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Pennsylvania community college students recognized at awards banquet in Harrisburg

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC) honored the 24th Annual All-Pennsylvania Academic Transfer Team at an awards banquet in Harrisburg. The awards recognize an exceptional group of community college students who have achieved excellence and demonstrated a commitment to their colleges and communities.

The 2018 awardees include 46 outstanding community college transfer scholars from across the commonwealth. Students must have completed at least 36 credits at a community college and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher to be considered for these awards.

“The Commission applauds these outstanding student scholars on their terrific academic achievements.” said Elizabeth Bolden, President and CEO of PACCC. “By enrolling in a high-quality program at a community college, these students are building a foundation for a successful career and furthering their postsecondary study.”

Pennsylvania’s community colleges partner with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities to provide scholarships to All-PA Transfer Team members at PASSHE institutions, providing two years of tuition at any PASSHE school.

The student receiving the highest All-USA Community College Academic Team application score in each state is named a Coca-Cola New Century Scholar. Reading Area Community College student Amie Croteau is this year’s recipient of the honor, which comes with a \$2,250 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Educational Foundation.

The Pennsylvania awardees also include two Coca-Cola Gold Scholars who will receive \$1,500 scholarships, three Coca-Cola Silver Scholars who will receive \$1,250 scholarships, and one Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar who will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The All-USA Community College Academic Team is sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group, a leading provider of college and university bookstore services, with additional support provided by PTK and the AACC. The New Century Scholars program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, PTK and the AACC. Students nominated to the national All-USA Community College Academic Team are automatically named to the All-State Community College Academic Teams. The programs share common eligibility criteria, which includes enrollment at a community college, a minimum 3.5 grade point average, completion of a minimum of 36 college-level credits, and being on track to receive an associate or bachelor’s degree.

The following students are members of the All-Pennsylvania Academic Transfer Team:

Community College of Allegheny County

Carina Crane

HaThanh Hoppe

Nathaniel Jackson

Madeline Karstensen

Megan Kennedy

Shailja Patel (*Coca-Cola Scholar*)

Jessica Pellegrino

MaryAnn Steinmiller

Jennifer Weismantle

Heather Wilson

Community College of Beaver County

Zackary Cipolla

Alyssa Miles

Bucks County Community College

Julia Ausborn

Christine Sroka

Butler County Community College

Christopher Slay

MaryAnn Steinmiller

Delaware County Community College

Yesenia Diaz Lopez

Sourou Zounon

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College

Alexa Groft

Richard Guiliani

Daniel Hinssen

Emily Parrish

Jackson Toone

Kelsey Weaver (*Coca-Cola Gold Scholar*)

Lehigh Carbon Community College

Kara Grosso

Maria Martinez

Luzerne County Community College

Samantha Amato

Angela Roman

Montgomery County Community College

Gabrielle Davidheiser

Andrew Malinsky

Alexandra Petkov

Olivia Slupski

Northampton Community College

Lukasz Jasionek

Liam O'Brien (*Coca-Cola Gold Scholar*)

Katelyn Schoelles (*Coca-Cola Silver Scholar*)

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

Shaina Aurandt

Autumn Hause

Colton Helbig

Annette Thompson

Community College of Philadelphia

Troy Bundy (*Coca-Cola Silver Scholar*)

Colby Dulitzki

Reading Area Community College

Amie Croteau (*New Century Scholar*)

Shae-lynn Harris

Westmoreland County Community College

Rachel Garris

Brooke White (*Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar*)

The **Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges** is a voluntary membership association for Pennsylvania's community colleges. Its members include the college presidents, members of the colleges' boards of trustees, and key college administrators. The Commission represents the interests of and advocates for the collective needs of the community colleges to federal and state policymakers. For more information, please visit www.pacommunitycolleges.org.

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