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News & Alerts

From the desk of Addia K. Wuchner, Executive Director

LOUISVILLE, KY (July 26, 2021) - I am SO excited to announce our FIRST Annual 2021 Kentucky Right to Life & Right to Life Educational Foundation of KY Scholarship Award winners! This year, we have initiated the ProLife Next Generation Legacy Scholarship to reward our students for their ProLife convictions and activity!

But first – my sincere apologies for delaying the posting of the winning essays to our website. I can only presume many of you are curious to see the judging committee's selections. The delay relates directly to the quality of the scholarship applicants and challenge we experienced and judging. We actually had several ties and added a second review panel.

This was the first year for our KRTL and RTL Educational Foundation ProLife Next Generation Scholarships and, as it turned out, our applicants were very ambitious – with a significant number of the applicants and essay entries extraordinarily strong. It's was clear that the students invested much thought, research, and personal introspection as they prepared their essay. I can empathize – making your best case against difficult odds is very much an affair of the heart. We are very thankful the participation and enthusiasm.

The judging committee made two recommendations. Both were discussed, and evaluated. Due to the overall strength of scholarship applicants and their essays, we strongly favored creating extended scholarship levels. Our judging committee's other recommendation relates to the many heart felt and profound insights that pepper so many of the essays – what we called "quotable gems". These are snippets of roughly 10 to 20 words that reflect a universal truth or virtue, aphorisms we tend to associate with laureates and prolife leaders of distinction.

As a result, the original four \$1,000.00 Legacy Founders and Justice Wintersheimer Scholarships have been expanded to include 2 additional scholarship levels. The top four finalists will receive \$1,000.00, 2 semi-finalists will receive \$500.00 (the newly established ProLife Next Generation Award) and 2 ProLife Next Generation Meritorious Award winners will receive \$250.00. Without the amazing support from our generous donors we were able to implement those recommendations. Thank you for helping our ProLife Next Generation!

Additionally, we hope to dedicate a page on our new website (coming soon) to these "gems" of wisdom – to let others hear and appreciate the inspiring and uplifting perspectives of the next ProLife generation!

Again, thank you for being a part of the KRTL & RTL Educational Foundation 2021 Scholarship opportunity, and we look forward to next years challenge.

Now, drumroll please...



The Kentucky Right to Life and Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky has selected the following students as \$1000.00 Founders Scholarship recipients. Their essays reflect their dedication to being a voice for the most vulnerable in our culture.

The Honorable Justice Donald J. Wintersheimer Memorial Scholarship is extended to Kentucky students pursuing a degree in law, political science, or related fields. Justice Wintersheimer passed away in February of 2021. He was a Northern Kentucky resident serving the Commonwealth for twenty-four years on the Kentucky Supreme Court. A man of deep faith and convictions, he wrote over 50 opinions a year. Justice Wintersheimer was known for his dissents and prolific opinions. I would like to share a quote from one of his opinions regarding "quality of life" so that you may appreciate the merits of his work.

"That reasoning would place the courts in the position of affirming that death, or nonexistence, is preferable to life," Justice Donald Wintersheimer wrote. "The argument that there is a kind of 'quality of life' ethic is without any merit," Wintersheimer continued. "If logically extended, it could produce a culture that condones the extermination of the weak by the strong or the more powerful".

- **Miss Kaitlyn Apgar**, graduate of St. Henry High school has been selected as the Kentucky Right to Life and The Right to Life Educational Foundation of Kentucky 2021 recipient of the Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Donald J. Wintersheimer Memorial scholarship. She will be attending West Virginia University.

Our Legacy Founders Scholarships honor the vision and dedication of Kentucky Right to Life founders Judge Robert Greene, Paul Kissel, and, of course, KRTL founder Margie Montgomery upon whose shoulders we stand. The 2021 Legacy Scholarship recipients are:

- **Mr. Braden Heuglin**, graduate of Trinity High School, attending Bellarmine University
- **Miss Michelle Kenny**, graduate of Holy Angels Academy, attending Jefferson Community College
- **Mr. Spence Steen**, graduate of Portland Christian School, attending Campbellsville University

The 2021 ProLife Next Generation Scholarship Award is presented to individuals who demonstrated exceptional ProLife leadership and commitment to the most vulnerable in our culture, and dedication to the essence of our ProLife Mission. The following recipients will receive \$500.00:

- **Miss Madeline Milburn**, graduate of Muhlenberg High School, attending Cedarville University
- **Mr. Luke Millay**, graduate of Meade Co. High School, attending Morehead State University

The 2021 ProLife Next Generation Meritorious Scholarship Award is presented to individuals who demonstrated exceptional ProLife leadership and commitment to the most vulnerable in our culture, and dedication to the essence of our ProLife Mission. The following recipients will receive \$250.00:

- **Mr. Dominic Brandi**, graduate of Christian Educational Consortium, attending Franciscan University Steubenville
- **Miss Megan Doyle**, graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, attending the University of Dayton
- **Miss Maria Bella Kovats**, graduate of Assumption High School, attending University of Kentucky

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The Kentucky Right to Life Education Foundation has received a extremely generous "match donation challenge" of \$25,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund! With your help we can meet the challenge and double our scholarship funds!

If you would like to help us **meet the match of \$25,000** please make your tax deductible check or charge to RTL Educational Foundation. Mail to: KRTL Scholarship Match, 134 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY 40207 or call 502-895-5959 to make a donation.

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