

Rotary Club of Dearborn awards more than \$55,000 in scholarships in 2017

Nearly \$400,000 in scholarships awarded since 1998

DEARBORN, Mich. (April 27, 2017) – Dearborn Rotary recently held the club's 2017 Scholarships Celebration to award more than 55,000 dollars to 27 students in Dearborn. The event, held at Henry Ford College's Welcome Center, honored scholarship recipients, family members and representatives of their respective schools.

Dearborn Rotary President, Regan Ford, welcomed nearly 150 people to the dinner event and introduced the scholarship chairs who made the award presentations, totaling more than 56 thousand dollars in six scholarship categories to 27 students.

Jim Ives, Dearborn Rotary past president and past district governor, presented the Harry Sisson Scholarship to Fordson senior, Fatima Rivi, an AP scholar who attends the Dearborn Center for Math, Science and Technology, and is dual enrolled at Henry Ford College. The Sisson scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding public or private high school graduating senior, who best exemplifies the ideals and objectives of Rotary through leadership, ethical example, and service to the community.

Receiving the Hugh Archer Scholarship were seniors Mohammed Hamid, Fordson High School, and Layail Mustafa, Dearborn High School. Rotary Past President, Lee Hollmann, made the presentation which honors Hugh Archer, who served as past president of Dearborn Rotary and later served as president of Rotary International in 1989-1990. Archer was founder and chairman of Spiratex Company, located in Romulus. These scholarships, established in Archer's memory, recognize graduating seniors attending Dearborn schools who demonstrate high achievement and ethical leadership in community service.

Hollmann also recognized Andrea Corrie, recipient of the Dearborn Rotary Nursing Scholarship at Henry Ford College (HFC). Corrie recently earned her Associates Degree in Nursing from HFC and is enrolled in the University of Michigan-Flint Bachelor of Science Nursing program

Dearborn Rotarian Waseem Younis presented the Past Presidents Leadership Scholarship that was created through the generosity of Dr. Robert Young, retired Dearborn Public Schools teacher and administrator and a past president of Rotary. The awards are presented annually to graduates from each of Dearborn's public high schools or early college program. Recipients are selected based on their leadership experiences, academic achievement and commitment to community service. They must also demonstrate their understanding and application of Rotary's Four Way test.

Receiving this year's Past Presidents Leadership Scholarship are seniors Zeinab Ayoub, Dearborn High School; Hadi Baydoun, Edsel Ford High School; and Fordson High School seniors Naveen Fawaz and Nada Jaradat.

Hassen Hammoud, president of the Dearborn Rotary Foundation, presented the Barbara Ware Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of Ware, daughter of longtime Dearborn Rotarian Reuben King. Ware served as club secretary for many years and was well known for her efficiency and professionalism. This scholarship, awarded for 2016-17, recognized two

students from Henry Ford College--Julia Baker and Nadia Elayan, both enrolled in HFC's Information and Management associate degree program.

Seventeen students received Otto J. Rowen scholarships presented by Dearborn Rotary Past President, Bob Gleichauf. These scholarships are made possible by the Otto J. Rowen trust fund, administered by the Dearborn Rotary Foundation. Rowen, a Dearborn Rotarian, was a former Dearborn teacher and administrator at Woodworth School.

Students receiving the Rowen scholarships are recommended by their vocational instructors as the best representatives of each vocational/career technical education program in Dearborn Public Schools.

The 2017 Otto Rowen recipients in Health Occupations at the Michael Berry Career Center (MBCC) are Ali Alsharejy and Tahani Smidi, Dearborn High School, and Sabaa Alzuad, Shelby Haddock and Miriam Hamad, Edsel Ford High School. MBCC recipients in Information/Computer Technology include Ayah Awadallah, Fordson High School, and Emma Scott, Dearborn High School; and Andrea Floarea in Hospitality/Culinary Arts.

Additional Rowen recipients are Edsel Ford seniors Enrico Antonelli, Wood Technology, and Alexander LaGreca, Welding Technician along with Fordson senior Malak Tehfe, Finance/Accounting.

Rowen winners attending Henry Ford Early College are Nadia Dorsey and Sarah Saad, Ophthalmic Technician program; Razan Habash and Rawahn Saeed, Nursing; and Bailey Lamparaski and Alix Shivers, Physical Therapist Assistant program.

"Recognizing all of these outstanding students is a highlight of our year," said Ford, who reported that Dearborn Rotary has awarded nearly 400,000 dollars since 1998.

About Rotary

We are 1.2 million neighbors, friends and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. We've been making history and bringing our world closer together for over 100 years. Internationally, Rotary has been involved with polio eradication. Locally, Dearborn Rotary supports student scholarships, adult literacy, Adopt a Highway, Wayne County Lightfest, Meals on Wheels, and charitable giving. The Rotary Club of Dearborn is one of 48 clubs in Rotary

District 6400 which includes Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee counties in Michigan and Essex County in Ontario. Dearborn Rotary meets weekly at Park Place in Dearborn. For additional information, visit www.dearbornrotary.org or call 313-278-7233.