

PRESS RELEASE

NPMHU FAMILY MEMBERS AWARDED 2020 UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Washington, D.C. — Union Plus recently awarded \$300,000 in scholarships to 215 students representing 43 unions, including two winners representing the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU). This year's group of scholarship recipients includes university, college, and trade or technical school students from 38 states. The NPMHU winners are:

Marina Rezk of Secaucus, New Jersey. Rezk, whose mother, Samah Rezk, is a member of NPMHU Local 300, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Kylie Taylor of North Adams, Massachusetts. Taylor, whose father, James Taylor, is a retired member of NPMHU Local 301, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

"Union Plus is proud to be able to increase our scholarship award amount this year and help more union families than ever before," Union Plus President Mitch Stevens said. "At a time when many families have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are especially glad to support this year's group of 215 hardworking students as they further their educations and pave the path for future success."

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Marina Rezk, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Secaucus [New Jersey] High School (SHS) (2018)

Marina recently completed her second year in the six-year pharmacy program at Rutgers' Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. She aspires to a career in pharmaceutical research, specifically in the oncology field. Marina hopes to one day own a pharmacy offering reduced-cost and no-charge medications to those who are economically disadvantaged. Last summer Marina interned at Vitalli's Pharmacy, where she worked under Dr. Mary Nashed. "To say I was impressed by her charismatic nature and how much she was loved by

patients is an understatement," Nashed said. "Her intelligence, kindness, selflessness, work ethic, and ambition to serve the community make her an ideal scholarship recipient."

Activities and honors: Student National Pharmaceutical Organization; Coptic Community Services; National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society; American Technology Honor Society; National English Honor Society; National Foreign Language Honor Society; SHS varsity soccer; SHS Top 5 Award; SHS science fair silver medal

Volunteerism: Habitat for Humanity; soup kitchens; hospital, nursing home visitations; Midnight Runs homeless meal distribution; local foster home

Kylie Taylor, Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School (BART), Adams, Massachusetts (2020)

Kylie plans to attend Providence [Rhode Island] College this fall as a biology major. She looks forward to exploring potential fields, defining her career path, and growing both academically and personally. She is a counselor with Youth Center Inc., where she works with orphaned and intellectually disabled children through the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. Kylie is also an accomplished marathoner and ultramarathoner. Bennjamin L. Griffin, Kylie's cross country coach, said, "Kylie's drive to succeed and lead others in purposeful work is unmatched in her peers. Her empathy and leadership inspire and support others to do things for the first time. She is one of the most genuinely selfless individuals I know."

Activities, honors, and employment: Massachusetts State Science Fair; BART Student Ambassador; BART Quiz Team; BART varsity cross country, ultimate frisbee (boys' team); BART High Honors List; University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award; North Adams Public Library summer internship

Volunteerism: BART shirt drive; Earth Day event