

SYRACUSE CHAPTER OF THE CPCU SOCIETY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS, August 2021

The Syracuse Chapter of the CPCU (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter) Society awarded \$3,000 in Scholarships.

High school seniors were invited to visit insuremypath.org and answer seven quick questions to reveal their ideal risk management and insurance career. Per the website, *“You may not know much about risk management and insurance or the specific job that would work best for you. But your answers to these seven quick (and unscientific) questions could start you on the path to your dream career—or at least inspire you to keep exploring.”* Students wrote an essay about their dream career in the risk management and insurance industry.



A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Ken Byrne who graduated from Skaneateles High School. He plans to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall to major in finance and data science. He will also be playing football at MIT at the Division III level. At Skaneateles High School, he was the Salutatorian, treasurer of the student council and the Lakers for Veterans Club, and the student improvement team representative. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf, skiing, sailing, and giving back to his community through a local charity event he organized with his sister known as the Mottville Boat Race for Charity.



A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Joseph Ontl who graduated from Charlotte Valley Central School as their Salutatorian. Joseph is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Yearbook Club, SADD, and Student Council where he has served in many roles including President. An outstanding athlete, Joseph was honored with the Joseph Beck Award for his participation in interscholastic league competitions, outstanding academic records and service to the community. Joseph plans to attend St. John Fisher College in the fall to study biology.

Students who are enrolled full time for the fall of 2021 in a Risk Management and Insurance Program in Central New York were invited to watch the 2019 CPCU Society Annual Meeting Highlights Oct 7, 2019, and The Institutes CPCU Society 2019 Conferment Class Spokesperson: Keyson Dingle, CPCU, AINS, AU-M Nov 6, 2019 on YouTube. They were asked to write an essay about the CPCU Society Annual Meeting and what it takes to earn the CPCU Designation.



A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Paedyn Whitmore who is about to start her senior year at SUNY Oswego this fall. She is majoring in Risk Management and Insurance and plans to graduate in the spring of 2022. She transferred to SUNY Oswego from Tompkins Cortland Community College in the fall of 2020. She has two Associates Degrees from Tompkins Cortland Community College and is working on her bachelor's degree at SUNY Oswego. She loves hanging out with family and friends, playing soccer and softball, and traveling. She has been to Peru and Ireland so far and hopes to travel again soon. She has worked at an insurance company for a year and a half as an intern and loves it. It has allowed her to gain a better understanding of her major and how to apply what she learns to real world situations in the workplace.

The American Institute for CPCU is an independent, nonprofit educational organization that confers the CPCU designation on persons who complete eight rigorous courses to pass national examinations and meet its ethics and experience requirements. All CPCUs are required to maintain and to improve their professional knowledge, skills, and competence through their commitment to the American Institute's Code of Professional Ethics. The CPCU Society is a community of credentialed property and casualty insurance professionals who promote excellence through ethical behavior and continuing education.

The Syracuse Chapter was founded in 1959 and has approximately 76 members from Syracuse and the surrounding areas of Central New York.

For more information about the Syracuse Chapter of the CPCU Society, please visit:

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