THE INTERNATIONAL PROPELLER CLUB

OF THE UNITED STATES

**PORT OF TACOMA**

**LELLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The 2019 Lelli Memorial Scholarship competition was held on April 17th. Seventeen Pierce County public high schools were represented. The scholarship applicants were selected by their high school counselors and career guidance specialists. Local businesses sponsored the student and student’s chaperone for the day’s activities. These businesses included: ILWU Local 22, Auto Warehousing Company, Goodstein Law Group, Husky Terminal, Jen Brown & Dave Rink, Jones Stevedoring, Northwest Wire Rope & Sling, Pierce County Central Labor Council, SeaPort Sound Terminal, Sperry Ocean Dock, Tacoma Rail, TOTE Maritime Alaska, Washington United Terminals, and John Wolfe. Other contributors included Aequalis Photography and Evette Mason, and the Port of Tacoma was the Event Sponsor.

The day included a bus tour of the Port of Tacoma, lunch, student presentations, an afternoon tour of the sponsor’s business, and dinner at the monthly meeting of the Tacoma Propeller Club held at the Tacoma Yacht Club.

The scholarship is awarded to the student with the highest score computed by five judges for financial need, grade point average, community and school involvement, letter of recommendation, and a verbal presentation. This year’s topic was, “For your career after graduation, if you could choose any job at or related to the Port of Tacoma, what would it be, why, and what kind of difference do you think you could make in that position?”.

The 2019 recipient of the $4,000.00 Lelli Memorial Scholarship award was Daphne Daniel from Tacoma School of the Arts. A second place award of $2,000.00 was presented to Nathan Sachs from Wilson High School, and third place, with an award of $1,500.00, went to Austin Taylor of Puyallup High School. $200.00 cash was awarded to the following scholarship participants: Kirstyn Lucht of Bethel High School, Shelby Welfringer of Bonney Lake High School, Trinity Moore of Eatonville High School, Gerin George of Fife High School, Crystal Argueta of Foss High School, Zachary Nerli of Gig Harbor High School, Gia Valentine of Mount Tahoma High School, Ashley Jones of Peninsula High School, Stella Dahms-May of Science and Math Institute, Imanie Forest of Stadium High School, Kelly Cabage of Steilacoom High School, Richard Mark of Sumner High School, Sosaphina Gillespie of Washington High School, and Ashley Buchholz of White River High School.

The total scholarship award for 2019 was $10,300, with a twenty-six (26) year total of over $189,000.00 in cash and merchandise.

Management of the Lelli Scholarship is overseen by the “Past Presidents’ Club” of The International Propeller Club of the United States – Port of Tacoma chapter. The committee consists of: Susan Becklund Millikan; Ron Mason; Candy Nigretto, Port of Tacoma; John Page, Tacoma Public Schools; and Heather Shadko, Port of Tacoma.

The Lelli Memorial Scholarship Fund is supported by contributions from the Tacoma Propeller Club, its members, local businesses, labor, memorials, private donations, and local charities and foundations. Donations may be made to: Tacoma Propeller Club, Lelli Memorial Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 453, Tacoma, WA, 98401.