



Freeport  
High School  
Scholarship  
Foundation

## A REPORT TO DONORS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

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We are writing this note to give you a report on the status of the Scholarship Foundation.

As of the date of this date we are extremely pleased to report that the Scholarship Foundation and the Cushing Trust together have effectively raised more than \$1,000,000 in cash and pledges. Those funds have enabled us to collaborate to award our first two scholarships last May. As part of our awards, both students have been matched with community mentors, a unique feature of our scholarship program. Those mentors will follow the students through the completion of high school and then through their four years of college or two years of technical school.

One of our awardees, Aynslie Decker, is now a successful first year student at the University of New England. When asked about our mentor program Aynslie said:

*“Mentoring has helped me feel more comfortable opening up and sharing what's on my mind. It challenges me to answer thought provoking questions, while also help navigate certain scenarios. I've grown into a more independent adult the past 6 months due to mentoring.”*

Our other awardee, Ellie Whittier, was awarded her scholarship as a junior and is now finishing her senior year at Freeport High School. One of the other unique features of our scholarships is that we award one each year to a junior with the idea that in doing so we will raise that student's aspirations. Ellie reports as follows:

*“Being awarded this scholarship has helped me tremendously toward my future career goals of going into nursing. I have had the opportunity to shadow my mentor Dr. Tim Fox at the Lincoln Health ER where I could observe the environment of a real emergency room and it's patients , which was insanely cool. I was able to also meet and talk with the nurses, and ask them questions about nursing school. This scholarship has also helped me a lot with my college application process a lot because I have a mentor to reach out to if I need help or have any questions!”*

Our goal is to raise another one million dollars for a total of \$2 million so we can make four college scholarship awards and two technical/trade school scholarship awards annually.

To those of you who have made a donation or pledge, please accept our profound thanks. Your generosity is going to make a real difference in the lives of financially challenged students at Freeport High School.