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The Essex Foundation 2022 Scholarship Award Benefits Local Youth Barnes-Callender bequest funds undergraduate environmental studies

Essex, CT – The Essex Foundation Board of Directors has selected Kyra Brennan, a Chester resident, as the recipient of the 2022 Elizabeth Barnes Callender and Mary Francis Barnes Memorial Scholarship. The \$3000 award is presented to honor the bequest and memory of the late “Diz” Callender and her sister Mary, and is available each year to one local high school graduating senior or graduate, or an Essex resident who is pursuing studies related to land conservation and preservation at a two or four-year college, a technical school, or graduate school, or taking accredited courses in biology, botany, agronomy, ecology, horticulture, floriculture, forestry, landscape design, or environmental science. Ms. Brennan graduated from Valley Regional High School in June 2021 and is entering her second year of study at the University of Maine, majoring in forestry.



“We are fortunate to have so many young people in our community who embody Diz and Mary’s shared passion for the environment and for the community,” commented Bruce Glowac, President of The Essex Foundation. “We are honored to continue their legacy and support Kyra’s enthusiasm for the outdoor world and chosen field of study.”

Supported by donations from the community, The Essex Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex residents by providing funding for needs not met by other organizations or sources. More information can be found online at theessexfoundation.org or by emailing: contact@theessexfoundation.org.

Pictured Above: Chester’s Kyra Brennan was presented with a \$3000 check by Jay Tonks, Vice President of The Essex Foundation, as this year’s recipient of The Elizabeth Barnes Callender and Mary Francis Barnes Annual Scholarship award. Photo credit: Kelly Tonks.