Children of NALC members receive scholarships

Union Plus has awarded scholarships to two children of NALC members.

Michela Correale of Malden, MA, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship. Correale is the daughter of Boston Branch 34 member Ronald Correale. She graduated this year from Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden. Correale will attend Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, this fall to study to become a special needs physical therapist. She has worked with students with special needs through a swim program and as an assistant teacher.

Correale’s activities and honors include the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, the Distintivo D’oro Distinguished Member Award, the International Baccalaureate program, the Girl Scouts of America Bronze Award and the National Honor Society.

Correale said she saw the value of her father’s NALC membership recently when he received advanced sick leave following back surgery. “This helped our family,” she said, “as we were able to pay the mortgage and bills and buy food. We were able to continue to live without too much hardship due to the NALC and its policies.”

Audrey Soe also received a $1,000 scholarship. Soe’s parents, Hyo Soe and Michelle Soe, are both letter carriers and members of Seattle, WA Branch 79. Soe graduated this year from Stadium High School in Tacoma, WA, and concurrently earned an associate’s degree from Tacoma Community College (TCC). “Through her extracurricular activities and academics, she has demonstrated that she has the drive and determination to succeed in anything she pursues,” TCC chemistry professor Kimberly Davidson said. Soe plans to work on her bachelor’s degree on a pre-med track with the goal of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

Soe’s activities and honors include the Chistophe Chagnard Scholarship, the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists, the Tacoma Youth Symphony and the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Union Plus is a program founded by the AFL-CIO to provide benefit programs exclusively to union members (current and retired) and their families. The Union Plus Scholarship awards are presented annually to union members or members of their families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. Since 1992, Union Plus scholarships have helped students representing more than 13 million working families across the nation. In 2019, 108 union members and union family members have been awarded $170,000 in scholarships. Visit unionplus.org/scholarship for applications and benefit eligibility.

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