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Children of NALC members receive scholarships

Two children of NALC members have won scholarships from the AFL-CIO-sponsored Union Plus program.

Union Plus awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Kalli Meyer of Scribner, NE. Her father, **Brett Meyer**, is a member of Fremont, NE Branch 89.

Meyer is a 2018 graduate of West Point High School in West Point, NE. She plans to study advertising/public relations and business at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Meyer aspires to be an academic institution fundraiser and help students like her attend college affordably.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America, and a recipient of the Pinnacle Bank Outstanding High School Student Award.

Meyer suffers from spasmodic torticollis and treats the neurological disorder with cognitive brain therapy. She said the health and job security benefits provided by the Postal Service and bargained for by NALC have been vital, not only following her diagnosis but also when her father experienced a temporary but debilitating back injury.

“My mom had just started a new job, and my dad needed to be my primary caretaker,” she said. “The union made

sure he was treated fairly by his employer. My family experiences ensure I will take part in available union affiliations as a future professional.”

Laura May of West Lafayette, IN, whose father, **James May**, is a member of Lafayette Branch 466, also was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

May is a third-year doctoral student at the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. She hopes to work primarily with dairy cattle in a multi-veterinarian practice in the Midwest. May earned a bachelor’s in animal sciences from Purdue in three years. Last year, she was a Zoetis Early Veterinary Bovine Extern at Coldwater Animal Clinic in Coldwater, OH, and in 2016 she worked at the Purdue Animal Sciences Research and Education Center dairy farm. May graduated as valedictorian of Benton Central Junior-Senior High School in Oxford, IN.

Dr. Jennifer Koziol, a Purdue professor, said that May has demonstrated a strong work ethic. “Laura works diligently every day to better herself and her community,” Koziol said. “Her dedication to her education and the education of her peers is commendable.”

These scholarships were among the \$150,000 in college and technical school assistance that Union Plus

awarded this year to 115 students representing 32 unions. The Union Plus Scholarship Program, now in its 27th year, awards scholarships based on outstanding academic achievement, personal character, financial need and commitment to the values of organized labor. The program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation.

Since starting the program in 1991, Union Plus has awarded more than \$4.3 million in educational funding to 2,900-plus union members, spouses and dependent children. Union Plus Scholarship awards are granted to students attending a two-year college, a four-year college, graduate school or a recognized technical or trade school. The selection process is highly competitive; this year, more than 6,000 applications were received from 70 unions and all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories. Visit unionplus.org/scholarship for applications and benefit eligibility.

In addition to the scholarship program, Union Plus provides a wide range of money-saving programs and services for union members and families—see unionplus.org for more information. **PR**

Appeals court upholds dismissal of lawsuit

On July 17, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, DC, upheld the dismissal of a 23-year-old lawsuit against certain former national officers and NALC.

As previously reported, a lower court had dismissed this case in January 2017. The suit was brought by a retired member of Washington, DC Branch

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Appeals found that “over the 23 years of this litigation, [the plaintiff] has failed to adduce any evidence of wrongdoing by the defendants.”

To read the Court’s decision, go to: [https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/2A34A9F8D5206B97852582CD0052AD9E/\\$file/17-7024-1740912.pdf](https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/2A34A9F8D5206B97852582CD0052AD9E/$file/17-7024-1740912.pdf). **PR**