

## 2017 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients

As most of you know, our club provides annual scholarships for outstanding Automotive Technology students who attend the Capital Area Career Center. Both are memorial scholarships, and honor: John Bechtel (a former club member/President, who started the scholarship program) and Colin Nethaway (a former Career Center student).

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, Simon Reiffer & Sandy Bechtel, along with Kurt & Julie Nethaway (Colin's parents), attended the 2017 scholarship ceremonies. Before the presentations began, Jack Brown, Associate Principal of the Career Center, played a song on his banjo that he wrote in honor of John, Colin, and four others that have passed away. Jack is retiring at the end of this academic year. His kindness will not be forgotten.

This year's recipients are:

### **John Bechtel Memorial Scholarships:**

Jarrett Gawel from Fowlerville High School. Jarrett plans to attend Henry Ford Community College in the Fall. He was accompanied by his parents, Wally & Teresa Gawel.

Christopher Ciffin from Okemos High School. Christopher plans to attend Lansing Community College in the Fall. He was accompanied by his parents, Jeff & Barb Ciffin, and brother, Ryan Ciffin.



***Jarrett Gawel***

***Christopher Ciffin***

### **Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarships (also underwritten by ProAssurance Casualty Company):**

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Christopher Ciffin from Okemos High School. Christopher plans to attend Lansing Community College in the Fall. He was accompanied by his parents, Jeff & Barb Ciffin, and brother, Ryan Ciffin.

Michaela Chambers from Webberville High School. Michaela plans to attend \_\_\_\_\_ in the Fall. Michaela was not present.

Congratulations to these recipients and their families! Good luck in your classes this Fall.

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## Arianna Argersinger

### John Bechtel Memorial and Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarships

For many years now, our club has funded two \$500.00 scholarships for automotive technology students at the Capital Area Career Center. On March 23, 2016, Simon Reiffer and Sandy Bechtel attended the center's annual scholarship dinner. This year, both the John Bechtel Memorial and the Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Arianna Argersinger.



Arianna is from Dansville High School, and is a second-year automotive technology student at the center. According to her instructor, she has shown leadership abilities by being a team foreman, a student forum representative, and an officer on the Motorsports Team. In her scholarship application, she wrote: "Not only has this program helped me find myself, but it has given me the opportunity to show who I am and what I can do. Having to work through every situation that crossed my path has prepared me for my future in the automotive industry". Arianna plans to continue her automotive technology education at Ferris State University in the fall of 2016.



Congratulations, Arianna! We are happy and honored to be a part of your education experience.

*Pictured – Kurt and Julie Nethaway, Arianna Argersinger, Simon Reiffer and Sandy Bechtel  
Inset – Arianna with her mother.*

# 2015 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients

## Melissa Williams

### John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship

The John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship for 2015 went to Melissa Williams of Leslie High School.

Melissa has dreamed of being an auto mechanic since she was a little girl. She had hoped to overcome much adversity during high school and found great success in the Capital Area Career Center's Automotive Technology program. According to her instructor, "she always completes her work with pride and does a great job." She plans to attend Baker College to earn an associate's degree in Alternative Fuel and Automotive Technology.

Melissa's scholarship was for \$500 and was sponsored by Capital City Corvette Club.



## Michael Oesterling

### Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship

Capital City Corvette Club's Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship went to Michael Oesterling of Haslett High School.

According to his instructor, Michael "always sets the pace in class by completing his course work early and is always prepared for class." During his time at the Capital Area Career Center, he has maintained exceptional work habits and prides himself on his customer service skills. He plans to attend LCC to continue his Automotive Technology studies.

Michael's scholarship was for \$1,000 and was co-sponsored by Capital City Corvette Club and ProAssurance Casualty Company.

## 2015 Scholarship Recipients

Pictured clockwise from top center: Kurt and Julie Nethaway, Michael Osterling, Simon Reiffer, Melissa Williams, Sandy Bechtel.



# 2014 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients



**Tyler Adair**

## **John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship**

Tyler received the John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship for \$500. He was a student at Webberville High School.

Tyler attended the Capital Area Career Center and was in the Auto Technology program for his senior year. He plans to attend Baker College to earn his Associates Degree in Diesel Technology.

**Abdullah Amiri**

## **Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship**

Abdullah received the Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship for \$500. He is a 2014 graduate of Okemos High School.

Amiri has studied Automotive Technology at the Capital Area Career Center for two years. After graduation, Abdullah will attend Lansing Community College to further his studies.



*Colin Nethaway's parents and family members were at the 2014 scholarship award presentation in his memory.*

# 2013 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients

## Hector Rios Rosas

### John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship

Hector received the John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship for \$500. The following is a note from Hector:

I would like to thank you for the scholarship that you have given to me. It is an honor to receive this scholarship. I will use this for my education, it is of my best interest to keep studying and going to college. I plan to study auto technology in LLCC.

Again thank you for this scholarship. Sincerely,

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Hector Rios Rosas



## Kevin Hutton

### Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship

Kevin received the Collin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship for \$250. The following is a note from Kevin.

Dear CCCC members,

I wanted to write and let you all know how much I appreciate being chosen for the Colin Nethaway scholarship.

My plans at this point in time are to attend LCC to get some of the basics out of the way and then transfer to Michigan Tech. I plan to continue studying automotive but my goal is to be an engineer. This scholarship will give me a good start to completing this goal.

I thank you again for the scholarship; I truly appreciate this wonderful gift to start my college education.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Hutton



# 2012 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients

## Johnathon Pizzo John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship

John received the John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship for \$500. He is a 2012 graduate of Haslett High School.

John is working this summer after graduation, and is exploring various options he has for attending a technical school this coming fall.



## Adam Zink Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship

Adam received the Collin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. He is a 2012 graduate of Mason High School.

Adam plans to attend LCC to finish basics and start their Auto Tech program. They offer a four year business course plan with Ferris State, which he will coordinate with his automotive technologies.



## 2011 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients

### Jeremy Rathbun John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship

The following is a note from Jeremy.

Dear Capital City Corvette Club,

I am writing to thank you for the \$750 John Bechtel Memorial scholarship that was awarded to me. I really appreciate being chosen for this award. The money will be a great help with my college expenses.



Next fall I plan on attending WYOTECH in Pennsylvania for 12 months for Collision Repair and Refinishing to get my certificate. Eventually, I would like to own my own body/custom shop.

Again, thank you very much for supporting my further education.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Rathbun.

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### Dylan Leece Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship



# 2010 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients

## Julie Cotroneo

### John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship

Julie Cotroneo, a graduate of the Capital Area Career Center's Collision Repair program and Haslett High School, is this year's recipient of the John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship. Julie pursued an education in the automotive field and has excelled in her efforts. She intends to continue her education at Wyotech, in the field of collision repair and restoration.

As a child, Julie preferred Matchbox cars to dolls, and her love of cars has never diminished. She looks forward to a career in restoration, and in her words, "I would love the opportunity to learn a craft that would maintain my interest and passion for the 'art' of automobile collision repair and refinishing. I hope to have the opportunity to fulfill my dream of working in a field where I can make a good living and 'give back' by providing excellent craftsmanship to those who entrust me with the task of restoring their vehicles. My 'end result' objective would be no less than meticulous attention to the repair of the smallest imperfections, and my standard for repair and design would demand nothing less than perfection."

It is clear that Julie is truly committed to the quality and work ethic that is reflective of the standards of John Bechtel and the members of the Corvette Club as a whole.



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## Brennen Hitchcock

### Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship

Brennen Hitchcock, a 2010 graduate of the Capital Area Career Center Auto Technology program and Webberville High School, is this year's recipient of the Corvette Club's Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship. Brennen's academic achievement at CACC, receiving an average grade of 99% for his two years in the program, speaks to his love of cars. His attendance and work habits also reflect Brennen's desire to excel.

Brennen plans on attending Michigan State University, to study Mechanical Engineering, with the goal of designing

safer and more efficient cars. Brennen came to CACC because he believes that he will be a better engineer because of his background in Auto Technology. Brennen indicated that he will take his experiences as a mechanic and use them to make the most error proof and user-friendly designs that he can; and to eliminate the common miscommunications between engineer and mechanic.

As Brennen stated in his essay, "Not many people can find something they truly enjoy and love to do. I fortunately have been blessed with this passion for the automotive industry." This truly embodies the spirit of the Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship, reflecting not only Brennen's beliefs, but the beliefs and experiences of Colin as well.



## 2009 Capital City Corvette Club Scholarship Recipients



### Brandon Coppernoll & Brad Hoedeman Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarships

The two \$250 scholarships that CCCC provided to students from the Capital Area Career Center have been named in the memory of Colin J. Nethaway, a student from the center. The 2009 scholarships recipients were Brandon Coppernoll and Brad Hoedeman.

Brandon and Brad are pictured with John Bechtel, past President of Capital City Corvette Club. John passed away in January of 2010 and a new scholarship has been named in his honor.

### In Remembrance of Colin Nethaway



Colin Nethaway was killed in a automobile accident while on his way to the Capital Area Career Center in January of 2008. The annual automotive scholarship that Capital City Corvette Club sponsors was renamed to the Colin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship in his memory.