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Montville High School Graduate Receives Donald B. Wilbur Scholarship from Liberty Bank Foundation

MIDDLETOWN, CT — XuJia “Jack” Cao of Uncasville has been selected as the 2014 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.



XuJia Cao of Uncasville has been awarded the 2014 Donald B. Wilbur Scholarship by the Liberty Bank Foundation.

XuJia Cao is a 2014 graduate of Montville High School who plans to attend University of California, Santa Barbara to pursue a degree in software engineering. His teachers describe him as having an excellent work ethic, strong character, and a passion for science. In high school, Cao was an active member of the International Club, Math Team, and Old Mystic Village Dance Team. He volunteered over 200 hours for the Chinese and American Cultural Assistance Association while juggling a challenging courseload.

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 \$8 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 over \$3.6 billion in assets and 49 banking offices throughout the central, eastern, and shoreline areas of the state. As a full-service financial institution, its lines of business include consumer and commercial banking, home mortgages, insurance, and investment services. Rated outstanding by federal regulators on its community reinvestment efforts, Liberty maintains a longstanding commitment to superior personal service and unparalleled community involvement.

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