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Avon Education Foundation awards High School scholarships

Names three former Avon Elementary School students as recipients

(Caption: From Left to right, Jon Erik Nielsen, Faith Westhoven, Alex Devoy)



AVON-BY-THE-SEA — Though the Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation [AEF] intended to give out just one, \$1,000 scholarship this year to a deserving college-bound Avon resident, AEF board members had such a difficult time choosing between worthy applicants that three high school seniors were ultimately chosen to each receive a scholarship.

Faith Westhoven, Alex Devoy, and Jon Erik Nielsen, all of Avon but from different high schools, were named the recipients of the AEF 2016 Graduating High School Senior

Scholarship during the Foundation's summer meeting on Tuesday, June 19.

The AEF scholarships recognize exemplary community service as well as academic and extracurricular participation.

Faith, the daughter of Stephen and Monica Westhoven, is a St. Rose graduate and recipient of the \$1,000 grand prize scholarship. Faith will matriculate to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia, where she plans to study engineering and architecture.

Alex, the son of Christopher and Michelle Devoy, and graduate of Manasquan High School, was awarded \$500.00. He plans to continue his studies at Delaware Valley University. Alex is widely recognized in Avon as an enthusiastic member of the Avon Environmental Commission, among his many volunteer pursuits.

Jon Erik, the son of Jon and Tess Nielsen, received a \$500 award. Jon Erik will go to college at Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York. He plans to pursue an artistic career in film, television, and music.

In addition to information about their high school performance and community service involvement, scholarship applicants were asked to explain how the experience of growing up in Avon has influenced their goals and plans for further study.

The AEF [avonbytheseafoundation.org] is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting educational and enrichment opportunities for residents of the community.

For information about applying for the scholarship, or to learn more about programs offered by the Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation, please visit www.avonbytheseafoundation.org or call 732-925-4974.