

# PRESS RELEASE

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## EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL OF PASSAIC COUNTY – 2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Educational Council of Passaic County, a non-profit organization consisting of the executive county superintendent of schools and the presidents and vice-presidents of educational organizations, was formed to provide a forum for public educational issues and to establish continual cooperation in the promotion of effective education within schools. One of the Council's goals is to ensure that all of our students are given the opportunity to continue their education in order to pursue their dreams. Since the 1980's the Council has raised thousands of dollars and awarded hundreds of scholarships to high school seniors in Passaic County in aspiring to reach this goal.

It is our pleasure to announce the awarding of 18 - \$1,000 scholarships for the "Class of 2016." Due to the continued support of our Commemorative Journal publication and through the overwhelming sponsorship from our 2015 Platinum Sponsors: **Lightpath and North Jersey Newspapers** Gold Sponsors: **New Jersey Education Association, North Jersey Federal Credit Union, Passaic County Association of School Business Officials, Passaic County Education Association, Paramus Medical and Sports Rehabilitation Center** that we are able to provide financial assistance to 18 of our high school seniors graduating this June.

Again, a special thanks to all those individuals and educational entities that continue to support the Council's scholarship program. Please join the Council as we congratulate the following 18 - 2016 Scholarship Award recipients:

### PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (\$1,000.00)

Sheila Padilla	School of Education & Training at John F. Kennedy H.S./Paterson <b>Major:</b> Criminal Justice <b>Sponsor:</b> Lightpath
Gonzalo Castillo	Wayne Hills H.S./Wayne <b>Major:</b> Education <b>Sponsor:</b> Passaic County Education Association

### WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY (\$1,000.00)

Hannacy Gurbisz,	Butler High School <b>Major:</b> Elementary Education <b>Sponsor:</b> New Jersey Education Association
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**SCHOOL OF CHOICE (\$1,000.00)**

*Scholarships not listing a sponsor are made possible through the proceeds of our 2015 Commemorative Journal*

Joseph Gebbia	Clifton H.S./Clifton <b>Major:</b> Business (Caldwell College)
Joshua Sodano	Clifton H.S./Clifton <b>Major:</b> Communications (William Paterson University) <b>Sponsor:</b> North Jersey Newspapers
Ronniy Pena	Hawthorne H.S./Hawthorne <b>Major:</b> Finance (The College of NJ –TCNJ) <b>Sponsor:</b> P.C. Assoc. of School Business Officials
Lisa Garcia	Lakeland Regional H.S./Wanaque <b>Major:</b> Veterinary Technology (Bergen County Community College)
Jonathan R. Rodriguez	Passaic H.S./Passaic <b>Major:</b> Math Teacher (William Paterson University)
Justinne Alcivar	Passaic H.S./Passaic <b>Major:</b> Elementary Teacher (Kean University)
Yasmin Jelahej	P.C. Manchester Reg. H.S./Haledon <b>Major:</b> Nursing (William Paterson University) <b>Sponsor:</b> Paramus Medical & Sports Rehab. Center
Zachary Zaleski	Passaic Valley Reg. H.S./Little Falls <b>Major:</b> Education/Communications (William Paterson University) <b>Sponsor:</b> Lightpath
Keymer Botero	P.C. Technical Institute/Wayne <b>Major:</b> Information Tech./Network Admin. (P.C. Community College) <b>Sponsor:</b> Lightpath
Maheh Zamee,	P.C. Technical Institute/Wayne <b>Major:</b> Education (Rutgers State University)
Mercedes Casanova	Paterson CS for Science & Technology <b>Major:</b> Business (Bloomfield College) <b>Sponsor:</b> North Jersey Federal Credit Union
Yudefyl Batista	School of Culinary Arts, Hospitality & Tourism/Paterson <b>Major:</b> Business (Kean University)
Nick Kearney	Pompton Lakes H.S./Pompton Lakes <b>Major:</b> Finance (Montclair State University)
Jake Simon	Wayne Valley H.S./Wayne <b>Major:</b> Communications (William Paterson University) <b>Sponsor:</b> Lightpath
Theresa Fernbacher	West Milford H.S./West Milford <b>Major:</b> Business: Event Planning (Stockton University)

## 2017 Scholarship Program Update

As of June 8, 2016, the Council has raised a little over \$15,000- toward the 2017 Scholarship Awards Program. Again, we would like to thank all of the educational and business communities that have contributed to the Council's Scholarship Program by becoming a Gold Sponsor and/or purchasing advertisements in the "Commemorative Journal." As always, it is our goal is to provide a scholarship to one student in every public high school in Passaic County for a total of \$25,000; \$10,000 more to go.

If you would like to support the Educational Council, please send your tax deductible donation to the following:

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c/o Passaic County Superintendent of Schools' Office  
501 River Street, Paterson NJ 07524***

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