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**MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECEIVES  
DONALD B. WILBUR SCHOLARSHIP FROM LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION**



***Jiayuan Shen is the recipient of  
the Donald B. Wilbur Scholarship.***

MONTVILLE, CT — Jiayuan Shen of Uncasville has been selected as the 2016 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.

Jiayuan Shen is a graduate of Montville High School who plans to attend the University of Connecticut to study mechanical engineering. Teachers describe Shen as a highly motivated, intelligent, and enthusiastic young woman. In high school, Shen was involved in the International Club, Young Educators Society Club, Math Team, Future Business Leaders of America, Asian New Year Meal, and peer tutoring ELL students. In her community, Shen volunteered at the Otis Library, Mohegan Elementary School, Orchard Grove Specialty Care Center, and with the Hatian Health Foundation.

“Jiayan always strives to do her best in class. She works well with her peers and consistently exhibits a strong work ethic when it comes to her academics,” said Ben Stone, Mathematics Department Head at Montville High School. “These personal traits have enabled her to achieve a high academic status which includes National Honor Society, being named Rensselaer Medalist, and earning honors with distinction for every quarter at Montville High School.”

Donald B. Wilbur became a corporator 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 \$9.5 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.

Established in 1825, Liberty Bank is Connecticut's oldest mutual bank, with almost \$4.4 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 four consecutive years, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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