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Gananda Dollars for Scholars Celebrating 25th Anniversary

Gananda Dollars for Scholars is celebrating 25 years of awarding scholarships to students with a strong work ethic who contribute to their community. Since 1991, Gananda Dollars for Scholars has awarded over \$500,000 to over 800 students. One recent recipient, Madeline Donegan, showed her appreciation for her scholarship awards by including an illustration in her thank you note. Members of Gananda Dollars for Scholars liked her idea so much, they asked her create another illustration based on her idea that will be used on social media and promotional materials.

Madeline's creation is an illustration of a cake, with the layers labeled with "volunteering, community service, work service, academics, and extra-curricular activities. The icing on the cake says "scholarships." Gananda Dollars for Scholars President Tracy Hoteling says, "We love the design, and Madeline's idea that scholarships are the icing on the cake. She represents the students at Gananda who work hard at all aspects of their lives and are awarded scholarships based on one of their many talents and community service."

The community is invited to Gananda Dollars for Scholars' Night at Long Acres Farm Tuesday, September 20. For \$10 a person, or \$40 a family, the community will be able to challenge the Amazing Maize Maze, and enjoy cider and donuts. Long Acres Farm sponsors a scholarship every year, in memory of Harlan Lawrence, the second generation of the Lawrence family that owned the farm.

Gananda Dollars or Scholars invites community members and businesses to sponsor a scholarship for 2017. In 2016, 24 Gananda students from the Class of 2016, and 14 from the Class of 2015 were awarded a total of over \$36,000 in scholarships. For more information, send an e-mail to gdfscholars@gananda.org.

Gananda Dollars for Scholars is a community-based, nonprofit organization that raises scholarship funds for qualified Gananda graduates. These scholarships help to further the education of students who have a strong work ethic and contribute to the community. GDFS is supported by local individuals, organizations and businesses, and is a part of Scholarship America. We offer students and parents a resource to locate local and national scholarship opportunities. Gananda Dollars for Scholars is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which means your donation is tax deductible. Visit our website at www.ganandany.dollarsforscholars.org.

Photo caption: 2016 graduate Madeline Donegan is a freshman at the University at Buffalo, where she is studying Chemical Engineering. She received the following scholarships: Assemblyman Bob Oaks Award, Foundations of the Future Award, and Phone-a-thon Award.