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## Dulles Airport Scholarship Program Hits New Records Awards 50 Scholarships to Local High School Graduating Seniors

The Committee for Dulles Community Outreach (CFDCO), the charitable arm of the Committee for Dulles (CFD), is pleased to announce it has awarded 50 Dulles Airport Scholarship Program recipients totaling \$60,000 to local graduating high school seniors who are employed or volunteer at Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles) or who are dependents of employees or volunteers at the airport.

"CFDCO works diligently all year long to raise money to fund the Dulles Airport Scholarship Program. This past year we hit a new record, raising just over \$60,000 through grants, silent auctions and raffles. It is always a pleasure to see 100% of the funds put back into the Dulles community to help these students further their education," said Mark Treadaway, President of the CFDCO Board of Directors. "We share the gratitude our students express with our community," he continued. In 2025, 50 students applied for scholarships and 50 students received some level of scholarship support. "Every year, we see an increased need for help with college tuition, and we haven't always had enough funds to fulfill every request. This year was different," Mark noted.

The CFDCO was formed in 2012, by the CFD Board of Directors following the passing of Dave Edwards, a former CFD president who was deeply dedicated to supporting the Dulles Airport community. This year, four scholarships in his name were awarded to students who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service. Carol Welti, a retired past President of CFDCO, who worked tirelessly to get the program started and thriving, had a top scholarship awarded in her name to a student with outstanding academic, community service and demonstrated leadership. A special CFDCO Board of Directors top honor scholarship was also awarded this year to a student who personified academic achievement, community service, leadership with exceptional degrees of determination. A grand total of 313 scholarships totaling \$475,000 have been awarded since its inception of the program.

The Dulles Airport Scholarship Program is a program of the Committee for Dulles Community Outreach which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supported by the Committee for Dulles and the Washington Airports Task Force.

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