Prince Henry Society announces 2020 scholarship recipients; $51,000 awarded to college-bound students in greater New Bedford

Celebrating its 40th consecutive year of awarding scholarships to Greater New Bedford's college bound students, and passing the $1 million mark in scholarships awarded, the New Bedford Chapter of the Prince Henry Society of Massachusetts awarded $51,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors this year.

In 1980, Milton Ferreira and the late Anthony S. Catojo, Jr. and Gabriel Moura founded the Prince Henry Society, a brotherhood of business and professional men of Portuguese descent. The goals of the society are to promote the civic, cultural, economic, educational and social betterment of persons of Portuguese descent and to be of service to the community. In order to accomplish this, they established a three-pronged plan of charities, scholarships and service to the community.

"The members of the Prince Henry Society are proud to reach this milestone of 40 years, $1 million in scholarships awarded, and more than 1,000 recipients among the students of Greater New Bedford over the course of four decades," said Scholarship Committee Chairman Robert Gaspar.

Since 1980, the Prince Henry has awarded educational scholarships totaling $1,001,477 to a total of 1,049 students from the Greater New Bedford area. Fifty-one scholarships were awarded:

Gabriela L. Serra, a graduate of New Bedford High received the

Father Fortuna Memorial Scholarship given in memory of the late Father Fortuna, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Chloe A. Morgado, a graduate of New Bedford High, received the Attorney and Rose Ferreira Memorial Scholarship made possible by Mrs. Charles Baker and Dr. Joseph and Lisa Ferreira.

Joseph Ferro, a graduate of Upper Cape Regional, received the Gabriel Moura Memorial Scholarship.

Alexis Arruda, a graduate of Dartmouth High School, received the Manuel Moinheiro Memorial Scholarship. This award was made possible by Patricia Moinheiro in memory of her late husband.

Christina Eckenreiter, a graduate of Fairhaven High School, received the Henry Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship. This award was made possible by Dolores Rodrigues in memory of her late husband.

Asher Machado, a graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, received the second Henry Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship also made possible by wife Dolores Rodrigues.

Nicole d'Almeida, a graduate of Bishop Stang High, received the Matt Bernardo Memorial Scholarship made possible by his sister Dolores Rodrigues.

Olimpia Andrade, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the Armand Fernandes, Sr.

Memorial Scholarship. This award was made possible by Judge Armand Fernandes in memory of his father.

Alison Baptista, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the James Fernandes Memorial Scholarship. This award was made possible by Judge Armand Fernandes in memory of his brother.

Cameron DaCosta a graduate of New Bedford Voc-Tech, received

the Todd Christopher Pereira Memorial Scholarship made possible by a friend of the Prince Henry Society.

Ryan Picewick, a graduate of Old Colony, received the second Todd Christopher Pereira Memorial Scholarship made possible by the Pereira Family.

Logan Cabral, a graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech, received the Rockland Trust Scholarship made possible by Rockland Trust.

Katherine Ashley, graduate of Old Colony, received the Bristol County Savings Bank Scholarship, made possible by the Bristol County Savings Bank.

Orly Gonsalves, graduate of Dartmouth High School, received the Bay Coast Bank Scholarship made possible by Bay Coast Bank.

Jillian Higgins, a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School, received the Michael Demakis Memorial Scholarship.It was made possible by Jocelyn daLuz, Lisa and David Wright, Chris Demakis and Vince Cragin, Nicole Demakis and Michelle and Thomas Barry.

Drew Kelly, a graduate of Bishop Stand High School, received the Dr. Norbert P. and Elsie Rodrigues Fraga Scholarship given in memory of Dr. Norbert P. Fraga and made possible by Mrs. Elsie Rodrigues Fraga.

Destiny Torres, a graduate of New Bedford High, received the Raymond H. and Eleanor Aragao Teachman Memorial Scholarship given by Ronald E. Teachman in memory of his parents.

Raina Grace, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the Joseph M. and Rose F. Souza Memorial Scholarship made possible by daughters Pam and Elizabeth Souza.

Kelsey Rezendes, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the Joseph and Lucy Bernardo Memorial Scholarship.

Brendan Rego, a graduate of Dartmouth High School, received the Anthony S. Catojo Jr. Memorial Scholarship given by the Prince Henry Society.

Samantha Silva, a graduate of Bishop Stang High School received the Manuel R. And Olivia Cabral Memorial Scholarship. This award was made possible by the Cabral children, sons Oliver and Adalino and daughters Maria Galego and Dortina Marder.

Victoria Cameron, a graduate of Dartmouth High School 2017, received the Christopher Jon Souza Memorial Scholarship, made possible by Antone and Elsie Souza in memory of their son and the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts — Christopher Jon Souza Fund.

Meagan Sebastiao, a graduate of Dartmouth High School 2017, received the second Christopher Jon Souza Memorial Scholarship, made possible by Antone and Elsie Souza in memory of their son and the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts —Christopher Jon Souza Fund.

Gwendolyn Baptista, a graduate of Old Colony Regional, received the DBS Dartmouth Building Supply Scholarship. This award was made possible by Joseph Delgado and family.

Tara Abreu, a graduate of Dartmouth High, received the Arnold B. Camara Memorial Scholarship, given by Michael Camara and Family of the ABC Disposal service of New Bedford.

Sabrina Pires, a graduate of Dartmouth High School, received the Salvador and Katherine Fernandes Memorial Scholarship, given by member Michael Fernandes and Family of the Northern Wind Co., Inc., in memory of Michael's parents.

Derek Arribada, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the Carlos Pacheco Memorial Scholarship made possible by wife Hazel, daughter Judy Young and family and friends of the late New Bedford school committee man.

Megan Lajoie, a graduate of Fairhaven High School, received the Pinto's Garage and Auto Body Inc. Scholarship by Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pinto and Family.

Olivia Maciel, a graduate of Fairhaven High School, received the Milton Ferreira Memorial Scholarship.

Tiago P. Boia, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the Fernando A. Gaspar Memorial Scholarship, made possible by the family of Fernando A. Gaspar.

Molly Driscoll, a graduate of New Bedford Voc/Tech, received the Youth Investment Foundation Scholarship made possible by the Youth Investment Foundation.

Katherine N. Papas, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the Shelley A. Carvalho Memorial Scholarship made possible by the family of Shelley A. Carvalho.

Haleigh Texeira, a graduate of Dartmouth High, received the Everyday hero scholarship by member Barry Sylvia and BENCOR.

Victoria Kalisz, a graduate of Fairhaven High, received the Cameron Jeffrey Goulart Scholarship provided by Cameron's Kids.

Abby Araujo, a graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech, received the Flavio S. Duarte Memorial Scholarship provided by Julianne and William Viveiros.

Olivia E. Bernardo, a graduate of Fairhaven High School, received the Jose (Joe) Helder Freitas Memorial Scholarship by Mrs. Alice Freitas and Family.

Morgan Correia, a graduate of New Bedford High, received the "Andre De Arede Memorial Scholarship" made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ferreira and Family.

Julianne Matthews, a graduate of Wareham High School, received the Stoico/FIRSTFED Scholarship, made possible by the Robert

F. Stoico/FIRSTFEDC Charitable Foundation.

Ty Spencer, a graduate of New Bedford High School, received the Ernest Simmons Memorial Scholarship given by Peter Simmons and Family in memory of Peter's father.

Selena Marie Arruda, a 2018 graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, received the Taylor Leigh Alves Memorial Scholarship. It was given by by Dr.Gary Alves of the Alves Chiropractic Center and the Prince Henry Society.

Sophia Rodrigues, a graduate of Fairhaven received the "Castelo Family Scholarship" made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Jose S. Castelo and Family.

Jenna Correia, a graduate of Fairhaven High, received the "Antonio (Tony) Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship" made possible by the family and friends of Antonio Rodrigues.

Cameron Sylvia, a graduate of New Bedford High, received the second "Antonio (Tony) Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship" made possible by the family and friends of Antonio Rodrigues.

Andrew Veiga, a graduate of Dartmouth High School, received the "Manuel Pereira Memorial Scholarship" by son Armando Pereira and family and the friends of Manuel Pereira.

Rachel Perry, a graduate of Old Rochester Regional, received the Natalio Gomes Memorial Scholarship made possible by son Andy Gomes and family in memory of his father.

Sidney Tavares, graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, received the Portuguese Continental Union/Lodge #4, New Bedford, MA Scholarship in memory of their founders.

Kelsey Rodrigues, a graduate of Global Charter, received the Prince Henry Society Scholarship.

Emily Desneves, a graduate of Fairhaven High School, received the second Prince Henry Society Scholarship.

Taeya Telfair, a graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech, received the third Prince Henry Society Scholarship (for a student in the trade department – cosmetology) given in memory of Ernest Simmons by son Peter Simmons.

Johnny Vongsouna, a graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech, received the Prince Henry Society Scholarship for a student in the trade dept. – carpentry.

Lester Maldanado, a graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech, received the Prince Henry Society Scholarship for a student in the trade dept. – electrical.

Jordan Bulhour, a graduate of Greater New Bedford Voc/Tech, received his award made possible from the "Ronald Trahan Scholarship Fund" for a worthy student in the carpentry program made possible by Wayne and Susan Trahan.

The Portuguese United for Education, Inc. Scholarship was presented by the Prince Henry Society of MA, New Bedford Chapter to the Portuguese United for Education, Inc. School (Discovery Language Academy), by the Prince Henry Society of MA, New Bedford Chapter.