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NJMC Awards \$24,000 in Science Scholarships

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission has awarded \$24,000 in science scholarships to 12 college-bound students throughout the Meadowlands District.

“It is an honor for the NJMC to reward these outstanding students who have worked so hard and achieved so much during the past four years,” said Joseph Doria, Chairman of the NJMC and Commissioner of the state Department of Community Affairs. “We commend their hard work and dedication and wish them luck in their future studies.”

The NJMC Science Scholarship Award recognizes graduating high school seniors who have excelled academically and plan to major in a science-related field in college. Applicants must maintain a B average, participate in community service, and write a 500-word essay on the importance of science, technology and education. The NJMC has funded nearly \$130,000 in scholarships since the program’s inception five years ago.

Science education is an important part of the NJMC’s programming and in keeping with the Commission’s mandate to preserve and protect the Meadowlands’ unique urban estuary. More than 2,000 students per month in Grades K-12 participate in programs at the Commission’s state-of-the-art science center, where lessons incorporate elements of ecology, chemistry, biology, physics and geology. The NJMC also offers environmental education programs for the whole family.

“Through our programming we hope to inspire the next generation of scientists,” said Robert Ceberio, Executive Director of the NJMC. “It is heartening to see such talented young people choosing science as a career path.”

The scholarship recipients are listed below by student's hometown followed by the student's name, the high school from which they graduated and the college or university they will attend this fall:

- **Carlstadt:** Andrew Aychouh, Becton Regional High School, New Jersey Institute of Technology
- **East Rutherford:** Catherine Betances, Becton Regional High School, Smith College
- **Jersey City:** Christina Youssef, Dr. Ronald E. McNair Academic High School, Cornell University
- **Kearny:** Jonathan Pereira, Kearny High School, Stockton College
- **Little Ferry:** Carlo Velez, Ridgefield Park Junior-Senior High School, Rutgers University
- **Lyndhurst:** Joshua Seo, Lyndhurst High School, Rutgers University
- **Moonachie:** Hugo Quevedo, Wood-Ridge High School, Rowan University
- **North Arlington:** Dina Hafez, North Arlington High School, Montclair State University
- **North Bergen:** Michael Gutierrez, North Bergen High School, University of Pennsylvania
- **Ridgefield:** Ivan Camponogara, Ridgefield Memorial High School, Princeton University
- **Rutherford:** Anne Decker, Rutherford High School, Northeastern University
- **Secaucus:** Basil Shahin, Secaucus High School, Rutgers University

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