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**CHESHIRE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES
DONALD B. WILBUR SCHOLARSHIP FROM LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION**

CHESHIRE, CT — Mashwiyat Mosharraf has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the Donald B. Wilbur Scholarship, presented by the Liberty Bank Foundation. Established in 2008 in honor of retiring Liberty Bank Chairman Donald B. Wilbur, the \$1,000 scholarship is presented annually to a student who plans to major in engineering or a technology-related field.



Mashwiyat Mosharraf

Mosharraf will be a 2017 graduate of Cheshire High School who plans to attend the University of Connecticut to study biology and ultimately pursue a career in medicine. Mosharraf is described in a letter of recommendation as enthusiastic, extremely trustworthy, and a student who goes beyond class expectations. At her high school, Mosharraf is a constant volunteer, most lately for Distressed Children and Infants International, a nonprofit that protects child rights and helps families move out of poverty.

She is involved in a breadth of activities including: badminton club, Cheshire High's medical interest association, photography club, environmental club, BRAVE (Bringing Remembrance to Veterans Everywhere), and serves as the history club's vice president. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

“Mimu has a vibrant personality and is an extremely trustworthy person. She works well in groups. If there is a conflict within a group, she is the one to take charge and mediate a fair way,” Mosharraf’s German teacher, Kristin Haase, says of her. “She is one of the most well-rounded young ladies I have ever met. I have every confidence she will thrive in her science/medical career.”

Donald B. Wilbur became a incorporator of Liberty Bank in 1993 and joined the board of directors two years later. He was elected chairman in 2004 and served in that role until his retirement from the board in 2008. He retired in 2002 as plant manager of Unilever HPC, USA in Clinton. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Wilbur joined Chesebrough-Pond’s USA in 1970 and held various positions over the years at plants in Alabama, Missouri, and Connecticut.

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$10 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank’s market area. 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 nonprofit capacity building. 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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Mashwiyat Mosharraf of Cheshire has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the Donald B. Wilbur Scholarship, presented by the Liberty Bank Foundation. Shen will be a 2017 graduate of Cheshire High School and plans to attend the University of Connecticut to study biology.