**Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation awards $85,000 in scholarships to local students**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (June 14, 2022) – The Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation held its 22nd annual community service awards dinner on June 10, awarding scholarships totaling $85,000 to 15 seniors attending Saratoga Springs High School, Saratoga Central Catholic High School and Waldorf High School. Awards ranged from $2,500 to the $20,000 Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs Presidential Scholarship. The Foundation also honored Cindy and Brien Hollowood for their contributions to the community.

Established in 1997, the Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation raises funds to support the post-secondary education and vocational training of graduates from public and private high schools in the greater Saratoga community. The annual awards event, held this year at Longfellows Hotel and Restaurant, is the Foundation’s major fundraiser and all proceeds go to fund future scholarships.

Cindy and Brien Hollowood, who have been longtime, generous supporters of The Saratoga community, helping to make this a better place to live for everyone, spoke about their commitment to Saratoga and to education.

Beth Post, Vice President of the Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation, extended congratulations to the Hollowoods and to the scholarship recipients on behalf of the Foundation.

“The main objective of Rotary is service – in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self. These students demonstrate not just academic excellence, but the same commitment to community that is the hallmark of Rotary,” said Post in her remarks.

Anitza Parilla, a Saratoga Springs High School student who received this year’s Presidential Scholarship, plans to attend Siena College majoring in Chemistry/Pre-Med. Upon receiving her award, she thanked the Foundation and its donors for their generosity.

Students’ academic performance, extracurricular and work activities, community service, and financial need are all considered when reviewing applications. The 2022 scholarship recipients are:

Robin N'Dolo, Waldorf High School, with plans to attend Concordia University, Florence Andresen Memorial Scholarship, $2,500

Chase Demick, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend Skidmore College, Scott Krulcik Memorial Scholarship, $2,500

Cole Shattuck, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend University of Northwestern Ohio, William C .Young Scholarship, $2,500

Molly Egan, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend Harvard University, Don Lee Scholarship, $2,500

Kiera Unverzagt, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend SUNY Brockport, Pierce Scholarship, $4,000

Crystal Fierros-Garcia, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend Cazenovia College, Endowed Scholarship in honor of Edward A. Lenz, $4,500

Elena D'Addio, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend Emmanuel College, Cudney Endowed Scholarship in memory of James and Carryl Cudney, $4,500

Makenna Welfley, Saratoga Springs High School and SUNY Adirondack's Early Scholars Honors Program, with plans to attend Rochester Institute of Technology, The Endowed Newman "Pete" Wait Sr. Memorial Scholarship, $5,000

Quinn Weaver, Saratoga Central Catholic High School, with plans to attend University of New England, The Endowed Scholarship in honor of Charles V. Wait Sr., $5,000

Celia Nolan, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend SUNY Binghamton, The Joseph and Anne Palamountain Memorial Scholarship, $5,000

Abby Lee, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend University of Pittsburgh, Jane A. Wait Endowed Scholarship by Adirondack Trust, in her memory, $5,000

Alison Motler, Saratoga Central Catholic High School, with plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Gerow McLuckie Memorial Scholarship, $5,000

Alise Morgan, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend Lemoyne College, Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Scholarship, $6,000

Quinn Ragan, Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend Florida State University, The Philly Dake Memorial Endowed Scholarship, $6,000

Anitza Parilla, attending Saratoga Springs High School, with plans to attend Siena College, Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs Presidential Scholarship, $5,000 over 4 years for a total of $20,000

Attendees enjoyed a dinner generously donated by Longfellows and had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction with items donated by numerous local businesses and organizations including Northshire Bookstore, iRun Local, Holiday Inn, Allerdice/Ace Hardware, Caffé Lena, Stewart’s, Yoga Mandali, Mountainman Outdoor Supply, Ben & Jerry’s, Saratoga Candy Co, Skidmore College and Foundation Board Members.

Next year’s award dinner is scheduled for June 2023.

**About Cindy and Brien Hollowood**
Cindy Hollowood is the Executive Director of Saratoga Sponsor-A-Scholar after operating the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs for thirty-seven years. She was a founding board member of Discover Saratoga and has served on the boards of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, Saratoga Springs Zoning Board and more. She has chaired fundraising efforts for Yaddo, the YMCA and Saratoga Hospital. Cindy is currently an executive committee member of the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation. Among her many honors, in 2015 she was recognized by the NYS Hospitality & Tourism Association as Tourism Executive of the Year and in 2016 was named a Woman of Distinction by the NYS Senate.

Brien Hollowood retired in 2021 after 20 years as the Executive Director of Unlimited Potential, an organization that works with individuals who are in recovery after experiencing mental illness. Previously, he was the Vice President for Membership Services at the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce for many years. He has served on the board of Homemade Theater and the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation and is past president of the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club and Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association, among many others. Brien has been recognized as a Distinguished Alum of Ballston Spa High School and Leadership Saratoga.