

# M&M Vineyards First Annual Scholarship Presentation

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UPPER MT. BETHEL - M&M Vineyards First Annual Scholarship Presentation Ceremony On Saturday, October 16th, Mohinder and Maninder Sidhu, owners of M&M Vineyard held their first annual scholarship presentation ceremony. They generously awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to 2020 Bangor graduates, Ciara Kerrigan and Katelyn Morehouse. Both girls worked at the vineyard for several years and are currently attending Kutztown University. The Sidhus relocated to the Slate Belt about four years ago with the intent of fulfilling a long-time dream of opening their own vineyard. They welcome students looking for employment to join their team and plan to continue the generous scholarship program for employees that graduate with a high GPA, have plans to attend college, and submit an essay. Below are Ciara and Katelyn's essays from their scholarship entry this year:

**Katelyn Morehouse** When I first started working at M&M Vineyard, I thought it would be a nice way to earn some money with friends. After working at M&M Vineyard through the various grape seasons, I realize it has also prepared me not only for college but work life in the real world. One of the most important things that has prepared me for college is managing my time better. I was able to put school first and then work a few hours at a time. For college, I am no prepared to manage my time and work well with others. This job helped me make some new friends, which helped me to realize working well with others is very important to be able to get the job done right. This has helped me learn to make friends more easily when meeting new people as I will in college and the rest of my career. I am very thankful for the opportunity at M&M where I learned so much to prepare me for my future.

**Ciara Kerrigan** I originally started working at M&M Vineyards to please my parents so they would stop asking me to get a job, or consistently reminding me I need money to do the things I want to do. Little did I know my sixteen year old self was learning lessons I will continue to use in college, back then college was the last thing on my mind. Here we are today writing this the day before I move into my dorm thinking about how having this job has taught me many useful things I will be able to use in the real world. For example, I learned how working for something makes you appreciate whatever that something may be and makes it more valuable. Ever since the first time I got paid after working my first week at the winery it made me realize the importance of being smart with your money, and how saving it for a "rainy day" will always be an option you can't go wrong with. Working at M&M also taught me how to manage my time wisely, for example the days where I have school, work and homework I managed to make the most out of my time and was able to pull them all off. I wouldn't want my first job to anywhere else besides M&M vineyards since I have learned so much from working here and will continue to grow while spending hours in the vineyard.

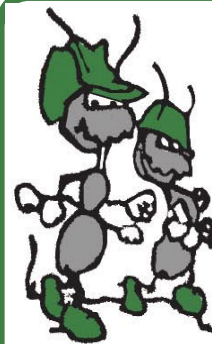


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