

Three Avon students win college scholarship

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AVON-BY-THE-SEA — Three Avon seniors have received special acknowledgement in their senior year, each selected as a scholarship award winner.

On Wednesday, June 7 at the Avon Library, Elizabeth Farrington was named as the recipient of the 2017 Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation High School Senior Scholarship award of \$1,000.

Applicants for the scholarship were asked to explain their experience growing up in Avon and how this has influenced their plans and goals.

In her essay, Elizabeth explained the influence of her Avon Elementary School teachers, and how they taught her the “importance of honesty, individuality and respect.”

Currently a senior and dance major at Red Bank Regional High School's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Elizabeth plans to attend the University of Connecticut where she will study physiology and neurology.

“The AEF scholarship recognized Ellie's exemplary community service, academic



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Elizabeth Farrington, of Red Bank Regional High School, received the Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation scholarship award of \$1,000 at the Avon Public Library June 7. Marykate O'Malley and Christopher Child were each awarded a scholarship of \$500 by the Avon Historical Society.

talent and extracurricular participation. Among a pool of highly qualified candidates, Ellie's application best reflected the mission of the Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation,” said Foundation President, Tess Neilen.

At Avon's last board of commissioners meeting, Monday June 12, Seniors Marykate O'Malley and Christopher Child were each awarded a scholarship of \$500 from the Avon Historical Society.

According to Historical Society member, Mo Hinman,

both students excelled in academics, excelled in sports, were active volunteers in the community and were both involved at their church.

“They are well-rounded students that were goal oriented ... we just felt they were very deserving of this award,” said Ms. Hinman.

For scholarship eligibility, students were asked to complete a questionnaire, provide their grades, what activities and programs they were involved in as well as submit references from within and outside the school.

The students were also required to write a reflection essay as an Avon resident and what living in the community means to them.

After graduating from Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, Christopher will be attending Fordham University in New York, majoring in finance.

Marykate, graduating from St. Rose High School in Belmar, will be attending Fairfield University in Connecticut, where she will major in nursing.

“They were just two outstanding students,” said Ms. Hinman.