

## Checking In on Our Scholars...

*Student interviews conducted by CCSF Committee Secretary Sue Sawyer*

The 2024 Cambridge Community Scholarship recipients have completed their first semester of college. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to report on their progress.

- **Isabelle Flint** is a freshman at SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury, N.Y. She has adjusted well to college and dorm life. The first semester, she was a Marketing major, but plans to switch to Individual Studies major. In this major, she can explore different career paths, which will help her when she continues her education at a 4 year college. Her Intro to College Writing was her favorite class and led her to switch majors. Isabelle shared that her professors are amazing. Always flexible and understanding! Isabelle is joining the Creative Writing Club in the spring semester. She is also very excited to be a tutor for reading and writing. She will meet with students of all ages to assist them with college assignments.

- **Kateri Murphy** has adjusted quite well to college life at SUNY New Paltz in New Paltz, N.Y. Kateri is a Political Science major on a pre-law tract. Her goal at the moment is to be a child advocate or family court lawyer. Her law classes are her favorite. They require a lot of reading and case briefing, but she really enjoys this challenge. Kateri is President of the freshman class. This role requires hard work and several weekly meetings, but she has learned so much about leadership in the process. Kateri shared that it has been super exciting to learn about what she is passionate about and she feels so grateful to have access to an education and sees it as a privilege. Kateri thanks the Cambridge community for the scholarship and states that she will never forget where she came from.

- **Nicole Robinson** is a student at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) in North Adams, MA. Nicole lives on campus, but likes the fact that her college is not too far from home. Nicole is a RadiologicTechnology major. Upon graduation, she will be a RadiologicTechnician and will be certified to administer diagnostic tests, such as CT scans, x-rays, ultrasounds. Her professors are wonderful and remind her of CCS teachers. Her favorite classes were The Great Depression and Biology. Nicole was proud to share that she earned a 4.0 GPA for the fall semester.

- **Coral Boehlke** is very pleased with her selection of Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. Coral entered the Nursing program and will receive a Bachelor of Nursing degree. The Nursing program is affiliated with Ellis Hospital's Belanger School of Nursing. Coral was looking for a leadership role on campus, and was appointed as the representative for the nursing class of 2028. In this role, she is the liaison between Siena and the Belanger School. She is the line of communication for nursing students and also speaks to interested high school students about the program. Coral joined the Rugby team as a walk-on and is so happy she did. Her teammates have become her good friends and she enjoys the team travel. Coral is a member of the Cambridge Rescue Squad and works two shifts per week during her school vacations. Coral is very appreciative of the support she has received from the Cambridge community.

- **Michael Bonneau** is doing well at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y. He likes living in an apartment, which is just down the street from the college. Michael is a Physical Education major with future plans to continue his education at a 4 year college and be a Physical Education teacher. Michael is a member of the HVCC football team and would like to continue to play football when he transfers. Michael enjoyed his Physical Education classes where he was taught teaching techniques and participated in sports, such as aerobic volleyball, boxing and weight training. Michael is a snowboarding instructor at Willard Mountain on Saturdays and school vacations. He voiced his thanks to the Cambridge community for the scholarship.

- **Ezden Koopmann** commutes to Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y. He will earn an Associate Degree in Engineering Science. Ezden plans to transfer to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) after his 2 years at HVCC. His career path is to be a mechanical engineer. He has always been interested in automation, moving parts and features. Ezden's favorite class was Calculus. His professor's great sense of humor made the class so enjoyable. Ezden was proud to make the Dean's list for the fall semester. Ezden works at Country Power in Greenwich on Saturdays.

- **Brice Burr** has adjusted very well to college life at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y. He is a Physical Education major and plans to continue his education at a 4 year college, such as Cortland or Brockport. Brice sees his Uncle Adam enjoying his career as a CCS Physical Education teacher and coach, and Brice would love to follow in his footsteps. Brice's Intro to Physical Education class was his favorite. He learned a lot about daily exercise, issues in sports, and techniques and methods for teaching. Brice shared that all of his professors were engaging, and he would recommend HVCC to anyone starting out on their education journey.

- **Anna Bailey** loves the community feel of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. Anna decided to travel far from home so she could have different experiences. She likes the fact that Chicago is a short train ride from Wheaton. Anna has not declared a major, but is on a Psychology tract. A degree in Psychology will prepare her for a variety of careers, such as counseling or therapy. She particularly liked her freshman seminar Why Do We Suffer? where St. Augustine and other philosophers were studied. Anna is a member of Decision Point, a ministry in which college students coach student leaders of Christian clubs at local middle and high schools. Anna coaches at a local high school and shared that it has been a joy to see how bold the students are in sharing their faith.

- **Mason MacDougall** is a student at SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury, N.Y. Mason is a Physical Education major. He especially liked his core Physical Education classes and his Theories of Coaching class. He will be awarded a coach's certification when he completes his classes. Mason is on the Golf team and travels across New York State for tournaments. After his time at SUNY Adirondack, Mason may continue his education at a southern college where golf can be played year long.

- **Kai Edwards** attends SUNY Adirondack in Queensbury, New York. Kai is completing all his liberal arts requirements there. Kai spoke with excitement about his future plan to enter the SUNY ESF Ranger School in Wanakena, N.Y. He hopes this will be in 2026. Kai is a conservationist and wants to help people and the earth. Being part of a search and rescue team as a forest ranger could be in his future! Kai enjoys learning about plant life, so Agroecology and Biology are favorite classes. Kai is employed at a local farm, so he has worked on finding a balance between classes and work. He is proud of his 3.53 GPA for the fall semester. Kai thanks the Cambridge community for the scholarship.

- **Joshua Roopnarine** loves the urban setting of New York University. He keeps his mind active by exploring the amazing city! He especially enjoys going to museums. Joshua has a double major in Art History and International Relations. This could possibly lead to a future as a museum curator or working in the United Nations. Some of Joshua's classes are very large, as many as 300 students. His favorite classes for the fall semester were Intro to Art History and International Politics. Joshua plays intramural volleyball and enjoys being on a team with friends. In the spring semester, he will be trying out for the Model United Nations team. On this team, students learn about diplomacy, international relations, and current world issues.

- **Logan Peters** was also a scholarship recipient in 2024.