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William J. Boyle Scholarship Fund Awards 2023 Recipients
Provides Details for Run Billy Run 2023 Road Race

Springfield, MA - The William J. Boyle Scholarship Fund today announced that four Springfield students have been awarded scholarships to continue their education at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC).

Springfield residents Sarah Wood, Joshua Valle, and Juan Fortuna were chosen by the Boyle Scholarship Fund as this year's winners. Wood and Valle are graduates of Springfield Central High School, and Fortuna is a graduate of Springfield High School of Science and Technology.

In addition, last year's recipient Shaheim Smith has met the criteria to receive an additional scholarship for his second year at STCC for maintaining a greater than 3.0 GPA.

The recipients will be recognized at the 2023 Run Billy Run 5K run and 1-mile walk on September 23, 2023 at 11:00AM the Ashley Reservoir in Holyoke. The annual race is the signature fundraising event held by the Scholarship Fund. The event is presented by AMR and features Sheriff Nick Cocchi and District Attorney Anthony Gulluni as Honorary Race Starters.

Registration is [now open](#).

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.

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