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### Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley Awards 12 Scholarships to First-Year Students



**Springfield, Mass. (July 25, 2025)** – The REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV) proudly marks its 51st year of supporting local college-bound students through scholarships. This year, twelve students received a total of \$13,000 in scholarship funds.

Since 1974, RAPV has awarded scholarships to 506 students, distributing over \$260,000 to help further their education and career goals.

Five students were honored with memorial scholarships this year. Tess Denault and Audrey Leonard each received the Cindy Ayre Memorial Scholarship, awarded to students majoring in Political Science or women in business. Olivia Manganelli and Anthony Tarpey were presented with the Christine Schepps Good Neighbor Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes students with outstanding community service. Abigail Drumm received the M. Connie Laplante Memorial Scholarship, given to students majoring in Education.



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Congratulations to the 2025 RAPV Scholarship Award Recipients and Their Families!

- **Anthony Tarpey** will attend High Point University, majoring in Engineering and Music. He is also a recipient of the 2025 Christine Schepps "Good Neighbor" Memorial Scholarship. Anthony is the son of REALTOR® member Andrea Tarpey of Coldwell Banker Longmeadow.
- **Gabriella Stirlacci** will attend Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, majoring in Health Sciences. Gabriella is the daughter of REALTOR® member Christine Stirlacci of NextHome Elite Realty.
- **Sophia Pinardi** will attend Greenfield Community College, with plans to transfer to UMASS in 2027 to major in Engineering. She is the daughter of Affiliate Stacey Pinardi of Freedom Credit Union.
- **Audrey Leonard** will attend Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, majoring in Accounting/Business. She is also a recipient of the 2025 Cindy Ayre Memorial Scholarship for Women in Business. Audrey is the daughter of Affiliate member Heidi Leonard of Northpoint Mortgage.
- **Ryan Ice** will attend Bryant University in Rhode Island, majoring in Finance and Real Estate. Ryan is the son of REALTOR® member Suzie Ice of Ideal Real Estate.
- **Trevor Canon-Smith** will attend the University of Rhode Island, where he will focus on Real Estate. Trevor is the son of REALTOR® member Kylene Canon-Smith of Canon Real Estate.
- **Tess Denault** will attend Westfield State University and Bentley University in Waltham, MA, majoring in Business Marketing and Accounting. She is also a recipient of the 2025 Cindy Ayre Memorial Scholarship for Women in Business. Tess is the daughter of REALTOR® member Donald Denault of Landmark REALTORS®.
- **Abigail Drumm** will attend the University of Hartford in Connecticut, majoring in Music Education and Theater. She is also the recipient of the 2025 M. Connie Laplante Memorial Scholarship for Teaching. Abigail is the daughter of REALTOR® member and 2025 RAPV President Sue Drumm of Coldwell Banker.
- **Olivia Manganelli** will attend Brown University in Rhode Island, majoring in Political Science and Art. She is also a recipient of the 2025 Christine Schepps "Good Neighbor" Memorial Scholarship. Olivia is the daughter of Affiliate member Matthew Manganelli of Westfield Bank.



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- **Isabelle Pettengill** will attend Clark University in Worcester, majoring in Psychology. Isabelle is the stepdaughter of REALTOR® member Agnies Pettengill of Cohn & Company.
- **Abby Peyman** will attend Westfield State University, majoring in Nursing. Abby is the daughter of REALTOR® member Christine Peyman of Cuoco & Co.
- **Trevi Sandberg** will attend Ithaca College in South Hill, NY, majoring in Occupational Therapy. Trevi is the daughter of REALTOR® member Lisa Guardione of HB Real Estate.

*Editors and reporters: Please note that the term Realtor® is properly spelled with an initial capital "R", per the Associated Press Stylebook, and is a registered trademark of the National Association of Realtors®.*



### About the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley:

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