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FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES CLASS OF 2023 with SCHOLARSHIPS and AWARDS

The Worcester Educational Development Foundation, Inc. (WEDF) today announced more than \$40,000 in scholarships and awards for graduating seniors in the Worcester Public Schools. The funds have been provided by foundations, corporations, fund raising events, organizations, and individuals.

The following are being presented:

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| Connected Scholars Laptops | 40 seniors in eight high schools. | |
| Nina and Miriam Barber Scholarship | Taevye Dawkins | North High |
| Elizabeth “Betty” Reidy Scholarship | Denesia Rivera | North High |
| | Maria Paniagua Castillo | North High |
| | Chelsea Frimpong | North High |
| North High Alumni Association Scholarships | Juleein Nicolas | North High |
| | Leilani Castro | North High |
| | Crystal Abruzzise | North High |
| | Colm King | North High |
| | Jaylene Canales Morales | North High |
| | Jenny Wu | North High |
| Ryan Quinn Memorial Scholarship | Annie Corrao | Burncoat High |
| Mary Murphy Spirit Award | Mia Haynes | Burncoat High |

Dr. Lee Gurel Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Advanced Placement English Student Award – Brian Nguyen – Worcester Technical High School
Teacher Award - Jessica McGuire – Worcester Technical High School

In addition, WEDF provided gift cards and Table Talk pies to seventeen outstanding students in the visual and performing arts.

According to executive director Louise Clarke, “WEDF is proud to present these awards to students who have worked hard during their high school years, and we wish them all the best as they pursue their educations. We are also grateful to the donors who have endowed the funds with personal assets, those who have volunteered for golf tournaments and other events, and the foundations, corporations and organizations that have entrusted their funds with us to support our most precious resource, our children.”

WEDF is a private nonprofit organization established in 2005 to support the Worcester Public Schools.