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New London, Connecticut | September 2, 2023 – For the 55th consecutive year, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund (MLKSTF) is proud to announce the 2023 scholarship winners:

Felix Beltre, Ledyard High School | Stecie Celestin, Norwich Free Academy | Alexa Collins, Waterford High School | Sian Crespo, New London Multi-Magnet High School | Gianni Drab, Fitch High School | Shya Fine, Stonington High School | Stephanie Flores Aguilar, New London Multi-Magnet High School | Mackenzie Hope, Ledyard High School | Ernsly Joseph, New London High School | Calvin McCoy III, Fitch High School | Katheryn Regan, Fitch High School | Gabriela Santiago Cruz, New London Multi-Magnet High School

The 2023 scholars will be recognized at the annual award ceremony on October 19th to be held at the Mystic Marriott in Groton, CT. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Like the 225 scholars who came before them, this extraordinary collection of 12 young student leaders from across New London County were chosen through a rigorous selection process designed to measure their dedication to learning, their understanding of Dr. King's mission, the content of their character, and their financial need. This year's winners were selected after a review of their application, academic records, community service, class standing, and a written essay. Scholarship winners will each receive \$25,000 dollars distributed in \$6,250 installments over a four-year period while they remain in college.

The MLKSTF was launched in New London County in the days and weeks after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Since 1968, the MLKSTF has been celebrating the power of education to expand lives and change the world. MLKSTF scholars are academic achievers, community leaders, and talented creators. After completing their post-secondary education, many pursue advanced degrees, careers, and volunteer roles that make a difference regionally, nationally, and globally. Past scholars include actors, performers, linguists, writers, doctors, lawyers, educators, business leaders, entrepreneurs, business consultants, community activists and more.

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