



SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

Paul Laflamme, Chairman

2008 Scholarship winners announced



The RISAA Scholarship Committee met in May, but due to the overwhelming quantity and quality of the applicants required additional discussions via email to choose the 6 Member and 3 Foundation scholarship recipients. Presentation of the scholarship awards to the following students were scheduled for our June 30th membership meeting.

The six "RISAA Member Awards" are awarded to RISAA members in good standing or their immediate family, specifically, their children or stepchildren, grandchildren, brother or sister, or stepbrother or stepsister, who is currently high school senior and will attend ANY college or university within one year.

The three "RISAA Foundation Fisheries and Marine Sciences Awards" are awarded to any Rhode Island resident high school senior, who will attend either the *University of Rhode Island* or *Roger Williams University*, in a fisheries or marine science program.

Winners of the 6 RISAA Member Awards

Michael Phelan

is the son of Jim and Debbie Phelan of North Kingstown, RI. Michael, a graduate of North Kingstown High School will be attending Castleton State College, University of Massachusetts or University of Maine majoring in Environmental Studies.



Brendan Richards

is the son of John and Lynn Richards of Narragansett, RI. Brendan, a graduate of Narragansett HS will be attending URI, majoring in Marine Biology.



Christopher Sturgis

is the son of Douglas and Marie Sturgis of Uxbridge, MA. Christopher, a graduate of Hopedale HS will be attending the Massachusetts Maritime Academy majoring in Marine transportation.



Stephen Katkowski

of Charlestown is the son of Ronald Katkowski and Susan Lema. Stephen, a graduate of Chariho Regional High School will be attending URI majoring in Aquatic Pathology with a minor in Aquaculture.



Eric Pepin

is the son of Gary and Maureen Pepin of Pawtucket, RI. Eric, a graduate of LaSalle Academy will be attending the University of New England or URI majoring in Marine Biology.



Also, unable to attend the June meeting, was *Katherine Holmes*. She will receive her award in July.

Winners of the 3 Fisheries and Marine Sciences Awards which are paid for by the RISAA Foundation:

Megan Nepshinski is the daughter of John and Janis Nepshinski of West Kingstown, RI. Megan, a graduate of South Kingstown High School will be attending URI and majoring in Marine Biology and Marine Science.



Megan Ferguson is the daughter of James and Joyce Ferguson of Warwick, RI. Megan, a graduate of Toll Gate HS will be attending URI or Roger Williams University majoring in Marine Biology.



Mathew Berry is the son of Walter and Maryanne Berry of North Kingstown, RI. Mathew. A graduate of North Kingstown HS will be attending URI or Roger Williams University majoring in Marine Biology.



Congratulations to all of the 2008 Member and Foundation Scholarship winners! We wish you every success in your chosen field of study and a very bright future.