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Pictured from L/R: Shawn Geary, Nicole Willis, Christopher Wilcox, Thomas Venables, President of Benjamin Franklin Bank; Samuel Andersen, Ekaterina Shaikouskaya

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$25,000.00 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO LOCAL TEENS**

Franklin, MA – The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation recently awarded college scholarships totaling \$25,000.00 to nine students graduating from high schools located in the communities served by Benjamin Franklin Bank as well as one student continuing her studies at Dean College in Franklin.

This year's recipients include Christopher Wilcox, Bellingham High School; Shawn Geary, Foxborough High School; Vadim Parsegov, Franklin High School; Samuel Andersen, The Learning Prep School in Newton; Nicole Willis, Medfield High School; Ekaterina Shaikouskaya, Milford High School; Lydia Biloskirka-Conley, Newton North High School; Peter Beckwith, Tri-County Regional Vocational High School, Bria DiMare, Waltham High School and Eileen O'Neil, Dean College.

According to Thomas R. Venables, President of the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, "The purpose of the scholarship is to assist families living in communities served by Benjamin Franklin Bank with sending their children to college, to promote the education of citizens within our communities, and to positively impact community development. The Foundation focuses on four primary areas: education, health and human services, youth programs and community development. "

The one-time \$2,500.00 scholarships are made known through written communication with schools on an annual basis. Each school's Selection Committee chooses a student based on strong character, community involvement, academic achievement and family income guidelines set by the Charitable Foundation.

Benjamin Franklin Bank is a full-service community bank founded in 1871 with eleven branches located in the communities of Bellingham, Foxboro, Franklin, Medfield, Milford, Newton, Waltham, Watertown and Wellesley. The Bank's overall service area covers the market within New England's three largest cities of Boston, Providence, and Worcester. For information about the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, please contact Mariane E. Broadhurst at (508) 520-8003 or by email at [mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com](mailto:mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com).

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