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The 200 Club of Monmouth County Awards \$95,500 in College Scholarships to 80 Children of Local First Responders

More than \$2.2 Million Scholarship Aid Awarded to Date

Lake Como, New Jersey, August 1, 2019 – "We are proud to fulfill our pledge to give back to law enforcement and other first responders and their families in Monmouth County for the commitment and dedication they give to our community," said Kim Guadagno, the President of *The 200 Club of Monmouth County,* at its 8th Annual Scholarship Social at Bar Anticipation in Lake Como.

This year, \$93,000 was awarded to 80 students from 64 first responder families in Monmouth County. An additional \$2,500 was awarded to the recipient of the Ben Danskin Scholarship, bringing the total of this year's college scholarship aid to \$95,500. The Ben Danskin Scholarship is in memory of Ben Danskin, a founding father of *The 200 Club of Monmouth County*.

Among this year's scholarship recipients is Jack Mangold, a rising junior majoring in accounting at the University of Maryland. It is his second year to receive a scholarship award from *The 200 Club*. Mangold said, "I am so honored to receive this generous scholarship from *The 200 Club of Monmouth County*. As the son of a police officer, I am familiar with the sacrifice of first responders' families, and knowing this organization is dedicated to helping those families in their worst moments is very reassuring. The fact they also can offer a scholarship to students is amazing! Every dollar counts when saving for college, and I plan to use this award to purchase my textbooks.

Thank you again, my family really appreciates it." Mangold's father is a retired Neptune Township police officer.

Paige Garrity, a freshman at University of Connecticut, is a first year scholarship recipient. "My family and I are proud supporters of law enforcement and all first responders. It means so much to us that I have received a scholarship from *The 200 Club*, an organization whose mission my family supports wholeheartedly. This scholarship will relieve some of the financial burden my family will face to further my education. We are very grateful to *The 200 Club of Monmouth County*," said Garrity. Her father is a police officer with the Avon-By-The-Sea Police Department.

Scholarship awards are only given to qualified students. Recipients must be the dependent child of a full-time, employed first responder who resides and works in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Recipients must also be full-time undergraduate students at an accredited institution of higher learning. At least one parent must also be an active member of *The 200 Club of Monmouth County*.

The 200 Club of Monmouth County was founded by Bill Wingard and other Monmouth County philanthropists in the 1970s, when each pledged an annual donation of \$200. The 200 Club is dedicated to providing financial assistance to the families of our public safety and rescue personnel who are fatally or seriously injured in the line of duty. This includes, but is not limited to, police officers, firefighters, first aid, and EMT technicians of Monmouth County, New Jersey.

The organization is governed by officers who serve a two-year term and a Board of Trustees. It is a 501(c)3 charitable organization with about 1000 members. Community support allows *The 200 Club of Monmouth County* to continue its mission. To make a donation or apply for membership, please visit our website at www.monmouth200club.com. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and our new YouTube channel.

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