

Three NALC kids win Union Plus scholarships

Three children of letter carriers will get extra help paying for college this fall thanks to the Union Plus scholarship program.

—Jameson Jones of Edmonds, WA, was awarded \$500. His father Coby Jones is a member of Seattle Branch 79 and Region 2 regional administrative assistant (*see story, page 21*).

—Holly LaCount of Eureka, CA, whose mother Diana LaCount is a member of Eureka Branch 348, won \$4,000.

—Oscar Wong of Alhambra, CA, whose father Kenneth Wong is a Garden Grove, CA Branch 1100 member, was awarded \$4,000.

The students were selected based on academic ability, character, leadership, financial need and appreciation of the labor movement after submitting academic information, letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay.

Jameson Jones says he was “nurtured in a cocoon of words” as an avid reader of great authors, from Allen Ginsburg to Langston Hughes to William Shakespeare, growing up with his mother, a history teacher, and his union activist father.

Holly LaCount is working toward a degree in political science as she earns the grades to make the Dean’s List and raises money for cancer research in her spare time. She is a multi-year Union Plus scholarship award winner. Holly has high marks for her mother’s union activism: “Even after 26 years of active participation, she still goes above and beyond.”

Oscar Wong, son of immigrant parents, was captain of his speech and debate teams while earning the grades to rank fourth in his class. He plans to earn a degree in math and economics and one day start his own business.

Union Plus scholarship awards are granted to students attending a two-year college, four-year college, graduate school or a recognized technical or trade school. For more information and application instructions, visit UnionPlus.org/Education. ☒

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George Meany Award

Fort Campbell, KY Branch 5404 member Rick Di Silvio of Clarksville, TN, recently won the AFL-CIO George Meany Award, which recognizes union members who contribute time to Boy Scout programs.

Di Silvio is an assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 525 and a seven-year employee of the Postal Service. He has been a part of the Scouting program for more than 15 years, and has served as a leader for a number of young boys, including two of his sons, who are Eagle Scouts and currently adult leaders in the troop.

Some 2,600 people have received the George Meany award since its creation in 1974. AFL-CIO President Meany was a strong supporter of the Scouting program. Award candidates must first be nominated by one of their union sisters or brothers who can attest to their service and contribution at both the workplace and to the Scouts.