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## **DUTCHESS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. ANNOUNCES AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Rhinebeck, NY** - Dutchess County Fair President/CEO Andy Imperati announced today that 4 youths were awarded scholarships by the Dutchess County Agricultural Society Scholarship committee. These students are seeking higher education at an accredited two or four Year College or university in the Fall of 2019. The recipients were recognized on Wednesday, July 17, during the annual Agricultural Society's annual dinner meeting.

"We continue to support our youth who choose to pursue a career in agriculture or a career related to agriculture or horticulture," stated Tom Angell, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship applicants were evaluated in a variety of areas including Dutchess County Fair participation, grade point average, community involvement and leadership roles.

The scholarships are funded through the generosity of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit organization.



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**James Hicks, of Rhinebeck,** was selected to receive the \$8,000 scholarship.

The following students were selected to receive a \$2,000 Achievement Award:

**Hannah Malafy, of Red Hook**

**Laura Scholes, of Poughquag**

**Cosette Veeder-Shave, of Hyde Park**

The 174th annual Dutchess County Fair will be held Aug. 20 - 25 in Rhinebeck. For more information about the year's Fair, visit [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com). Follow the Dutchess County Fair on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or call 845-876-4000.



Pictured (r to l):  
James Hicks, Hannah Malafy, Laura Scholes, Cosette Veeder Shave

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