



WILLIAM J. BOYLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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William J. Boyle Scholarship Fund Announces 2022 Recipients

Springfield, MA – The William J. Boyle Scholarship Fund today announced that two students from the Roger L. Putnam Technical Vocational Academy have been awarded scholarships totaling \$3,000 to continue their education at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC).

Springfield residents Richard Tai and Shaheim Smith were chosen by the Boyle Scholarship Fund as this year's winners. Each student will receive \$1,500. Tai is still determining his field of study, but Smith will focus on computer science.

The William J. Boyle Scholarship was established in 2019 in honor of the late Judge William J. Boyle. Judge Boyle was a proud Springfield native and graduate of Springfield Trade High School (now Putnam) Class of 1974 where he was the salutatorian and STCC, Class of 1976.

Raised by a widowed mother, Judge Boyle and his two brothers sought education to ensure a pathway to opportunity. Judge Boyle studied printing technical education while at Putnam then enrolled at STCC. After graduating from STCC, Judge Boyle earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and a Juris Doctorate from Western New England University.

In his career of more than 35 years, Judge Boyle worked as a prosecutor for the Hampden County District Attorney's office, established a private practice, served on the Springfield City Council (including two terms as President), and presided over Springfield District Court as its First Justice.

He said in 2017, "Even though we didn't have money, I always wanted to go to college. And it was a big challenge because there was not scholarships and financial aid like there are today."

"This scholarship allows us to honor my late husband's legacy and ensures students who may be fighting the same financial barriers he faced have the means to succeed in higher education," said Rose Boyle. "This year's candidates were terrific, and I look forward to following their success."

In addition to the two new scholarship recipients, the 2021 Boyle Scholarship winner Salman Nadeem maintained a minimum of a 3.0 GPA during his first year at STCC and will be receiving an additional \$1,500 to continue his studies next year. Nadeem is currently studying nursing.

More information on the William J. Boyle Scholarship Fund can be found [HERE](#).

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