

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Superintendent George Zini was recently notified by Mitchell Chester, Ed.D, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, that twenty-nine students in the Class of 2012 were awarded John and Abigail Adams Scholarships. This scholarship is based on a student's performance on the grade 10 English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments of MCAS. Superintendent Zini, Principal Bennett, and the guidance counselors met with the seniors in the high school library to deliver the good news. Notification letters were handed to the students and also mailed to parents.

Massachusetts public high school students automatically qualify for the Adams Scholarship when they score in the Advanced category in either the Mathematics or the English Language Arts section of the grade 10 MCAS test; score in the Proficient or Advanced category on the second subject (Mathematics or English Language Arts); and have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that ranks in the top 25% in their school district.

The Adams Scholarship provides a tuition waiver for eight traditional semesters of undergraduate education at the University of Massachusetts, the seven state colleges, or fifteen community colleges. In order to use the tuition waivers students must first apply to the colleges or universities and be accepted. Students who receive the Adams Scholarship must complete their college studies in four years or less and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

The following students from the UHS Class of 2012 are eligible for the scholarships: Cody Auclair, David Baker, Rachael Baker, Alexander Brule, Chelsea Cota, Carolyn Cote, John Cotter, Rachel DeYoung, Lisa Donoughe, Jerome Drane, James Flagg, Mary Frey, Cassandra Gala, Jacqueline Goddard, Corey Gomes, Christopher Hanson, Brandon Hetherington, Erica Juliano, Kevin MacDougall, Jason Mannka, Brendan Nolan, Haley Ostrem, Daniel Penza, Christopher Powloka, Casey Rota, Grace Sharrow, Katelyn Stefanick, Lindsay Sweet, Ciara Young.