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2025 High School Scholarship Recipients Announced

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The Charles River Regional Chamber announced its 2025 scholarship recipient from Newton: Jamaree Pope of Newton South High School.

Jamaree Pope, a Newton South High School grad, is a star athlete who his school counselor describes as “an enjoyable, easygoing, thoughtful kid. We all enjoy having him around; he is respected by everyone at school and relates to everybody.” Pope balanced academics with football, basketball, and involvement in the Legacy Scholars, Black Student Union, and social justice groups. After overcoming his own academic struggles, he now mentors younger Native students in his community. Pope will attend Merrimack College, majoring in biology with hopes of becoming a research scientist.

While academic performance and extracurricular activities are important, the chamber’s Scholarship Committee weighed its decision-making heavily on compelling stories that showed the scholarship would make a meaningful impact in each recipient’s life.

Perrin McCormick (Perkins School for the Blind) chaired this year’s scholarship committee. Members included Arif Bhimani (Middlesex Savings Bank), Michelle Biscotti (MassBay Community College), Adrienne Franciosi (Lasell University), Mark Loveless (The Village Bank), Lucas Machado (Curbs Enterprise, Inc.), Josephine McNeil (CAN-DO), and Kevin Ruddy (PTC).

2025 Scholarship Recipients: Ciara Bannon (Needham High School), Jamaree Pope (Newton South High School), Jessica Camara (Watertown High School), and Ivan Chan (Wellesley High School).

The chamber congratulates Bannon, Pope, Camara, and Chan on their achievements and wishes them success in their next endeavors.

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