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

BRISTOL, CT — Disha Beri of Bristol has been selected as the 2020 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 an outstanding graduating high school senior who plans to major in engineering or a technology-related field.



Disha Beri

Beri is a 2020 graduate of Bristol Eastern High School and plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York to study biomedical engineering on a pre-medicine track. Her involvement in the community is extensive. She has volunteered with Friends of Rachel Club, Bristol Relay for Life, Kids in the Middle School, Imagine Nation, and Bristol Youth Services Peer Education. Her inspiration to major in biomedical engineering and practice medicine comes from her grandfather, with whom she has a close relationship.

Beri's participation in a broad spectrum of activities has prepared her to excel in college. Her recommendation from her Science teacher says, "Beri is the busiest student I have ever known, but she is also the most successful, selfless, and optimistic young woman I have had the honor to mentor."

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 \$13 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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