

Scholarships handed out to college-bound students

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Scholarship award ceremony held Monday August 7, 2017 at Harding High School

BRIDGEPORT — Three \$1,000 scholarships were handed out Monday to three scholar athletes from a group called Adversity to Prosperity.

The ceremony took place at Harding High School and is meant to help students pay for books and other expenses as they head off to college.

Jerimiah Foust, a Fairchild Wheeler graduate headed to Husson University in the fall received the Donald J. Rully Scholarship. Rully was an avid athlete as a youth and supporter of youth sports as an adult.

Rully had a degree in broadcast journalism and spent much of his career covering amateur sports. The scholarship in his name is for a high school senior who has demonstrated the willingness to work hard and desire to share.

Emmanuel Pierre-Louis, a Harding High graduate headed to Springfield College, received the John J. Ramos, Sr., Ed.D scholarship. It was established in honor of the former city schools superintendent and is meant for students who are pursuing a career in education.

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Sahara Lewis, a graduate of The Bridge Academy who will attend the University of Hartford is the recipient of the April E. Ogden & Margaret Gaskin" Scholarship.

The Ogden and Gaskin scholarship was established in memory of Adversity to Prosperity founders, Thea Elliott's mother and Tyrone Elliott's aunt. Both had a passion for serving others and believed in the power of education.

The scholarship recognizes female high school seniors who have demonstrated perseverance to overcome adversity and achieve their academic goals.

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Ramos was the keynote speaker at the awards ceremony.

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