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## SILVER BAY YMCA GRANTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Silver Bay YMCA is pleased to announce the winners of Silver Bay YMCA's scholarship awards. Seasonal employees, affectionately called EMPs in the Silver Bay YMCA community, were presented with the following awards on August 19<sup>th</sup>:

The EMP Fellowship Award, a scholarship supported by the EMP Alumni Fellowship, was awarded to:

Jacob Fritz of Lapeer, MI attending Michigan State University Anne Johnson of Milford, IL attending the University of Illinois Matt Overend of Falconer, NY attending SUNY Oswego

The Bernhard Timmermann Scholarship, given to the EMP who contributes to the photographic life of Silver Bay YMCA, was granted to:

Clemency Neville of Montclair, NJ attending the University of Missouri

The Peter Neal Memorial Scholarship, awarded to those who exemplify the spirit of Silver Bay YMCA, was given to:

Samantha Adzigian of Woodbridge, CT attending Quinnipiac University Kaylee Coon of Hague, NY attending SUNY Adirondack Makayla Holt of Ticonderoga, NY attending Hartwick College Katherine Flitsch of Moorpark, CA attending Cal Poly Omar Pulido of Venezuela attending the University of Tampa Courtney Stanczuk of Phoenixville, PA attending West Chester University

These scholarships, designed and supported by past and current members of the Silver Bay YMCA community, provide financial assistance to those who embody the values of Silver Bay YMCA's mission. "It is a wonderful tradition that former EMPs have established in the formation of these scholarships, which create opportunities for current EMPs to foster the values of Silver Bay YMCA in themselves and all of the communities they touch," said Steve Tamm, CEO of Silver Bay. "These scholarships reflect our community's faith and support in our next generation to build a better future for our communities, our respective nations, and our world."

Silver Bay YMCA employs over 200 seasonal staff across the United States and the globe. This summer's staff population consisted of individuals between the ages of 15 and 85 from 28 states, in addition to 9 countries being represented by 25 international employees. As the organization continues to expand into a year-round facility, marked by Silver Bay YMCA's upcoming William Boyd Center project, so will the employment opportunities that will benefit our local economy and local communities.

## **About Silver Bay YMCA:**

Silver Bay YMCA was founded in 1902 and is located in Silver Bay, NY, just minutes south of Hague, NY. Its 700 acre campus along one mile of Lake George shoreline offers a wide breadth of programs for all ages. Silver Bay YMCA presently employs 45 full-time staff members with a seasonal staff of 200. Silver Bay YMCA is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Silver Bay YMCA has also won many outstanding awards and has been featured in several national media, including:

Best on Lake George and Best Exceptional Amenities (2016) LakeGeorge.com Best Resort (2015 & 2017) Adirondack Life Magazine

Special Distinguished Business Award (2015) Adirondack Business Council Best Venue for Family Reunions (2014, 2015, 2016) Unique Venues Magazine New York Times (Travel Section – September 2014)

Better Homes and Gardens (May 2014)

As a mission based charity, Silver Bay YMCA offers outreach programs in addition to its core activities as a premier conference and family retreat center. Those activities include:

Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center - Ticonderoga (Free access for local teens)
Open Pathways (Access to Silver Bay YMCA for the underprivileged)
Youth and Government Program (covering Queensbury to Ticonderoga)
Cancer Respite Program (Free respite for local cancer patients)
Military R & R Program (Free getaway for recently deployed veterans and their families)

Brookside Trinity Ministry (Free respite and sabbatical getaways for clergy) Vacations Made Possible (Free getaways for local underprivileged families)

MISSION: The mission of Silver Bay YMCA is to foster a lifelong sense of belonging, strengthen relationships, and nurture spirit, mind, and body for all.

DESIRED IMPACT: Because of Silver Bay YMCA, personal and family bonds are stronger. People are more connected, respectful, and caring and have the confidence to develop to their fullest potential and impact the communities in which they live. They are inspired by the beauty of the landscape at Silver Bay and are better stewards of the environment.

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