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Dutchess County Agricultural Society Announces 2018 Scholarship Winners

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Rhinebeck, NY - Two young women received scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society's at the society's annual dinner meeting on July 18th.

The scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Inc.. Scholarship applicants are evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, citizen and leadership roles and field of study.

Erin Forbes was chosen to receive a maximum \$8,000 paid up to four consecutive years in increments of \$2,000.00 per annum. Erin is the daughter of Darren and Linda Forbes of Rhinebeck. Erin recently completed a certificate in Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. Erin was granted a Gaeltacht Summer Award by the Irish Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht supported by the Fulbright Commission in Ireland and is presently furthering her studies of the Irish language at the National University of Ireland, Galway.



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Erin has participated in the Dutchess County Fair since she was 5 years old, showing her chickens, horse and rabbits. Erin has written and published 2 novels and is working on her third. She will be attending Marist College to pursue a Bachelor's degree in English. Combining her love for writing and her interest in agriculture, her career goals include increasing agriculture literacy in children and adults.

Gianna Beckmann received the \$500 Worthy of Recognition Scholarship. Gianna is the daughter of Bob and Gina Beckmann of Salt Point.

Gianna has participated in the Dutchess County Fair since she was 5 years old showing her dairy cows. She is currently attending High Point University in North Carolina, has been named to the Dean's List. Gianna is pursuing a degree in the medical field as a Physician's Assistant.



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