southern Connecticut State University
Leo Kavanaugh, Stockbridge, MA, Berklee College of Music

Ben Paley Scholarship

For seniors graduating from a public high school in Berkshire County or northwest Litchfield County planning to study music at a 2- or 4-year college or university.

Miguel Henao Calle, Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Community College

Berkshire Catalyst

For graduating high school seniors and adults in Berkshire County pursuing up to two years of training in the trades and support technologies.

Aliyah Delsonno, Pittsfield, MA, Westfield State University
Madison Faulconer, Dalton, MA, Vermont Woodworking School
Emily Helleskov, Richmond, MA, Berkshire Community College
Elyse Thomson, Lee, MA, Berkshire Community College
Anonymous Recipient

Billy Evans Memorial Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors from Drury High School pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree in public service.

Eva Moser, North Adams, MA, Wheaton College

"Your support has made an unforgettable difference in my educational journey, and I hope to honor Judge Dohoney's legacy by continuing to work hard, stay curious, pursue my goals, and show kindness in everything I do."

—Aleksandria Healey, *Honorable James P. Dohoney Scholarship*

C.M. Owen Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington, MA who are residents of Stockbridge to pursue a post-secondary education.

Brady Merritt, West Stockbridge, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Caligari Family Scholarship

For Monument Mountain Regional High School seniors studying art or design.

Kestrel Duke, South Egremont, MA, SUNY New Paltz

Cella Family Scholarship

For high school seniors who are Berkshire County Pro Shop employees and/or caddies and are going to a 2- or 4-year college, university, or vocational school.

Anonymous Recipient

Cha-Nel Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors of Chatham and New Lebanon high schools.

Addison Andrews, Chatham, NY, SUNY Oneonta
Charlotte Coalter, Chatham, NY, Hudson Valley Community College
Lauren Elcox, Ghent, NY, Siena University
Ethan Halpin, Ghent, NY, Northeastern University
Joshua Herbest, East Chatham, NY, Stetson University
Gabriel Kalisz, Canaan, NY, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ava Long, New Lebanon, NY, SUNY Plattsburgh
Madison Long, New Lebanon, NY, Knox College
Jaqueline Loucks, New Lebanon, NY, Charles H. McCann Technical School
Julia Metrando, East Chatham, NY, Siena University
Brandon Meyers, Ghent, NY, Hudson Valley Community College
Nicole Meyers, Ghent, NY, Siena University
Jillian Perry, East Chatham, NY, Hudson Valley Community College
Addison Perry, East Chatham, NY, University of New Hampshire
Riley Robertson, New Lebanon, NY, Russell Sage College
Lance Schroder, Canaan, NY, Siena University
Aubrey Smith, Ghent, NY, Hartwick College
Lily Strattman, East Chatham, NY, SUNY Geneseo
Emmy Velez, Germantown, NY, University at Albany
Vincent Wu, East Nassau, NY, Johns Hopkins University
Mary Madeleine York, New Lebanon, NY, SUNY Albany
Owen Zaik, Ghent, NY, Siena University
Five Additional Anonymous Recipients

Charles D. Wilson Scholarship

For graduating Mount Greylock Regional High School seniors who will attend any institution of higher education, with preference given to students in the school's pole vaulting and/or alpine skiing program.

Jesse Thompson, Pittsfield, MA, University of Vermont

Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School who are residents of Stockbridge to pursue a post-secondary education.

Anonymous Recipient



ALEX WILBUR

Lakeville, CT
Graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School
Attending Bennington College
Jacques Parker and Marie Deguard Scholarship and *George H. and Lucille E. Buterbaugh Scholarship*

- **Professional/Educational Goals:** Study studio art, theater, and music; pursue careers in visual and performing arts; continue technical theater work and professional acting; start a business to sell artwork

- **School Activities:** Student Officer, Arts and Music Departments and Fine Arts Society; Production Stage Manager, director, stage manager, props master, set designer/builder, and costume designer for drama program Underclassman Award for Outstanding Achievement in Drawing (2025)

- **Other Activities:** Sharon Playhouse Production Manager, Props Manager, and Box Office Administrator, props and scenery designer, actor and stage manager; Berkshire League Chorus and Band Festival

- **Awards & Honors:** National Honor Society, Conn. General Assembly Official Citation for BTCF Youth in Democracy Project, Kent Art Association Student Show Award for Best Work (2025), Blue & Gold Award for Outstanding Achievement in Book Art (2025)

- **Volunteer Work:** Founder of Salisbury/Sharon pill bottle collection program, Corner Food Pantry, Tri-State Chamber of Commerce, Assistant Stage Manager and Tech Crew for Sharon Playhouse Youthstage

Clayton Chrisman Memorial Fund

For a graduating senior at Mt. Everett Regional High School focusing on environmental studies for a 2 or 4-year college or vocational school.

Anonymous Recipient

Closson-Raught American Legion Post 1160 Scholarship

For Taconic Hills Regional School District residents who served honorably in the U.S. armed forces and their children, grandchildren, and siblings who are district students.

Connor Henderson, Hillsdale, NY, SUNY New Paltz
Madison Manzi, Ancram, NY, Russell Sage College

Dana Labbee Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Hoosac Valley High School who are going to study political science, mediation, communications, or pre-law.

Ava McLear, Cheshire, MA, Siena University

Dr. Luis A. Jacome Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Ichabod Crane High School with a passion for sports and a particular interest in the field of health or science.

Emma Autrey, Ghent, NY, Hudson Valley Community College

Emma M. Kirchhofer Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors who are residents of Columbia County.

Connor Henderson, Hillsdale, NY, SUNY New Paltz
Anonymous Recipient

Emma Miller Scholarship

For high school seniors who are residents of Adams, Cheshire or Savoy, MA.

Kylie Clark, Adams, MA, Westfield State University
Tia Kareh, Adams, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Molly McLear, Cheshire, MA, University of Hartford
Talia Rehill, Cheshire, MA, Harvard University
Anonymous Recipient

Esther Samuels and Mabel Comman Educational Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Lenox Memorial High School.

Sai Sanjana Meesala, Lenox, MA, Harvard University

Ferris Burtis Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors who are residents of the Berkshire Taconic region and have been accepted in a conservatory or school of music for the purpose of pursuing a career in some form of classical music.

Davis Albayeros, Cheshire, MA, Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Genevieve Collins, Lenox, MA, Oxford University
Bram Fisher, West Stockbridge, MA, University of Southern California Thornton School of Music
Natasha Nugent, Williamstown, MA, Swarthmore College
Madeleine Rocheleau-Holmes, Pittsfield, MA, Oberlin College and Conservatory

"This investment supports my future, my family and the communities I hope to serve."

— Mirabelle Meyers,
Monument Mountain School Center Scholarship and Women's Club of the Berkshires Scholarship

Foist Family Perseverance Scholarship Fund

For Berkshire County residents who are committed to pursuing a career in health care.

Anonymous Recipient

Frederick L. Chenail & Jessie M. Chenail Scholarship

For graduating Drury High School seniors.

Atlas Lescarbeau, North Adams, MA, Saint Michael's College
Jessalyn Liang, North Adams, MA, Wellesley College
Jade Notchick, North Adams, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Lindsy Robare, North Adams, MA, Westfield State University
Jamil Wheeler, North Adams, MA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Garrett Francis Collins and Josephine Goodwin Collins Scholarship

For graduating seniors who are residents of Hinsdale, MA.

West Dews, Hinsdale, MA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Lily Hinton, Hinsdale, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Jacob Reilly, Hinsdale, MA, Berkshire Community College

George H. and Lucille E. Buterbaugh Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors who are residents of Salisbury, CT.

Catherine Bushey, Lakeville, CT, Lehigh University
Ella Rydingsword, Lakeville, CT, Paul Smith's College
Gabriela Titone, Lakeville, CT, Marymount University
Alex Wilbur, Lakeville, CT, Bennington College

Guido's Fresh Marketplace Scholarship

For graduating high school students who attend a public high school in Pittsfield, Lenox, or Great Barrington, MA, and are pursuing studies in physical education, health and wellness, or business.

Tahira Chimarro, Pittsfield, MA, Westfield State University

Haupt Family Scholarship

For students graduating from Mount Everett Regional High School who have an interest in environmental issues and education.

Deisy Escobar, Great Barrington, MA, Westfield State University
Ivy Webster-Ben David, New Marlborough, MA, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Jessica Yauri-Cambi, Ashley Falls, MA, Clark University

Honorable James P. Dohoney Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School, Mount Everett Regional High School, Lenox Memorial High School, or Lee High School.

Aleksandria Healey, Becket, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Housatonic School Scholarship

For graduating seniors who are descendants of Housatonic School graduates or whose families have lived in Housatonic for at least three of the student's four high school years.

Kiko Epstein, Housatonic, MA, Worcester Polytechnic Institute*
Two Additional Anonymous Recipients
**Awarded in the name of Arthur Gennari*



GIANA KALL

Wassaic, NY
Graduated from Webutuck Junior/Senior High School
Attending Fordham University
Robert H. Wilder, Jr. Scholarship and Thomas J. Berlinghoff Scholarship

- **Professional/Educational Goals:** Dual degrees in Psychology and Business Administration, attend law school and earn a Juris Doctor degree, grow entrepreneurial venture while pursuing a career as an attorney
- **School Activities:** Student Council President, 2026 Class President, School Service Club Founder & President, National Honor Society President, Student Body Representative to the Board of Education, Climate & Culture Club, Yearbook Club, Environmental Club, Debate Club, Volleyball
- **Other Activities:** NYU High School Law Institute participant, HOBY Youth Leadership Ambassador, Vassar College Model U.N., founder of a natural-perfume startup, Wassaic Project Art Camp Counselor
- **Awards & Honors:** Gold Level Leadership for Service (L4S) Award for completing the Leadership for Service (L4S) Challenge by HOBY Youth Leadership, NYU High School Law Institute Program, 3rd Place Webutuck STEAM Fair ('25), Parle Endeavors ALTA Grant ('25), published author, Young Authors Writing Competition Award ('26)
- **Volunteer Work:** Parent Teacher Association, School Service Club (founder) which distributed 100 wellness kits, 100 birthday kits and school backpacks with food and partnered with NAMI to promote mental health, Math tutor

Jacques Parker and Marie Deguard Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors residing in the Berkshire Taconic region who are in pursuit of higher education and/or careers in the visual arts or architecture.

Brayden Canales, North Adams, MA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Katarena Castagna, Pittsfield, MA, Roger Williams University
Erin DeCelle, East Otis, MA, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Rachel Fleury, Pittsfield, MA, Montserrat College of Art
Eva Jacinto, Dalton, MA, Ringling College of Art and Design
Jordan Sotek, New Lebanon, NY, Alfred University
Alex Wilbur, Lakeville, CT, Bennington College
Six Additional Anonymous Recipients

James E. Bugley Scholarship

For high school seniors in any public high school (excluding charter institutions) in Berkshire County who wish to pursue a career in either music or vocational arts.

Anonymous Recipient

Jeannine Triau Scholarship

For graduating seniors of New Lebanon High School entering a New York or Western Massachusetts college, university, trade or technical school, or apprenticeship.

Vincent Wu, East Nassau, NY, Johns Hopkins University

Jo Anne Huntley Magee Scholarship

For graduating students of Lenox Memorial High School in high academic standing.

Elyssa Scrimo, Lenox, MA, Syracuse University

John and Elizabeth Laurent Family Scholarship

For first-generation students who have been residents of Pittsfield, MA, for at least 3 years and have received a GED or have graduated from Pittsfield High School.

Camila Sebastian, Pittsfield, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Joshua Tandoh, Pittsfield, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Anonymous Recipient

John and Mary Finn Memorial Scholarship

For a male who has been a resident of Kent, CT for at least ten years prior to scholarship selection and is applying to a two- or four-year college program.

Gunnar Ough, Kent, CT, University of Connecticut

Margaret Derwin Scholarship

For a Housatonic Valley Regional High School student in their junior year who has been enrolled at the school for at least two years.

Nichole Aguilar Neiva, Salisbury, CT, Trinity College
Mia DiRocco, West Cornwall, CT, Northwestern University
Shanea Togninalli, West Cornwall, CT, University of Rhode Island
Two Anonymous Recipients

Mark Huber Basketball Scholarship

For Lenox Memorial High School graduating seniors who are members of the varsity basketball team.

Grace Julieano, Lenox, MA, Boston University

Matthew D. Reagon Scholarship

For graduates or graduating seniors of Webutuck High School.

Abigail McEnroe, Amenia, NY, Siena University
Sebastian Melchor-Agustin, Millerton, NY, Hartwick College

"This scholarship is helping more than just me. It is changing my family's future too."

— Davis Albayeros,
Ferris Burtis Scholarship

McLaughlin-Wilson Scholarship

For residents of Monterey, MA.

Cheyenne Amstead, Monterey, MA, Plymouth State University
Phillip Enoch, Monterey, MA, Williams College
Emily Gilmore, Monterey, MA, Berkshire Community College
Josephine Hurst, Monterey, MA, Simmons University
Samuel Hurst, Monterey, MA, Bard College
Madeline Rundle, Monterey, MA, Vassar College
Shira Sawyer, Monterey, MA, Ithaca College
Grace Soule, Monterey, MA, University of Connecticut
Michael Trelawny-Cassity, Monterey, MA, Carleton College
Samuel Trelawny-Cassity, Monterey, MA, Vassar College
Ian Tryon, Monterey, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Benjamin Vella, Monterey, MA, Case Western Reserve University
Finnegan Vion, Monterey, MA, Duquesne University
Six Additional Anonymous Recipients

Michael Elihu Hedges Memorial Scholarship

For graduating Lenox Memorial High School seniors who will attend an accredited school of higher education for the purpose of enriching self and world.

Ava Mozian, Lenox, MA, Emory University

Monument Mountain School Center Scholarship

For a graduating Monument Mountain Regional High School senior who has made significant contributions to the Monument Mountain school community.

Autumn Higa, Great Barrington, MA, Vassar College
Sadie Honig-Briggs, Lee, MA, Bowdoin College
Mirabelle Meyers, Mill River, MA, The University of Rochester
Anonymous Recipient

Myrtle and Raymond Mercier Scholarship

For Monument Mountain High School seniors who are residents of Stockbridge, MA.

Brady Merritt, West Stockbridge, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Nicholas Boraski Family Scholarship

For a graduating senior at a public high school who has committed to pursuing further education and has lived in Berkshire County during the last two years of high school.

Darwin Carangui Saldana, Pittsfield, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bhumi Patel, Pittsfield, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Anonymous Recipient

Northeast Dutchess Scholarship

For graduating students of Dover High School, Millbrook Public High School, Stissing Mountain High School and Webutuck High School.

Ren Babcock, Pine Plains, NY, Vassar College
Gianna Chiappini, Wingdale, NY, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Amber Concannon, Verbank, NY, Binghamton University
Leandra Costa, Clinton Corners, NY, Siena University
Daniel Diaz, Pawling, NY, Dartmouth College
Madelyn Kennaway, Dover Plains, NY, California State University, Long Beach
Nelly Michura, Wingdale, NY, Binghamton University
Nell Stevens, Millbrook, NY, Wellesley College
Jose Vazquez Nava, Millbrook, NY, SUNY Oswego
Isabella Watz, Pine Plains, NY, University of Delaware
Three Additional Anonymous Recipients



EMMA AUTREY

Ghent, NY
Graduated from Ichabod Crane High School
Attending Hudson Valley Community College
Dr. Luis A. Jacome Scholarship

- **Professional/Educational Goals:** Associate degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography; Completion of professional certification requirements to work in a hospital setting helping patients with compassionate health care
- **School Activities:** Varsity Basketball Captain (2 years), Varsity Soccer Captain, Varsity Outdoor Track Captain, Class Treasurer, Class Vice President, Girls Athletic Council, Sources of Strength program
- **Other Activities:** Columbia Memorial Health Ultrasound Department Internship
- **Awards & Honors:** National Honor Society Member, Colonial Council Basketball All-Star (2 years), Girls Athletic Council Mandalorian Award, Sectional Champion (4x400 Relay), Maple Hill Tournament All-Tournament Team
- **Volunteer Work:** Ichabod Crane's Booster Club Summer Sports Camps Counselor, ICC Modified Track Meets and Basketball Clinic, Camphill Village - Open Day volunteer and donor file support

P.D. and Lucy Graybeal Southern Berkshires Scholarship

For graduating seniors who are members of an athletic team at Monument Mountain Regional High School or Mount Everett Regional School and are pursuing postsecondary education.

Anonymous Recipient

Paul O. Gravel English Scholarship

For the senior at Drury High School who has attained the highest overall English scholastic average during his or her high school years.

Anonymous Recipient

Peter and Doris Skorput Scholarship

For present residents of West Stockbridge who have been a resident for eight years to pursue a post-secondary education.

Three Anonymous Recipients

Peter W. Foote Memorial Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors from Drury High School planning to attend a certified vocational training program or accredited college or university.

Eva Moser, North Adams, MA, Wheaton College
Carson Rylander, Adams, MA, Marist University

Pittsfield Scholarship

For graduating seniors who reside in Pittsfield, attend Pittsfield High School or Taconic High School, and have financial need.

Aliyah Delsonno, Pittsfield, MA, Westfield State University

Quailwood Scholarship Fund

For residents of Red Rock, NY.

Anna Carroll, East Chatham, NY, Brooklyn Law School
Jacob Carroll, East Chatham, NY, Binghamton University
Olivia Delgado, East Chatham, NY, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Rhoda Lubalin Art Scholarship

For Webutuck High School seniors who plan to study art.

Anonymous Recipient

Rhoda Rubin Memorial Nursing Scholarship

For residents of Berkshire County who have been accepted into the nursing program at Bershire Community college having met all registration requirements and prerequisites.

Two Anonymous Recipients

Robert Annelli Family Scholarship

For residents of New Marlborough, Monterey, Otis, Sheffield, or Sandisfield, MA who are pursuing a technical or vocational degree or certificate.

Two Anonymous Recipients

Robert E. Armitage Memorial Scholarship

For graduating Drury High School seniors continuing their education in a four-year business degree program.

Lucas Hamilton, North Adams, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

"I hope to become a teacher and give others the support my community gave me."

—Madeline Beatty,
Zenas Crane Scholarship

Robert H. Wilder, Jr. Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Dover High School, Millbrook High School, Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, and Webutuck High School

Alyssa Fredericks, Clinton Corners, NY, Northeastern University
Dylan Vasquez, Millbrook, NY, Bard College
Kathelyn Miguel Aldana, Dover Plains, NY, Dutchess Community College
Giana Kall, Wassaic, NY, Fordham University

Sweet Brook Scholarship

For residents of northern Berkshire County who are currently working in a health care field to further their health care education and qualifications.

Jacob Levesque, Adams, MA, Berkshire Community College

Tabor Foundation

For residents of and people working in northwest Litchfield County, CT, northeast Dutchess County, NY, or southeast Columbia County, NY, who plan to undertake education or training in a health care or medical field and seek employment in their community afterwards.

Zachary Busby, Cornwall Bridge, CT, San Franciso University
Melia Hill, Sharon, CT, University of Connecticut
Gabriela Titone, Lakeville, CT, Marymount University
Avery Tripp, Falls Village, CT, University of Hartford
Three Additional Anonymous Recipients

Teddy Lee Drumm Memorial Scholarship

For high school graduates who have been residents of Sharon, CT, for at least two years.

Tyler Anderson, Sharon, CT, SUNY Cobleskill Ag & Tech
Emma Colley, Sharon, CT, University of Richmond
Jack Smith, Sharon, CT, University of Saint Joseph
Five Additional Anonymous Recipients

The Sean Patrick French Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established to honor Sean Patrick French through scholarships that celebrate sportsmanship, compassion, friendship, community service, and a love of running. The following 3 scholarships are funded through The Sean Patrick French Memorial Scholarship Fund:

The Love of Running Scholarship

For Columbia County high school seniors who have participated for at least two years in cross-country or track and field.

Logan Bower, Hudson, NY, Hudson Valley Community College

The Sean Patrick French Memorial Scholarship

For Chatham High School seniors who exemplify personal qualities such as compassion, sensitivity, friendship, a positive attitude, community service, and good sportsmanship.

Lily Hall, Austerlitz, NY, SUNY Oneonta
Andrew Horton, Ghent, NY, Hudson Valley Community College

The Section II Good Sports Scholarship

For high school seniors who are NYSPHSAA Section II cross-country runners who have received the Section II Sportsmanship Award.

Liam Connelly, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY, SUNY Geneseo



JOSHUA TANDOH

Pittsfield, MA
Graduated from Pittsfield High School
Attending University of Massachusetts, Amherst
John & Elizabeth Laurent Family Scholarship and *William Stanley Scholarship*

- **Professional/Educational Goals:** Bachelor's degree in Biology (pre-med); Start career as a radiology technician and continue education to obtain an M.D. as a radiologist
- **School Activities:** Advancing Minds of Color Leader, PHS Juneteenth Committee Member and Speaker, Captain of the Varsity Football Team, Varsity Track & Field Team, Class Council, Leaders in Action
- **Other Activities:** Rotary Club, Red Cross Club
- **Awards & Honors:** St. Michael's College Book Award for Community Engagement, recognized by Mass. Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier for volunteer work
- **Volunteer Work:** NAACP Juneteenth Celebration Volunteer and Speaker, Berkshire Student Voice Summit, Josh Billings Track and Boat Race, Berkshire Thunder, Movember Walk, Mt. Greylock Nursing Home, Disabled Best Buddies Program, PHS Open House Tour Guide

Thomas J. Berlinghoff Scholarship

For seniors at Webutuck High School who are planning to attend any institution of higher education, including two-year, four-year, or vocational school.

Giana Kall, Wassaic, NY, Fordham University

Tom Giddings Memorial Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors from one of the high schools of Pittsfield, MA who are residents of Pittsfield, MA.

Koby Cross, Pittsfield, MA, Howard University
Abigail Malumphy, Pittsfield, MA, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Two Additional Anonymous Recipients

Vincent Stannard Memorial Scholarship

For students participating in higher education who are part of the Berkshire Hills school district (West Stockbridge, Stockbridge, Housatonic, Great Barrington).

Anonymous Recipient

Waterman Remillard

For alumni of Drury High School who are undertaking a college-level theater studies program.

Vane Jacobs, North Adams, MA, Northeastern University

West Stockbridge Grange Scholarship

For graduating seniors from a local high school who are residents of Great Barrington, Richmond, West Stockbridge or Stockbridge, MA, pursuing studies in a career such as agriculture, conservation, the environment, nursing, or teaching.

Estelle Baden, Great Barrington, MA, University of Vermont
Brady Merritt, West Stockbridge, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Anonymous Recipient

Margery and William Barrett Scholarship

For residents of Adams, Cheshire, or Savoy who were full-time residents within Adams, Cheshire, or Savoy during most of the last two years of high school.

Jaelyn Deeley, Adams, MA, Bridgewater State University
Frank Field, Adams, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Tia Kareh, Adams, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Kamarion Kastner, Adams, MA, Bentley University
Ava Stefanik, Cheshire, MA, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

William J. Newton Memorial Scholarship

For residents of Berkshire County entering a two-year program at a community college or a technology curriculum in a community college, technical, vocational, or trade school.

Jacob Levesque, Adams, MA, Berkshire Community College

William Stanley Scholarship

For high school seniors planning to attend a four-year college who have physically lived within Berkshire County during the last two years of high school.

Deisy Escobar, Great Barrington, MA, Westfield State University
Clara Guatta-Cescuni, Pittsfield, MA, Berklee College of Music
Erin Lis, Lee, MA, Southern New Hampshire University
Noella Salinetti, Tyringham, MA, New York University
Joshua Tandoh, Pittsfield, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Anonymous Recipient

"This scholarship gave me hope and reassurance that my goals are within reach."

—Jack Smith,
Teddy Lee Drumm Memorial Scholarship

Williams Academy Scholarship

For residents of Stockbridge, MA who are college-bound graduates of Monument Mountain Regional High School.

Anonymous Recipient

Williams High School Scholarship

For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School who are residents of Stockbridge or West Stockbridge to pursue a post-secondary education.

Anonymous Recipient

Williamson Family Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors of Monument Mountain Regional High School

Anonymous Recipient

Winthrop Crane Scholarship for Graduate Studies

For graduates of Wahconah Regional High School or a vocational-technical program of a public high school who are planning to enroll in post graduate studies at an accredited college or university and who are/were residents of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington, or Windsor.

Shana Crow, Dalton, MA, Southern New Hampshire University
Holden Nelson, Dalton, MA, Michigan State University
Deana Wood, Windsor, CT, University of Massachusetts T. H. Chan School of Medicine
Two Additional Anonymous Recipients

Women's Club of the Berkshires Scholarship

For female students who are residents of Berkshire County.

Elizabeth Aquino, Lee, MA, Berkshire Community College
Jordan Hamilton, Pittsfield, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Mirabelle Meyers, Mill River, MA, The University of Rochester
April Pitroff Varellas, Cheshire, MA, George Washington University

Zenas Crane Scholarship

For graduates of Wahconah Regional High School or a vocational-technical program of a public high school who are/were residents of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington, or Windsor.

Madeline Beatty, Becket, MA, Vassar College
Ever Brophy, Dalton, MA, Berkshire Community College
Amber Brown, Dalton, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Cooper Calvert, Windsor, MA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Brody Calvert, Windsor, MA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Elizabeth Connor, Dalton, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Ethan Coughlin, Dalton, MA, Springfield, College
Jackson Crow, Dalton, MA, University of Rhode Island
West Dews, Hinsdale, MA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Madeline DiFazio, Dalton, MA, Mount Holyoke College
Athan Dungey, Middlefield, MA, Rochester Institute of Technology
Nicholas Evans, Dalton, MA, University of Colorado, Boulder
Hannah Friedman, Dalton, MA, University at Buffalo
Adelyn Furlong, Washington, MA, Sacred Heart University



PHILIP ENOCH

Monterey, MA
Graduated from Mount Everett Regional School
Attending Williams College
McLaughlin-Wilson Scholarship

- **Professional/Educational Goals:** Bachelor's degree in English (on a pre-law track), Law degree to become a civil attorney and return to the Berkshires to serve the community
- **School Activities:** National Honor Society Member and Treasurer, Captain of Varsity Soccer Team, Captain of Taconic High School Co-op Hockey Team, Mt. Everett Tennis, Mt. Everett Band and Choir, Mt. Everett Model U.N., Gold Captain for Mt. Everett Pep Rallies, Writer and Editor for Mt. Everett Bold Eagle
- **Other Activities:** Ambassador from Town of Monterey for Project 351 Youth Leadership Seminar; Mt. Everett Representative to MassSTAR Youth Leadership Seminar; Carlos V Cultural Exchange Program in Seville, Spain; Matthew 5 Catholic Youth Group
- **Awards & Honors:** Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology
- **Volunteer Work/Community Service:** Rotary Interact Club Member and President, Saturday Morning Soccer Club, Soccer Summer Camp, Divine Mercy Sunday, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue Junior Firefighter

(Zenas Crane Scholarship continued)
Christian Herrera, Pittsfield, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Lily Hinton, Hinsdale, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Emma Jacinto, Dalton, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Eva Jacinto, Dalton, MA, Ringling College of Art and Design
Izzy Journette, Dalton, MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Timothy Kaley, Dalton, MA, University of Hartford
Riley Kinzer, Dalton, MA, Endicott College
Vincent Lanphear, Hinsdale, MA, University of New Hampshire
Vienna Mahar, Windsor, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Madison McCarthy, Dalton, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Katelyn McCormack, Dalton, MA, Bridgewater State University
Sam McLaughlin, Dalton, MA, Providence College
Braedyn Melle, Hinsdale, MA, Wentworth Institute of Technology
Megan O'Bryan, Dalton, MA, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Aiden O'Connor, Dalton, MA, Westfield State University
Brady Payson, Dalton, MA, Westfield State University
Kathryn Perrone, Washington, MA, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Jacob Reilly, Hinsdale, MA, Berkshire Community College
Julia Renderer, Dalton, MA, Endicott College
Kiara Ryan, Dalton, MA, Berkshire Community College
Cindy Siguncia, Dalton, MA, Bentley University
Sarah Thomton, Washington, MA, Clemson University
Jacoby Vincelette, Washington, MA, Emmanuel College
Mia Viola, Windsor, MA, Springfield College
Logan Warden, Dalton, MA, Berkshire Community College
Audrey Wildrick, Dalton, MA, Endicott College
Grace Wildrick, Dalton, MA, Nazareth University
Theodore Wildrick, Dalton, MA, State University of New York College of Environmental Science
Noah Willis, Washington, MA, Westfield State University
Casey Wilson, Peru, MA, Clarkson University
Thirty Three Additional Anonymous Recipients

Note: A small number of student names do not list the college they will be attending. This information was not available at the time we went to press. In addition, some students chose to not have their names published and are listed as Anonymous Recipient(s).

Congratulations to everyone!

In addition to the many scholarships where BTCF manages the selection process, we also have a range of scholarships where BTCF provides financial and back-office management services only, leaving the applicant selection process to other institutions. The following scholarships awarded over $230K in 2026:

Becket Scholarship Fund
The Bluebird Fund
Bruton Fund for Williams College and MCLA
Daniel S. and Evelyn F. Smith Fund
Digital Asset Scholarship
Dr. H.H. Gadsby Scholarship
H.V.R.H.S. Alumni Association Fund
Isringhaus Scholarship Fund
J. Edward Dery Scholarship
Make a Difference Student Debt Reduction Fund
Michael P. O'Brien Scholarship Fund
Moe England '53/England Scott Family Scholarship for Colgate
Monroe England Legacy Fund
North Adams Vietnam Veterans Chapter 54 Scholarship Fund
Roger T. Knollmeyer Scholarship Fund
Ruth P. Boraski Fund for Girls Incorporated of the Berkshires
Sadie & Charles Boraski Scholarship
Violet H. Simmons Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Helping Dreams Take Shape: The Soechtings' Enduring Gift to Berkshire Learners

Berkshire Catalyst Fund Launches, Helping Students Unlock their Potential in Professional Trades & Technologies

When John Soechting proposed starting a scholarship for vocational learners during his retirement, his wife, Jerry, was a bit surprised at first. John's education and career did not mirror the path he had newfound interest in supporting; he had spent over forty years in academia as a university professor in physiology and the neurosciences.

But Jerry supported his vision. In many ways, it was a fitting culmination of John's years working with students of all ages. In retirement, he worked as a volunteer tutor with adults preparing to enter community college. As he became more familiar with Berkshire life, he began to realize that tuition could be a real barrier for many people who wanted to pursue careers in technical fields, due to the fact that potential technical and trade school choices were outside of the tuition-free community colleges of Massachusetts. At the same time, he felt high school graduates with an interest could benefit greatly from two years of trades instruction, and knew some vocational scholarships were rare. These insights shaped his belief in the value of career investment—regardless of a person's age—and planted the seed of inspiration for what would come.

In 2025, John and Jerry established the Berkshire Catalyst Scholarship to help remove the barrier of cost for post-secondary education and training. Sadly, John passed away in January of 2026, before the first scholarships would be awarded. However, Jerry is stewarding their shared vision, and his memory, forward through their fund.

Jerry understands firsthand the value of investing in careers, and pursuing a personal passion, even later in life. After a long career in public health nutrition, she was compelled to enroll in nursing school at the age of 54. Even though it required taking night classes and working part-time, she recalls, "I've never regretted it." Jerry believes that a "late-in-life calling," can often be the most fulfilling, because the "clear vision that people see for their lives does not always come in the window of ages 18 to 25."

This sentiment is echoed in the words of one of the fund's adult scholarship recipients, "All it took was one day in the woodworking shop for me to discover something I could really see myself doing. Finding that passion changed everything."

Jerry is gratified to see the fund issue its first awards. The Berkshire Catalyst Scholarship supports three recent high school graduates and two adult learners from Berkshire County. They are pursuing careers spanning woodworking and furniture design, nursing, physical therapy, radiologic technology, and dental care.

If you are inspired to start a scholarship fund, please contact Eric Jette, Community Engagement Officer for Education and Scholarships at ejette@berkshiretaconic.org or 413.229.0370 ext. 107.

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Thanks to the generosity of donors who included BTCF in their estate plans, the scholarship funds listed below continue to change lives. Each bequest reflects a lasting commitment to education and creates opportunities for future generations to learn, grow, and thrive.

Whether you add to an existing BTCF fund or start a new scholarship fund of your own, your bequest can change lives for decades to come.

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—Joshua Tandoh,
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