Several local students earn HCC scholarships

HOLYOKE — The Holyoke Community College Foundation has awarded close to $400,000 in scholarships to students for the 2022-23 academic year, including several from Westfield and Southwick.

The scholarship awardees, and the donors who make those scholarships possible, were celebrated at a Nov. 9 reception in the HCC Campus Center.

This year, the HCC Foundation awarded 337 scholarships worth close to $400,000 to 239 incoming, current, and transferring HCC students. Many students received multiple scholarship awards.

“The HCC Foundation was established over half a century ago in order to keep the dream of an affordable, accessible, high-quality education alive to create opportunities for students of all ages, from all backgrounds, and to inspire those students to achieve their dreams,” said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation.

Sbriscia noted that over the last two and a half years, as HCC and the world navigated a global pandemic, nearly 30 new scholarships were established through the HCC Foundation, enabling the foundation to award more money than ever before.

This year’s awardees included Southwick residents Alina Antropova, Anastasia Antropova, Rebecka Barna, Emma Cronin, Carey Pope and Reiley Young. Also awarded scholarships were Westfield residents Rylee Altieri, James Atkin, Jordan Cooper, Paige Cortis, Allison Duffy, Michael Gottardi, Michael Grochowski, Travis Guin, Leanne Gustafson, Lindsay Hawley, Jaidyn LaFountain, Envii Luciano, Samantha Melchionne, Maria Pless, Lyla Roybal, Troy Stucenski, Fazna Zakir and Amanda Zuniga.

A full list of scholarship recipients can be seen at hcc.edu/scholarships-2022.