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MES FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$215,000 TO MAINE STUDENTS

Alfred, Maine – June 26, 2023 – MES Foundation (MES) announced today the winners of the Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship, which totaled \$215,000 in awards to 13 Maine students. Established in honor of MES founder, Dick Pierce, who passed away in 2011, this scholarship is awarded based on distinguished academic merit and financial need.

“I plan to use this generous scholarship to further my education and become the best leader I can be,” said scholarship winner Lily Bailey. Lily is a graduate from Spruce Mountain High School and will be attending Saint Joseph’s College of Maine for the Leadership for Sustainable Development interdisciplinary program. Lily plans on pursuing a career in disability advocacy.

In 2017, MES Foundation greatly expanded its scholarship program and to-date has awarded \$1.2 million in scholarships to Maine students.

MES will accept on-line scholarship applications beginning January 1, 2024 through April 1, 2024 for the 2024/2025 academic year at www.mesfoundation.org.

Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship Winners:

4 Year Renewable \$5,000 Scholarship

- Emma Alexander – Dexter Regional High School
- Lily Bailey – Spruce Mountain High School
- Grace Bergeon – Kennebunk High School
- Renee Bergeon - Kennebunk High School
- Cole Ellis – Searsport District High School
- Reagan Field – Islesboro Central High School
- Hanne Sopia Hansen – North Haven Community School
- Victoria Leavitt – Windham High School
- Devyn Robinson – Hermon High School
- Naomie Mayavanga Maku – Deering High School

One-time \$5,000 Scholarship

- Abigail Faucher – Edward Little High School
- Geoffrey Lavoie – Madawaska Middle/High School
- Nolan Raymond – Hermon High School

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