

## **Scholarship Committee Annual Report for 2017**

The Scholarship Committee was pleased that we received three internal scholarship applications in 2017. We reviewed all the information presented us and deemed all three of these young people from our church- acceptable. Our Three scholarship winners were- Kristen Craven: First Lutheran Scholarship, Elizabeth Goul: Patricia Gustavson Scholarship and Jacob Conte: Lester Harris Scholarship. As is our custom they were recognized at church service on January 14, 2018.

Our Committee was also pleased to see the growth in our external scholarship program: we had 68 applications submitted in 2016 and 86 in 2017. Our committee met on April 3, 2017. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and all members were given verbal, as well as, written instructions regarding the process we would follow to determine our scholarship winner. We then began evaluating the nine candidates (from the original field of 86) left for consideration. Each member had to read 7 or 8 new applications using a 1(lowest) to a 5 (highest) scale established by Southington High School's Common Financial Aid Application. In addition, all members had to be aware of the criteria established by our church in 2014- basically a faith commitment and community service. The readings were intensive and a lively discussion ensued. After some deliberation Evelyn Holbrook was selected (unanimously) as our 2017 First Evangelical Lutheran external scholarship winner. She received her award at Southington High School's Scholarship Awards evening on May 18, 2017. Pastor Joshua Rinas presented the award to her.

When we met on April 3, 2017, one of our scholarship committee members was unavoidably detained and would not make the meeting. Fortunately Sandra Anderson was in the right place at the right time- she took the place of the detained member, stayed through the entire process and did a superb job. Thank you Sandra!

As always this is an enjoyable committee to be part of because all the members show dedication to the task before them: a heartfelt thanks to all of you for your commitment.

Lastly, a reminder to all who will graduate from high school in 2018 and continue their education - the deadline for submitting an application for a First Lutheran Scholarship is June 15, 2018. You can never be too early preparing for scholarship- see a member of our committee to obtain an application form.

Scholarship Committee

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