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**MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION
 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION GRANTS**

BOSTON, Jan. 3, 2017 – The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) Scholarship Foundation has awarded five \$2,000 college scholarships to the children of eligible bank employees. The Foundation also provided three "Honorable Mention" awards.

The MBA Scholarship Foundation Awards are open annually to entering-college freshmen who are the children of MBA-member bank employees. The foundation reviewed more than 50 applications and chose five recipients, instead of the usual four, to receive the \$2,000 awards. In addition to submitting G.P.A., SAT, ACT scores, and extra-curricular activities, the entrants were required to answer an essay question.

"The applicants were a terrific group of young scholars," said Daniel J. Forte, president & CEO of the MBA. "So much so the Trustees, for the second year in a row, decided to add another scholarship award. The five scholarship recipients and the three honorable mention students who wrote great essays should all be very proud."

All of the recipients follow:

Scholarship Award Recipients:

Student	College	Parent	Bank
Hailey Alden Taunton, MA	UMASS Amherst	Janice Alden	Bristol County SB Attleboro
Patrick Briand Mattapoisett, MA	Bentley Univ.	Daniel Briand	Baycoast Bank, Swansea
Jacob Dionne Southampton, MA	Univ. of New Haven	Rachel Dionne	Florence Bank
Daniel Hayes Winchester, MA	Univ. of Pennsylvania	Jack Hayes	Wakefield Co-operative Bank

Emma Rigol
Peabody, MA

UMASS Amherst

Elizabeth Rigol

Eastern Bank, Lynn

The Honorable Mention Recipients:

Andrew Suttle
East Walpole, MA
(PARENT: Jessica Suttle – Belmont Savings Bank)

Alexis Orlando
Gloucester, MA
(PARENT: Jennifer Orlando – Cape Ann Savings Bank)

Sagar Desai
Millis, MA
(PARENT: Shefali Desai – Milford National Bank)

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 155 commercial, savings and co-operative banks and savings and loan associations, with 65,000 employees located in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England.

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Note to Editors: Photos of the four scholarship recipients receiving their awards are available upon request. (Daniel Hayes not available.)

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