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Lifeworks Awards Four Scholarships to Support Students

WESTWOOD, Mass. (July 18, 2022) – [Lifeworks](#), a nonprofit human services provider that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, today announced the recipients of scholarships that support college students pursuing a degree in special education or a closely related field, or are individuals served by Lifeworks.

Judah Abrams of Silver Springs, Md., is the recipient of Lifeworks’ Ruth Doorly Scholarship. Abrams is entering his junior year at Lesley University and pursuing a bachelor’s degree in special education. While attending Montgomery College in Maryland, Judah ran the child care program at a local synagogue.

Yorisola Ademoye of Pawtucket, R.I., is the recipient of Lifeworks’ Mary Barry Scholarship. Ademoye received her bachelor’s degree from Rhode Island College and is currently a graduate student at the University of Denver. She has worked in the human services field for more than a decade, beginning her career as direct support staff member in a residential setting.

John DiCalogero of Walpole is the recipient of Lifeworks’ Mary Walsh Scholarship. DiCalogero is a graduate student at Assumption University enrolled in the school counseling program. He is a case manager in a Lifeworks community residence and was previously a paraprofessional in a special education classroom at Norwood High School for four years.

Pharaoh Thevenin of Sharon is the recipient of Lifeworks’ Natalie Thomas Woodward Schmatzler Walsh Scholarship. Thevenin currently attends Curry College and is majoring in graphic design with a minor in marketing. He is receiving supports from the Lifeworks Adult Autism Support Center as he navigates college.

“These four caring and talented students and professionals truly represent Lifeworks’ core values,” said Daniel Burke, President and CEO of Lifeworks. “It is our honor to present them with these scholarships to support their educational and career pursuits.”

About Lifeworks

Since 1954, Lifeworks and its predecessors, Lifeworks, Inc. and The Arc of South Norfolk, have served the towns of Norfolk County and beyond by providing support to people with intellectual

and developmental disabilities through advocacy, empowerment and opportunity. The Westwood-based nonprofit organization serves more than 2,300 individuals from communities in the Greater Boston, MetroWest, Norfolk County and Attleboro areas through a wide variety of services and programs, including: employment services; residential, family and community supports; and day programs. For more information, visit www.lifeworksarc.org.

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