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**MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION  
 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION GRANTS**

BOSTON, June 8, 2020 — The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) Scholarship Foundation has awarded five \$2,500 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors of eligible bank employees as well as two “Honorable Mention” awards for outstanding essays.

The MBA Scholarship Foundation Awards are available to entering-college freshmen who are the children of MBA-member bank employees. The foundation reviewed more than 45 applications and chose five recipients, instead of the usual four, to receive the \$2,500 awards. In addition to submitting G.P.A., SAT, ACT scores, and extra-curricular activities, the entrants were also required to write an essay discussing their recommendations for banks to attract and retain young customers.

“The applicants were an outstanding group of young scholars,” said Daniel J. Forte, President & CEO of the MBA. “So much so, that the Trustees, for the third year in a row, decided to add an extra scholarship award. The five scholarship recipients and the two honorable mention students should all be very proud of their accomplishments.”

All of the recipients follow:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Bank</b>
Ranya Paul Burlington, MA	Cornell Univ.	Saida Idouahmane	Winchester Co-Operative Bank Winchester, MA
Riley Robinson Adams, MA	Springfield College	William Robinson	MountainOne Bank North Adams, MA
Lucy Watt Ashland, MA	UMASS - Amherst	Kenneth Watt	Middlesex Savings Bank Natick, MA
Hailey Werenski S. Hadley, MA	Northeastern Univ.	Jacqueline Charron	PeoplesBank Holyoke, MA
Brandon Yan Nashua, NH	Brown Univ.	Yan Liao	Enterprise Bank Lowell, MA

**The Honorable Mention Recipients:**

Madison Goncalves  
 Somerset, MA  
 (PARENT: Stephanie Goncalves – Salem Five Bank)

Joseph Harrington  
Ashland, MA  
(PARENT: Marie Harrington – MutualOne Bank)

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 135 commercial, savings, co-operative banks and federal savings banks and savings and loan associations, with approximately \$380 billion in local assets, 72,000 employees in Massachusetts and New England, over 2000 banking locations, more than 4500 ATMs, and donate more than \$105 million annually to social agencies and charitable organizations across the Commonwealth.

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**Note to Editors:** Photos of the five scholarship recipients receiving their awards will be made available upon request.

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