



Elizabeth Public Schools Press Release

Hamilton Prep Student Receives Edwin M. Barton Scholarship

Elizabeth, N.J., May 20, 2020 – Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy senior Janielle Lazala was recently awarded the Edwin M. Barton Scholarship by the Wayne County Community Foundation.

The Edwin M. Barton Scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate of Elizabeth Public Schools who is enrolled in a four-year New Jersey state college or university and is majoring in education. The recipient receives up to \$15,000 per year for four years and must keep a minimum 3.0 GPA to maintain the scholarship.

The Wayne County Community Foundation, founded in 1991, has deep roots in the Northeastern Pennsylvania community. The Foundation acts as a ‘one stop shop’ for philanthropic giving to support grants to local nonprofit organizations, scholarships and field of interest funds. Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations have created a variety of permanent funds that help the county meet the challenges of changing times. The Wayne County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and uses the returns to award grants, scholarships, and promote programs to a wide variety of humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations.

Edwin M. Barton, born in Pennsylvania, was a teacher at Battin High School in Elizabeth during at least the 1930s and 1940s. He received his bachelor's degree from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, and an additional master's degree from Columbia University. Barton served in all areas of teaching, from teacher to assistant professor, and was a member of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society. He also was a historical writer, whose writings were published regularly in national and local publications.

The Edwin M. Barton Trust was formed to provide funding to the American Red Cross, the Edwin M. Barton Scholarship, and the Bloomsburg Area School District in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania among other things.

“As an educator of Elizabeth Public Schools, it is a special feeling when our own students achieve academic excellence and choose to pursue a career in education to pass the skills and knowledge they have learned in our schools to the students of tomorrow,” said Elizabeth Public Schools Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer. “I look forward to hearing more about Janielle’s successes in the future as she pursues her dream of becoming an educator.”

“Elizabeth Public Schools is home to many educators who once learned in the very schools in which they are teaching today’s students,” said Elizabeth Board of Education President Diane Barbosa. “Maybe one day Janielle will follow in those footsteps and teach Elizabeth’s next generation of students. The Elizabeth Board of Education congratulates Janielle for earning this amazing scholarship and wish her well in all her future educational and career endeavors.”

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