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**Teddy Gleason Scholarship Winners Selected for 2015;
Eight Students Will Receive \$48,000 in Educational Grants**

NEW YORK — The International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO (ILA) and New York Shipping Association, Inc. (NYSA) yesterday announced the eight winners of the 2015 Teddy Gleason Scholarships. The two trustees of the Scholarship Program, General Vice President, Stephen Knott filling in for ILA President, Harold Daggett and NYSA, Executive Vice President, Charles Darrell filling in for NYSA President John Nardi, introduced the students at a luncheon on June 23, 2015 at Bobby Van's Steak House in Lower Manhattan.

All eight students are dependents of ILA members working for NYSA member companies in the Greater Metropolitan area. The NYSA-ILA Scholarship Fund, named in honor of the late ILA president Teddy Gleason, is open to dependents of active and retired ILA members in the Port of New York and New Jersey. This is the thirty-fifth annual scholarship program. Students will receive an annual grant of \$6,000 per year for each one of four years in college.

The 2015 Teddy Gleason Scholarship winners are as follows:

MARC BLANCO

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Juan Blanco of Linden, New Jersey. Mr. Blanco is a member of ILA Local 1235, working at APM Terminals. Marc plans to Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland.

MEREDITH R. FRANCO

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Franco of Newark, NJ. Mr. Franco is a member of ILA Local 1235, working at Essex Cement. Meredith plans to attend Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

GIANNA MARIE GOVERNARA

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Governara of Staten Island, New York. Mr. Governara is a member of ILA Local 920, working at GCT New York. Gianna plans to attend Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

ALEXA HANLEY

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Hanley of Staten Island, New York. Mr. Hanley is a retired member of ILA Local 920. Alexa plans to attend The College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

GIANNA M. HRONCICH

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nicolo Hroncich of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mr. Hroncich is a member of ILA Local 1804-1 working at APM Terminals. Gianna plans to attend Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania.

ADRIANNA LOMBARDI

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Oronzo Lombardi of Staten Island, New York. Mr. Lombardi is a member of ILA Local 1814 working at GCT New York. Adrianna plans to attend The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SALVATORE ANTONIO MORELLO

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Vincenzo of Staten Island, New York. Mr. Morello is a member of ILA Local 1235 working at Port Newark Container Terminals. Salvatore plans to attend Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, New York.

BRIANNA WORMLEY

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wormley of Hillside, New Jersey. Mr. Wormley is a member of ILA Local 1233, working at Maher Terminals. Brianna plans to attend Cabrini College in Radnor, Pennsylvania.

The Teddy Gleason Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of academic performance and aptitude testing among other determinations. The scholarships are available to qualified applicants who wish to continue education at undergraduate, apprentice or training programs at any accredited colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning. An independent agency – the College Scholarship Service based in Princeton, New Jersey – makes the selection of the scholarship winners.

The eight Teddy Gleason Scholarship winners join 32 other students currently enrolled in colleges and universities who were previously awarded these generous grants. The scholarship program was introduced in 1981 following collective bargaining between the ILA and employers represented by NYSA and it provides \$192,000 in yearly assistance for 32 students.

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