

Slate Belt Rising Announces 7 Recipients of \$1,000 Scholarship

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SLATE BELT - Slate Belt Rising, a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley, is a leading community development organization dedicated to fostering growth and prosperity in the Slate Belt region. We are thrilled to announce the 2023 Slate Belt Rising Scholarship recipients.

This esteemed scholarship program aims to recognize outstanding academic achievements and financially support deserving individuals from the Slate Belt community who have chosen to continue their education.

The Slate Belt Rising Scholarship program was designed in 2019 to empower and encourage local students and adults to pursue higher education and achieve their academic goals. Through this program, recipients are awarded a scholarship of \$1,000 each, which can be utilized towards their educational expenses such as tuition, books, and academic necessities. Funds can also be used for individuals entering the workforce directly into a trade that requires equipment purchases.

After careful review and consideration of numerous exceptional applications, Slate Belt Rising is proud to reveal the following recipients of the Slate Belt Rising

Scholarship:

1. **Nicole Morris - Millersville University**
2. **Alexa Cinelli - Lafayette College**
3. **Olivia Laclair - Duquesne University**
4. **Danielle Itterly - University of Valley Forge**
5. **Ryan DeVito - Northampton Community College**
6. **Ema Etzkorn - Penn State Smeal College of Business**
7. **Lauren Hoffer - Penn State University**

These remarkable individuals have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, a commitment to their community, and determination to excel in their chosen fields of study. Their drive, dedication, and exceptional qualities made them stand out amongst a competitive pool of applicants.

The Slate Belt Rising Scholarship program aligns with our organization's core mission of promoting youth engagement and investing in the future of the Slate Belt community. By providing financial assistance to these talented students, we hope to remove some financial barriers and create opportunities for them to thrive academically. "We are extremely proud to award these exceptional students the Slate Belt Rising Scholarship," said Brian Fenstermaker, Director of Slate Belt Rising. "Their commitment to academic excellence, community involvement, and personal growth is truly inspiring. We are confident that they will positively impact their respective fields and contribute significantly to the betterment of our community."

Slate Belt Rising would like to extend its heartfelt congratulations to all Slate Belt Rising Scholarship recipients. The organization also expresses gratitude to all applicants for their interest and wishes them the best in their future endeavors.

Thank you to our funding partners who make this program possible - Fidelity Bank, Waste Management, First Northern Bank & Trust, and ESSA Bank & Trust.

About Slate Belt Rising: Slate Belt Rising (SBR) is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt communities. By leveraging each municipality's unique history, architecture, and culture into a regional approach, SBR will use a Neighborhood Partnership Plan to foster comprehensive community and economic development.

By fostering collaboration and implementing strategic initiatives, Slate Belt Rising aims to enhance the quality of life for residents, support local businesses, and create sustainable opportunities for the community's long-term success.

For more information about the Slate Belt Rising Scholarship program or to learn more about Slate Belt Rising's initiatives and community development efforts, please visit www.slatebeltrising.org.

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