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**ELEVEN MIDDLETOWN AREA GRADS  
RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION**

Middletown, CT— Eleven 2017 graduates of Middlesex Community College and Middletown Adult Education recently received a total of \$12,000 in scholarship funding from Liberty Bank Foundation.

“Programs that lead to long-term economic success have always been a priority for us,” said Sue Murphy, executive director, Liberty Bank Foundation. “We’re proud to help students advance their education and their future prospects with scholarship funding.”

Middlesex Community College graduates receiving scholarships, based on their financial need and academic achievements, are: Ricquee Davidson, Brandy Dykas, Gilianne Oyola, Yalymar Rosado, Raven Rucker, and Daisy Techer.

Middletown Adult Education graduates honored with Liberty Bank Foundation scholarships, also based on their academic performance, are: Nezha Aissa, Julie Fredericksen, Nicole Hogan, Tashema Tann, and Alexis Weeks.

Recipients will use scholarship funds to further their education at an institution of higher learning. Adult education scholarship recipients may use the funds for costs that may pose barriers to nontraditional students, including child care and transportation expenses, as well as the traditional tuition, books, and room and board.

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Stacie Dills (r), branch manager of Liberty Bank's Washington St., Middletown office, congratulates recent grads from Middletown Adult Education. L to r are: Alexis Weeks, Nezha Aissa, Julie Fredericksen, Tashema Tann, Nicole Hogan and Maria Quinones. All received scholarships from Liberty Bank Foundation to further their education at an institution of higher learning except Ms. Quinones, who was honored with the Lillian Gallitto scholarship.