

# **HUNTER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF BILL LAWTON AND CAROL GILLOOLY**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 FINANCIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS!**

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

#### **SEAN FRANCIS**

*Sean received his EMT Certification, completing top of his class. Sean's passion for emergency services comes a little later in his life, after realizing no matter how successful you are, true successfulness to him is when you can say "I love what I do". With his wife and children cheering him on, he now, welcomes this new career path into the health field as an EMT.*

#### **ASHLEY HUNTER**

*Ashely received her EMT certification, during welcoming a foster child with special needs into her home and heart. Ashley has had a desire to help people, she says, it is in her blood, being the niece of Ms. Carol Gilloly, "because of her" she is pursuing a career as an EMT. Ashley plans for the future is to work towards becoming a paramedic and continue to further her education as well as continuing to help others as she can.*

#### **ELVIS YCAZA**

*If at first you don't succeed, try again. Elvis received his EMT certification, this is the second time that he has taken the class and finished second in his class this time. He took his EMT during the evenings, right after his full time job ended, class started. Through his personal experiences with losing his mother, two brothers and a sister at such a young age, Elvis is ready to help as many people as he can through his training and education on his road to becoming an EMT. Elvis is a devoted hands on father of three, and expecting a baby boy in November. Elvis is an excellent example of what hard work and determination can do.*

### **PARAMEDIC**

#### **MATTHEW WILSON**

*Matthew is completing his Paramedic through American Ambulance/Backus Hospital. He is currently employed as an EMT with Hunter's Ambulance Service, Inc. Matthew and his wife both share a passion for the health field which is what ultimately lead him to the path of obtaining his Paramedic from being a member of crash fire rescue in the USMC to working as a TECH in the ED and now at Hunter's Ambulance as an EMT. Matthew has showed great will power and strength, while working, going to school, supporting his wife and children. Matthew is excited for his next chapter as a paramedic.*

## **SHANNON KILBURN**

*Shannon started out her adult life wanting to be a Police Officer, with a degree in Criminal Justice, she decided she would go for her EMT to “beef” up her resume. To Shannon’s surprise she fell “in love” with the EMS world and after three years working as an EMT, she decided to go to school to become a paramedic. Shannon remembers being newly enrolled in school for her paramedic and responding to call at work where she could not assist too much due to her only being an EMT, it was at that moment she realized just how much she really wanted succeed and become a paramedic. It has been a little over six months that Shannon has been working as a paramedic and she absolutely loves what she does. It is never too late to change your mind and be anything you want to be.*

## **JEFFREY DAVIS**

*Jeffrey received his Paramedic from Capital Community College and he is currently working as a Paramedic at American Medical Response. Jeffrey also volunteer’s as a nationally certified firefighter with the Newington Volunteer Fire Department. The choice to become a paramedic was because Jeffrey wanted to do more and do a job that was meaningful and could help so many people in their time or be of comfort and a support system to his closest family members during their time of need. Jeffrey has taken his real life experiences and has applied them to his paramedic, he says, “being a father has helped me when I interact with pediatric patients as well as their parents”. Jeffrey is confident in his education and experiences as he steps into the start of his medical career.*

## **DEGREE PROGRAM**

### **DOMONIQUE CARNOT**

*Domonique graduated from Maloney High School in Meriden. Domonique has known since the start of high school that she wanted a career in the medical field. During her high school years she took Medical Career classes where she learned the basics and she also completed sixty hours of clinical at local nursing homes. In addition, Domonique also took Anatomy and Physics during high school in preparation for the Nursing Program she is now in at the University of Saint Joseph. She currently works as a CAN at Apple Rehab Cocomo in Meriden. Domonique loves what she is doing right now. Domonique’s career goal once she graduates college is to work as a nurse for the geriatrics population or as a psychiatric nurse.*

### **MEGAN RICH**

*Megan is currently attending Quinnipiac University, Nursing. Megan a resident of Meriden has a strong character with a very positive attitude and truly embraces learning all there is to know to achieve her goal at becoming a nurse. Megan is currently a CNA at Companions and Homemakers as well as waitressing, while maintaining a 3.0 and receiving the Dean’s Scholarship. Megan is part of the Quinnipiac’s Student Nursing Association where they meet monthly to do things to help within the community. Megan is believed to be a future leader in healthcare!*

### **AMANDA PATTERSON**

*Amanda is currently attending the University of Connecticut for Nursing and Biological Sciences. Amanda maintains a 3.7 making the Dean’s List for School of Nursing three semesters, if that wasn’t amazing enough, she is a student intern at Midstate Medical Center and an Office Assistant at UCONN. In addition, Amanda is part of the Student Nurses Association where she volunteers within the community with activities such as blood pressure screenings, first aid and etc. Amanda had many aspirations growing up including a police officer, a doctor, a teacher and even a “pop star” throughout all her aspirations, one thing was certain, Amanda just wanted to help others. Being a nurse, that came during high school when her aunt was diagnosed with stage IV*

*pancreatic cancer with only a few months to live. Her aunt's medical team truly made an impact and from then to now, Amanda has fallen in love with the medical field.*

### **MADELYN GAINES**

*Madelyn is expected to graduate Goodwin College, Nursing in Spring of 2018. Madelyn spends her free time as a member of the Goodwin College honor society and as a "Big Sister" participant for the Big Brother Big Sister program. In addition, she is also a Crossfit Coach at Branford Crossfit. It was quiet the journey for Madelyn to get "here", it was about a five-year process until she was finally accepted into the Nursing program last year. On a positive note, although that journey was long it was not wasted, in between those five years, Madelyn took the EMT class as she thought that perhaps this program would expand her knowledge in the health care field. She got accepted into the Goodwin Nursing Program, halfway through her EMT and so she juggled both and loved "every minute of it". Madelyn's ultimate goal is to go for her Paramedic and become a flight nurse.*

### **NICOLE DIETZEL**

*Nicole currently attends Springfield College where she has completed her undergraduate in Health Science/ Pre-Physician Assistant with a minor in nutrition. Nicole is now tackling graduate school for Physician Assistant. Nicole has managed to make the Dean's List the last four years. Throughout Nicole's undergraduate career she volunteered at different places and found her "niche" working with the geriatric population and more so with those patients that have alzheimer's and dementia. Nicole plans to dedicate her time to helping those in and outside the United States once she obtains her PA.*