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### **IUOE LOCAL 825 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS FOR 2011-2012, WINNERS SHOW ACHIEVEMENT, SERVICE & COMMITMENT TO LABOR**

**SPRINGFIELD, NJ** – Local 825 of the International Union of Operating Engineers has awarded scholarships and grants to five high school seniors out of a field of 20 qualified applicants who have demonstrated high academic achievement, community service and a commitment to unionism.

The scholarship program, which is open to the children or grandchildren of Local 825's members, offers two scholarships valued at \$10,000 each year (\$2,500 a year over four years) and three one-time grants of \$1,500.

“We promote achievement in school and the community while fostering an understanding of what unionism is all about,” said Greg Lalevee, business manager of Local 825.

“Recognizing the high cost of education, we try to help our families while rewarding dedication and hard work,” said Lalevee.

This year's scholarships were awarded to Hanna Anderson of Vineland and Alyssa Marino of Whippany. Anderson will attend the University of Vermont and plans to study environmental engineering, while Marino will enter Fordham University, planning to major in Finance.

Three other grants were awarded to:

- Julia Ford of Spring Lake Heights, in the category of Outstanding Student Athlete. She lettered in Varsity Soccer, Indoor & Outdoor Track over four years at Manasquan High School and received numerous MVP awards. She plans to attend Towson University to study Athletic Training.

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- Lauren Schreck of Edison, in the category of Outstanding Service, for contributing nearly 600 hours of community service. She plans to attend St. Joseph's College and major in Psychology.
- Nicholas Marino of Whippany (brother of Alyssa) in the category of Understanding and Appreciating Unionism and the Labor Movement. He will attend Centenary College with the goal of becoming a police officer.

The Local 825 scholarship program begins each year in January and ends in with the winners being announced in June. The program is administered by Dr. Dean Casale of Kean University.

Local 825 of the International Union of Operating Engineers is headquartered in Springfield, NJ, and represents more than 6,700 members throughout New Jersey and in five counties of lower New York state, including Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Delaware.

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