



## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

*A year in review. . .*

The scholarship committees main focus is to maintain criteria and determine eligibility for both the Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship and the NHA AO Education Scholarship. We also make recommendations on new scholarships as requested by Board Members. Education scholarships are available to qualifying members of the assessing community for classes and courses as well as NRAAO and IAAO conferences.

We also raise money to fund scholarships through the Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving high school and college students. Children of regular, associate, municipal and honorary members are eligible to apply. Please see our website for more information on all scholarships.

This year the Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship awarded four \$700 scholarships to the following deserving college students:

- **Shawn Alyssa Bixby** – Plymouth State University – Forensic Science
- **William Asa Irvine** - William & Mary- Child Psychology
- **Shayne Michaud** - Manchester Community College – Electrical Technology
- **Cooper Reese** - Bentley University - Finance/Economics

The 2024 Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship (STMS) application is now available on our website. Deadline to file is April 15, 2024.



Winning team members from L to R: Norm Bernaiche, Heath Edwards, Jerry Roberts, missing is Doug Lantz



Our annual golf tournament was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Campbell's Scottish Highlands golf course in Salem. The weather was awful but the players were great! We had 28 players participating. Winning team members were Norm Bernaiche, Jerry Roberts, Heath Edwards and Doug Lantz.



Congratulations to Norm Bernaiche on his eagle!

Our putting contest was rained out but we still managed to raise \$437 for the Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship.

Thank you Norm Pelletier for all your hard work in putting this event together. Rain or shine, it is always a fun event.



## 2023 Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship Recipients

To honor our friend and colleague Steve Tellier; the Association, in 2007, established the Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship. Steve's passion and enthusiasm to advance the assessing field, as well as his involvement with community youth programs will always be remembered. His promoting opportunities for young adults stood as a beacon inspiring those around him.

Steve was an outstanding professional, dear friend and admired by the members of the NHAAO. In recognition of his devotion to working with local youth, the NHAAO established a scholarship to be presented to exceptional high school seniors, who plan to pursue a college education, and college students, attending a 2 or 4 year college or technical school.

During 2023, scholarships were awarded to four talented applicants: Cooper Reese, Deerfield, NH; Shawn Alyssa Bixby, North Swanzey, NH; Shayne Michaud, Hookset, NH; and William (Asa) Irvine, Mont Vernon, NH. The summaries below include information from essays, resumes, and letters included with their application.

**Cooper Reese** is currently a sophomore at Bentley University and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Finance with a minor in economics. A major step he made towards achieving his goals was applying for and being selected as an analyst for the healthcare sector of the Bentley investment group, which is a student organization responsible for managing a portion of Bentley University's endowment. As an analyst, he researches healthcare stocks for undervalued companies, of which, one of the stocks he and his team recently evaluated and presented to the investment group was accepted. Another step Cooper took toward his goals was working this past summer for the finance and accounting department of a global information management company. He is currently applying for internships in the areas of financial planning and analysis, research analysis, financial analysis as well as wealth management for this coming summer. He is considered to be an exemplary, motivated and dedicated student.

**Shawn Alyssa Bixby**, recently graduated from Monadnock Regional High School and is entering into the Forensic Science Program at Plymouth State University. She has always had a special interest in true crime and solving crimes; and after completing a forensic science class in high school, realized forensic science is the career she wanted to pursue. In high school, Shawn was a model school citizen, respected by faculty and her peers, having a solid academic base maintaining high honors. She is considered by her school as having an excellent mind for detail and investigation and is a kind person who will stick up for people when she sees there is an injustice. She has also been active in the school community, played on the school softball team and worked at the local parks and recreation center as a recreation assistant and camp counselor.

**Shayne Michaud** is currently attending Manchester Community College, with a major in Electrical Technology. He presently has an Electrical Apprentice license. His goal is to attain a degree in Electrical Technology and continue to take advantage of opportunities to work in the electric field, leading to, at the very least, a Journeyman's Electrician license. During the summer of 2022 he worked full time for an Electric Company on a medical complex building. With that added experience, he believes his career choice is the right one for him. Shane is regarded by his school as having a natural ability toward understanding trade concepts and applying them in real-world environments. He performs professionally and has good electrical abilities that will serve the industry well. At his current job, he is considered a calm presence, dependable, confident, thoughtful, and hard-working with attention to detail.



The NHAAO has a new logo! Thank you Doug Irvine for your hard work in creating our logo and to Dan Langille for finding the right company for us to work with.



**William (Asa) Irvine** is currently attending the College of William and Mary and hopes to become a Child Psychologist. His goal as a child psychologist is to help kids maintain their distinct disposition so that they can focus on smiling, and we can grow and learn from them. During his time as a summer camp counselor, he was incredibly grateful to the campers for helping him grow, which is why he is committed to doing the same with other children in his future. At William and Mary, he is known for giving his best effort during activities to help others. He is considered mindful, empathetic and looks out for others, as well as, being optimistic and trying new things. He is regarded as bright, inquisitive, motivated, friendly and good humored.

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Scholarships are awarded each year to children whose parent or legal guardian is a regular, associate, municipal or honorary member of the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials. Applications are judged on the following four criteria: 1) academic achievement; 2) participation in school sponsored extracurricular activities and/or community service; 3) an essay on goals and ambitions; 4) letters of reference.

If you have a child heading off to college or currently enrolled, please consider having your child apply for the Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship. The application can be found and downloaded from our website, [www.nhaao.org](http://www.nhaao.org), under the Scholarship tab. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2024.

The Scholarship Committee would like to Congratulate all the 2023 scholarship award winners and wish you all continued success in your future academics and goals.



Committee member's L to R: Lee Ann Provencher, Andrea Lewy, Cathy Arsenault (retired), Sue Golden

## Steve Tellier Memorial Scholarship Cash Calendar

We would like to give a big Thank You to all our sponsors! Your generosity has helped make this year's October 2023 Cash Calendar a big success!

### Platinum level sponsors \$500:

*Brady Sullivan Properties; CAI Technologies,*

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*Avitar Associates of NE Inc.; Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC; Commercial Property Tax Management LLC; The Fine Homes Group at Keller Williams Realty Metropolitan; Loren Martin; Municipal Resources Inc.; St. Jean Auctioneers*

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Once again, our big fundraiser for 2023 was the Cash Calendar. We had eleven sponsors who donated generously to help support our cause. New this year, we had eight businesses who

also supported us by donating gift certificates. The calendar was full of cash and prizes and was a lot of fun. A big 'Thank You' to all our sponsors as well as to all who helped support the fundraiser by purchasing calendars! We couldn't have done it without everyone's support! The 2023 cash calendar had a profit of \$3,176.

Our annual banquet this year was held at the Riverside Room in Manchester. A 50/50 drawing was held to benefit the STMS which raised \$172.

Our total profit for 2023 was \$4,325.

In 2021, after the passing of our friends Bill Ingalls and Rick Brideau, the NHA AO established the Bill Ingalls/Rick Brideau NRAAO grant which is funded by the profits of the regional conference. The grant funds up to \$1,000 towards the annual conference.

The first winner of the grant was no other than Ellen Brideau! For 2023, Dan Langille was the lucky recipient of the grant. The grant is for the 2024 conference - which will be held in New Jersey on May 19 – 22.

## Education Scholarships:

The Scholarship Committee awarded a \$500 scholarship to Arelis Quinones of Keene this year. These scholarships are awarded to NHA AO members on a first come first serve basis. The amount of the scholarship is up-to \$500 and you are eligible every two years. Don't forget, they can also be used towards conferences. You can find out more information on our website under Scholarships.

New this year, we recommended and received approval for creating reimbursement guidelines for the NHA AO Assessing course at New Hampshire Technical Institute. Students who successfully complete the NHTI Assessing course and obtain 6 months' employment in the assessing field with either the State of NH, a municipality, or contract assessing company (working in the State of NH) as well as being a dues paying member, can apply for up-to a \$500 scholarship reimbursement. The association is always looking to bring more people into the business and we hope this will encourage more people to join us.

Please contact a committee member with any questions, suggestions or idea's you may have.

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