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Freeholders Honor Two NJAC Foundation Scholarship Winners

(FRANKLIN TWP., NJ, Oct. 14, 2020) – Two recent Warren County Technical School graduates are the 2020 Warren County recipients of the Investors Foundation Scholarship Program awarded through the NJAC Foundation.

Emily Rosillo of Washington and Jayden Battle of Alpha, received the scholarships during the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting held in the auditorium of their alma mater on Oct. 14. The freeholders have moved the meeting location to the John B. LaPorta Performing Arts Center at Warren Tech for the rest of the year, so that the public can once again attend freeholder meetings in person while still allowing for social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“Obviously, we are delighted to have two students here to receive this,” Freeholder Director Richard D. Gardner said. It was the board’s first meeting open to in-person public attendance since March; meetings have been held with public access via conference call for six months.

On hand to assist with the



Two recent Warren County Technical School graduates are the 2020 Warren County recipients of the Investors Foundation Scholarship awarded by the NJAC Foundation. Left to right are Warren Tech Superintendent Edmund Zalewski, Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski, scholarship recipients Emily Rosillo and Jayden Battle, Freeholder Director Richard D. Gardner, and New Jersey Association of Counties Executive Director John Donnadio.

presentation was New Jersey Association of Counties Executive Director John Donnadio. The NJAC Foundation is a non-profit organization affiliated with the New Jersey Association of

Counties that is committed to providing innovative educational opportunities for county vocational-technical school and county college students.

Freeholder Jason J. Sarnoski also noted he was happy to be able to present the scholarship awards in person, and expressed appreciation to NJAC, under Donnadio's leadership, for keeping the program going. "This is really important to us because it highlights the successes and the achievements of our own students at our Tech School," Sarnoski said. "You're the best of what Warren County has to offer," he said to the students.

Freeholder James R. Kern III expressed appreciation for everything NJAC does for Warren County, adding he was happy to celebrate this great scholarship. While we are going through a tough time right now, Kern predicted great things for these students. "So thank you, NJAC, and all the private/public partners who make this happen," he said.

Both Rosillo and Battle are attending Sussex County Community College with Education as their intended programs of study.

According to Warren Tech staff in recommending her for the scholarship, "Emily has worked extremely hard in high school to do the best she could. She is always happy to help with anything asked of her, to her best ability possible. Emily could often be seen in the hallway with our "Sprouts" (our little ones that come in to the school for our Child Development program). I have no doubt Emily will be successful in college and in her future career."

Regarding Battle, Warren Tech staff said when recommending him for the scholarship, "Jayden is a hard working student who accomplishes anything he puts his mind to. He was involved in his high school community through various activities, including Basketball and Peer2Peer. Jayden could often be seen helping a fellow student out, and always has a smile on his face. Jayden plans on being a teacher."

Both former Warren Tech students were recognized for their dedication to academic excellence and distinguished scholastic achievement. They each received a \$500 award payable to the college where they are now studying.

Donnadio said he was fortunate to be a part of a partnership with New Jersey's technical schools and community colleges, and was proud to have given out nearly \$300,000 to technical school graduates who chose to continue their educations in New Jersey. Investors Bank has played a vital role in giving \$21,000 per year, and NJAC gives 100 percent of that to the students, Donnadio said, adding there was a terrific pool of candidates this year as he congratulated Rosillo and Battle.

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