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FPWA Awards More Than 20K in College Scholarships

(New York, NY) On Thursday, July 31st, the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA) awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarship money to 10 college students at an awards breakfast at FPWA headquarters (there were 11 winners in total). The scholarship is given to students who demonstrate financial need, have overcome personal adversity, are currently enrolled as a junior or senior at an accredited college, and live in the NYC Metropolitan area.

The FPWA College Scholarship program is offered to college students who have been identified by FPWA's network of member agencies. This year's students come from the following FPWA member agencies: Asian Americans for Equality; Harlem RBI; Henry Street Settlement; Hudson Guild and SCAN NY.

During the awards ceremony, students shared personal stories of hardship and triumph. The awards will go towards everything from tuition, to books, to healthcare coverage, to studying abroad.

"All of these students have exhibited a tremendous amount of strength, courage and determination to succeed in the face of adversity," said Jennifer Jones Austin, CEO and Executive Director, FPWA. "Every child deserves a fair chance to pursue their life's passion and that's why we're striving to build a city of equal opportunity at FPWA- to ensure that all New Yorkers have the supports and resources needed for success."

For nearly 30 years, FPWA has awarded college scholarships to enhance the educational experience of some of New York's neediest students. Having a strong interest in assisting students throughout their college years, FPWA provides financial support to students in their junior and senior years because there are fewer scholarships available to students as they

become upperclassmen. To date, FPWA has given away more than half a million dollars in scholarships.

Students who received the awards attend the following colleges:

Mount Holyoke; Virginia State University; University at Buffalo, SUNY; University at Albany, SUNY; SUNY Canton; Brooklyn College of Cuny; Metropolitan College of NY; SUNY Delhi; Binghamton University, SUNY; Wheaton College; Lehman College of CUNY.

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