

Bangor Womens Club GFWC Scholarship Winner McCormick Karner

By Marylin Mehas

BANGOR - McCormick Karner, senior at Bangor Area High School, daughter of Larry and Alicia Karner was awarded a \$1000 scholarship by the Bangor Womens Club at their May meeting. June Jones, Education Chair is shown with Mackie's Grandmother Ann Miller and mother Alicia looking on.

Mackie enjoys spending time with family and friends. She was the captain on the Varsity Girls Basketball team, as well as a captain on the Varsity Girls Track and Field team this year, after being a member of both teams for the entirety of her high school career. She played football her sophomore year, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She is the president of the school's Leo Club and Spanish Honor Society. Mackie started the school's first Mini-THON through the Leo Club, with help of fellow classmates and advisor/mentor Josh Thomas. She is her class treasurer, an active member of Student Government, and TV Crew at Bangor.

She will be attending Rowan University in the fall to double major in Sports Communication and Media (Sports CaM) and Radio, TV, and Film (RTF), with hopes to minor in Photography. Her dream is to become a voice for women in the sports world, as she has seen and felt the difference in treatment between men and women.

Mackie thanks the Womens Club for this scholarship and their support while she furthers her education.



City of Easton Spotlited by The New York Times

By Colin McEvoy

EASTON - The city of Easton was spotlighted by one of the world's most prestigious and widely-read newspapers this week, with a story in The New York Times highlighting the city's "dramatic transformation."

and close proximity to major cities like Philadelphia and New York City.

"It's great to read in The New York Times about our city's rebirth and almost \$1 billion in new development," said Easton Mayor Sal Panto Jr. "It's nice to know that our accomplishments in Easton are attracting regional and national attention."

This marks the fourth time in the last three years that The New York Times has written about the Lehigh Valley. It published a story in January 2020 about the region's economic revitalization, thriving manufacturing sector, transportation infrastructure, network of colleges and universities, food and beverage companies, and more.

The Times also included the Lehigh Valley in a January 2021 story about its "Favorite Facts for 2020," and a May 2021 story highlighted the region's e-commerce and logistics sector, the important role of manufacturing in the Lehigh Valley, and the growth of health care and education in the region.

This all comes in addition to a large amount of national media coverage the regional economy has received in other outlets, including a story on American Public Media's Marketplace program, a segment on CBS Sunday Morning, and stories in such outlets as CNN, The Wall Street Journal, PBS NewsHour, Los Angeles Times, CBS News Sunday Morning, USA Today, and more.

"The nation and the world continues to take notice of the success of the economic success of the Lehigh Valley and everything that's possible here," said Don Cunningham, President & CEO of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC). "Easton is a retail and restaurant destination vibrant with cultural attractions, a glistening riverfront, and activity for everyone, and even more people will be aware of that now thanks to this story in The New York Times."

The story quotes people like Rachel Zanders who opened Easton Candle Co. in the historic district of Easton, and her brother Steven Zanders, who moved to the city a decade ago while helping to open a diner here, paying \$90,000 for a two-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath rowhouse in the city's West Ward neighborhood.

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"I feel like Easton is a little Manhattan," Steven Zanders said in the story. "It's like one of the blocks of Manhattan fell off into Easton."

The story also highlights organizations like the Greater Easton Development Partnership, historic locations like the Parsons-Taylor House, famous Easton residents like boxer Larry Holmes, and attractions like the Crayola Experience and the National Canal Museum.



"The city, about 75 miles west of Manhattan, now has a revitalized downtown, with new shops and restaurants flanking restored historic homes," the story reads. "For more than a decade, Easton has been a refuge for New York and New Jersey expatriates who want more real estate for their money, along with a lower property tax bill."

The story by Dave Caldwell was published on June 8 on the Real Estate section of the Times website. It describes the city's restaurant scene, downtown amenities, property values, historical significance, schools and higher education institutions,