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Local students receive John Dink Memorial Scholarship

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Fifteen Hardin County students recently received a John Dink Memorial Scholarship from Central Kentucky Community Foundation.

The John Dink Memorial Scholarship has been awarding to students annually since it was established as a legacy gift in 1978. Mr. Dink was a hard-working farmer and rural route mail carrier, who served his country in World War I. He had a desire to help make educational

opportunities available to young people in Hardin County. Through his generous gift, he will forever provide educational assistance through a \$2,000 annual award to multiple students.

The recipients from Central Hardin High School are Claire Pearl, daughter of Nick and Angie Pearl, who plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study nursing; Elissa McKinney, daughter of Everett and Nancy McKinney, who plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study human health sciences; Isabelle Hobbs, daughter of James and Angela Hobbs, who plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study psychology; Kaleb Adams, son of Cameron Adams and Kristan Gaines, who plans to attend the University of Louisville to study mechanical engineering; Kevin Wheeler, son of Thomas and Amy Wheeler, who plans to attend Bellarmine University to study business; Madelyn Ditto, daughter of Keith Ditto and Whitney Thomas, who plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study exercise science; and Tiffany Coogle, daughter of Steven and Helga Coogle, who plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study biosystems engineering.

The recipients from Elizabethtown High School are Anastasia Newsome, daughter of Brian and Mika Newsome, who plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study biology; Bradley Lackey, son of Sheldon and Renee Lackey, who plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study medicine and health care; and Heather Mooney, daughter of Warren and Kelly Mooney, who plans to attend the University of Louisville;

The recipient from Fort Knox High School is Liam Kaune, son of Patrick and Jetta Kaune, who plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University to study parks and recreation administration.

The recipient from John Hardin High School is Naiya Sims, daughter of Jason and Nicole Sims, who plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study pre-medicine and biology.

The recipients from North Hardin High School are Addison Sutton, daughter of Greg and Janay Sutton, who plans to attend Asbury University to study physical therapy and nursing; and ViAsia Bramblett, daughter of Charles Davis and Jackie Bramblett, who plans to attend the University of Kentucky to study international affairs and political science.

The recipient from St. Xavier High School is William Shepherd of Elizabethtown. He is the son of Michael and Jennifer Shepherd and he plans to attend the University of Louisville to study engineering.

“Through the generosity of our donors, students across our region can continue their education,” said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of CKCF. “Our scholarship program, Scholarship Central, is a great way to empower local students and show them the impact of philanthropy. It’s an honor to connect people to the causes they care about while helping people pursue their educational goals.”

The John Dink Memorial Scholarship is part of the 170 scholarships being awarded by CKCF this year through Scholarship Central. The scholarships total nearly \$322,000 and were awarded to 145 students from 17 high schools and four colleges in the region. All scholarship awards were announced during Celebrating Achievement, Central Kentucky Community Foundation’s scholarship awards program, which can be viewed at youtu.be/qqIS2Y_XyKw.

To establish a scholarship fund or for information, go to ckcf4people.org/scholarships/.