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Local High School Juniors Awarded JLI Scholarship

Jefferson County high school juniors Patrick Wells (Sackets Harbor Central), Kylie Snow (South Jefferson), and Chelsea Oakes (Watertown High) were awarded the Jefferson Leadership Institute Scholarship by the Jefferson Leadership Institute (JLI) Class of 2013 and the Northern New York Community Foundation during a ceremony at the Italian American Civic Association in Watertown.

The award includes a full year of mentorship by alumni of the JLI program and \$1,000 in financial assistance for postsecondary education. The JLI class and the Community Foundation enthusiastically congratulate this year's recipients.

Patrick Wells, Sackets Harbor, is a member of the Whiz Quiz team and National Honor Society. Patrick is interested in making sure students are supported both in and out of school and finds that humor is a great way to help people through challenges. Patrick enjoys math and science and is considering a career in either architecture/engineering or neurology. Patrick will be mentored by Annette Mason (JLI Class of 2014), of Aubertine and Currier Architects, Engineers & Land Surveyors, PLLC.

Kylie Snow, Adams, is involved in a variety of school activities, including: swim team, track & field, SADD, Spanish club and is in a number of bands. Kylie enjoys peer tutoring, participating in community charity events and is interested in studying science. Kylie would like to study the variety of sciences and use them to benefit society. Kylie is most motivated to succeed by her mother's dedication and perseverance. She will be mentored by Steve Jennings, Jefferson County Public Health Service (JLI Class of 1996).

Chelsea Oakes, Watertown, is involved with her church youth group and choir, performs in musical productions and studies dance. She is most described by her teachers and peers as "enthusiastic". Chelsea plans to pursue a career in Health Science and is most interested in studying biology with the possibility of becoming a physician's assistant. Chelsea will be mentored by Anne Walldroff, Samaritan Medical Center (JLI Class of 2004).

The JLI class has raised enough money to date to sustain the scholarship at the same level for several years and will continue its fundraising efforts with the goal of carrying on the scholarship-mentorship program in the years to come. The Community Foundation is accepting tax-deductible donations for the JLI scholarship indefinitely. Checks can be made payable to the Northern New York Community Foundation and sent to the Foundation's office at 120 Washington Street, Suite 400, Watertown, New York 13601. "JLI Scholarship" should be written on the memo line.

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Photo attached: *Left to right:* JLI scholarship recipients Kylie Snow (South Jefferson), April Fallon, NNYCF Coordinator of Partnerships, Patrick Wells (Sackets Harbor) and Chelsea Oakes (Watertown).