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EIGHT STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION

Norwich, CT—Three Rivers Community College students were honored at a campus ceremony last evening. Eight of them received a \$1,000 scholarship from Liberty Bank Foundation to further their studies at the college. Recipients are: Richard Ensor, Bacon High School; Amber Bowker, Lyme/Old Lyme High School; Stephen Mowan, Montville High School; Austyn Ramsay and Dominick Wilson, New London High School; Jia Yi Ng and Nicole Palmer, Norwich Free Academy; and Opumbir Bhinder, Waterford High School.



Liberty Bank Branch Manager David Bouffard (left) and Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed. D., president, Three Rivers Community College (right) present new and returning Three Rivers Community College students with Liberty Bank Foundation scholarships.

“Enrollment is booming at our state’s community colleges where students can receive a quality education without taking on a heavy loan burden. Liberty Bank Foundation is committed to helping community college students maximize this affordable education option,” said Sue Murphy, executive director, Liberty Bank Foundation.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$10 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank’s market area since its inception. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for people of low or moderate income by investing in three areas: education to promote economic success for children and families; affordable housing; and basic human needs, such as food and shelter. Along with its grantmaking, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of nonprofits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

Norwich-based Three Rivers Community College's student population -- consisting of more than 5,000 enrolled students each semester and 1,800 continuing education students each year -- continues to grow. The college offers instruction in technical, career, and liberal arts programs.

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut's oldest bank, with \$4.5 billion in assets and 55 banking offices throughout the central, eastern, and shoreline areas of the state. As a full-service financial institution, Liberty offers consumer and commercial banking, home mortgages, insurance, and investment services. Named as a "Top Workplace" by the Hartford Courant for five consecutive years, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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