

McCusker Awards Night 2007



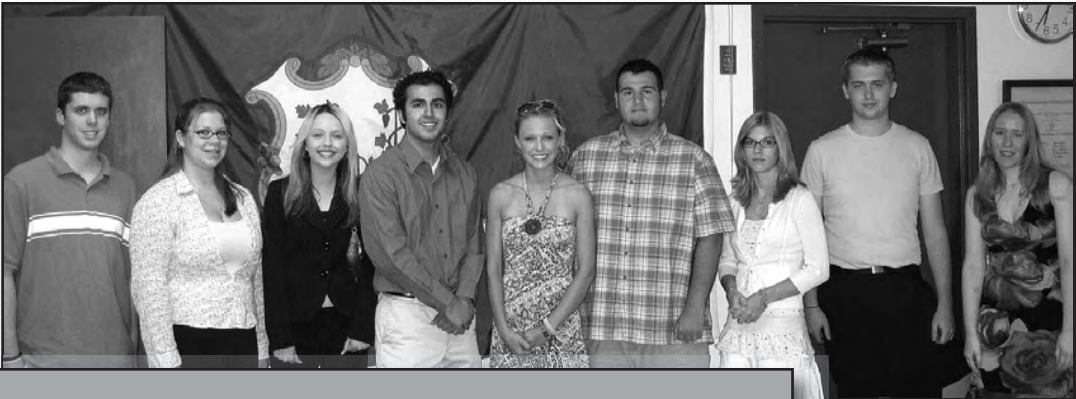
***Our Children, Our Grandchildren;
Our Future***



***CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Union Hall
Hartford, Connecticut
Monday, June 18, 2007***

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*2006 College Student Recipients at the
Local Hall on Awards Night*

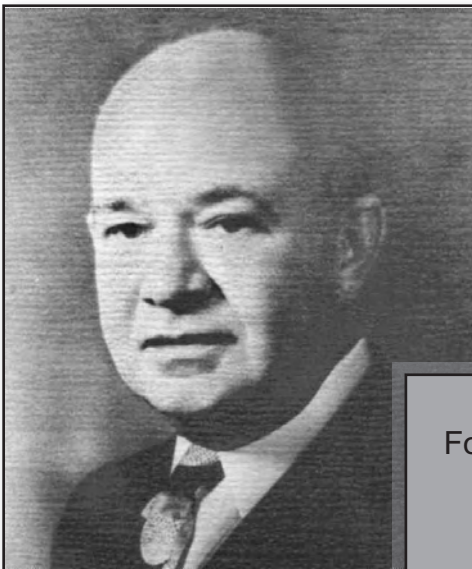
***Connecticut's Public Service Workers are
Stronger Together
on the Job and in Our Communities***

Our Bernard H. McCusker Memorial Scholarship

Each year, our members' children and grandchildren have an opportunity to further their education through our Bernard H. McCusker Memorial Scholarship Fund. The benefit was established in 1961 as a tribute, obligation, and memorial to our union's founder and first Executive Director, who died unexpectedly while serving the organization.

The fund had two specific purposes:

- ✦ **To provide for the formal education of "Mac's" daughter, Ann;
and**
- ✦ **To provide scholarships to the children of union members.**



42 scholarships were presented in 2005, tying the record set the previous year, and another 41 scholarships were awarded in 2006. Since 1964, we have invested nearly \$700,000 in building a better future for Connecticut working families!

Bernard H. McCusker
Founder and Executive Director,
1941 – 1945
Connecticut State
Employees Association



2006 1st Year College Scholarship Recipients at the Local Hall on Awards Night

Winners are chosen each year by a panel of elected judges who are completely fair and objective. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

- ✦ **Scholastic ability as determined by scholarship record and/or competitive examinations;**
- ✦ **Financial need; and**
- ✦ **Social adaptation.**



2005 Recipients Justin and Audrey Hagert with their Father Jon, a P-4 Council Member, at McCusker Awards Night at Our Local Hall Two Years Ago

Over the past 5 years, our members have built a single, larger and more powerful public sector union for Connecticut. At our 65th Anniversary Convention in 2006, we adopted our new "Unite to Build the Best" vision, bringing retired and active State Employees together with public service workers in municipalities, townships, school boards, and public-private partnerships across Connecticut.



Members of CSEA and SEIU Local 760 Vote to Unite for Greater Strength at Our 2006 Biennial Convention

Our new Constitution opened the opportunity for the children and grandchildren of our Council 760 members to apply for our McCusker Memorial Scholarship for the first time this year. We believe that working families working together can fulfill their dreams!

Log on to our website's "Benefits" page at www.csea-ct.com/benefits/ and select "McCusker Memorial Scholarship" from the index to access a page with more photos of last year's scholarship recipients, and read some of their "thank-you" notes, where many shared their personal plans for higher education!



Our website also has links to the five different programs through our affiliation with SEIU that offer annual scholarships for our members' families. The 2008 - 2009 application period for the SEIU Scholarship Program as well as the SEIU Jesse Jackson, Moe Foner, and John Geagan Scholarships will begin in December!

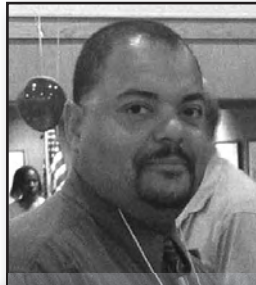
Our McCusker Scholarship Trustees

The delegates to our biennial Convention elect a 6-member Board of Trustees to promote and coordinate our McCusker Scholarship Fund.

2006-2008 Board of Trustees



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Our 2007 McCusker Hall of Fame

Congratulations to all for this year's enthusiastic support of our Bernard H. McCusker Memorial Scholarship. Individual member, as well as collective Chapter and Council, commitments total over \$45,000.00 for 2007, allowing us to increase the value of each recipient's scholarship this year from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00!

Our Trustees want to thank each and every one of you for your financial support, whether it was in honor of a member who has recently passed away, or just keeping up with an annual tradition!

Council and Chapter Gifts

- **Council 760: \$8,000.00**
- **Council 400: \$6,870.00**
- **P-4 Council: \$5,700.00**
- **CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Executive Council:
\$4,000.00**
- **P-3B Council: \$3,000.00**
- **P-3A Council: \$2,000.00**
- **CSC Council: \$1,500.00**
- **P-4 Council, Chapter 24: \$1,500.00**
- **AMECSS: \$750.000**
- **Police Inspectors Council: \$750.00**
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- Council 400, Chapter 405: \$500.00
- Council 400, Chapter 411: \$500.00
- Council 400, Chapter 415: \$500.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 87: \$500.00
- Council 400, Chapter 421: \$300.00
- Council 400, Chapter 410: \$250.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 119: \$250.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 9: \$250.00
- Council 400, Chapter 402: \$200.00
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- Council 400, Chapter 406: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 408: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 414: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 416: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 424: \$200.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 97: \$200.00
- Council 400, Chapter 401: \$175.00
- Council 760, Chapter 1112: \$100.00
- Council 400, Chapter 412: \$100.00
- Council 400, Chapter 417: \$100.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 33: \$100.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 55: \$100.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 56: \$100.00
- Council 400, Chapter 425: \$50.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 75: \$50.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 27: \$50.00
- P-4 Council, Chapter 224: \$25.00

Individual and Estate Gifts

- Estate of John Zuder, Member Council 400: \$2,030.000
- P-4 Council, Chapter 24 Member Joe Faryniarz: \$500.00
- CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Director of Collective Bargaining Robert Krzys: \$400.00
- Council 400, Chapter 414 President Karen Pineman: \$100.00 in honor of her “kids” in Mozambique
- Fran and Ken Messenger, Members Council 400: \$100.00 in memory of Sid Cohen
- Bob Rinker, Executive Director: \$100.00
- Executive President Mike O’Brien, Member P-4 Council: \$100.00
- Stacey Malitz, Organizing Director: \$100.00
- LAC Co-Chair Lynn Coda-Klein, Member P-4 Council: \$75.00 in memory of Joan Reviczky
- CSC Council President Cathy Osten: \$50.00
- Council 400, Chapter 401 President Katherine Goulet: \$50.00 in memory of Everett Kandarian and Marian Machini
- Doris Curtis, Member Council 400: \$25.00

Want to make your donation for our 2008 Scholarship Fund early? Visit “Our McCusker Memorial Scholarship” page at our website online at www.csea-ct.com/benefits/#MMSE for a link to a simple online form where you can pledge your individual or chapter’s financial support.

Or just mail your donation direct to our union hall at:

★ **760 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106**

Our 2007 McCusker Award Winners

Our Bernard H. McCusker Memorial Scholarships for 2007 are awarded to qualifying members' children and grandchildren who completed and submitted applications by Friday, June 1.

Official transcripts and two letters of reference from school faculty, as well as acceptance letters for first-year college students, were also required for students to be eligible.

Congratulations to the following 41 students, who are each being awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship grant for post-secondary education at an accredited school on a full-time basis:

Kelsey Aarrestad is the daughter of Peter and Lisa. She is entering the University of Vermont, majoring in Nursing. Her father is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 24, employed at the State Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Robert Antoniak is the son of Yolanda and Mark. He is entering Bentley College, majoring in business. His mother is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 9, employed at the State Dept. of Transportation (DOT).

Thomas Besade is the son of Donna and Thomas. He is entering Campbell University, majoring in English and Music. His mother is a P-3B Council member, working for the State's Dept. of Social Services Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS).

Ryan Bielenda is the son of Stephen and Ann Scholz. He is entering Clarkson College and is majoring in Engineering. Stephen is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 9, working for the DOT.

Carmen Blatt is the daughter of David and Renae. She is entering Pitzer College and is undecided on her major. Her father is employed by the DEP, and is a member of P-4 Council, Chapter 24.

Matthew Braddon is the son of Margaret and Michael. He is entering UMASS, majoring in History. His mother is a retiree, and member of Council 400, Chapter 411.

Maegen Brady is the daughter of Margaret and Mike. She is entering St. Joe's, majoring in Education. Her mother is a member of Council 760's Chapter 141, and works as a paraprofessional at the New Fairfield Public Schools' Consolidated School.

Shalyn Carey is the daughter of Steve and Meredith. She is entering Clark University majoring in Education. Her father is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 151, and works for the State Dept. of Public Safety (DPS).

Christina Capobianco is the daughter of Thomas and Laura Ann. She is a student at Marymount Manhattan College majoring in producing and management. Her father is a Planner for the DOT, and a P-4 Council Chapter 9 member.



Christina Capobianco, a First-Year Recipient in 2006, and Her Parents at Last Year's McCusker Awards Night

Shawn Cobleigh is the son of Neal and Laura. He is a student at the University of Rhode Island majoring in Political Science. His father is a Mental Retardation Adult Services Supervisor for the State Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) and a P-3B Council member.

Kevin Cobleigh is Shawn's brother. He is entering Johnson & Wales majoring in Business.

Matthew Cartoceti is the son of Mel and Frances. He is entering Cornell University, majoring in Biology. His father is a member of the Police Inspectors Council, and works for the State Division of Criminal Justice.

Kathryn Czaja is the daughter of John and Mary. She is entering UCONN, majoring in engineering. Her father is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 87, employed at the State Dept. of Public Health (DPH).

Erin Czczotka is the daughter of Jan and Eliza. She is entering UCONN, majoring in Biology. Her father is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 24, and works at the DEP.

Shahla Farzan is the daughter of Ali and Pamela. She is a student at Mount Holyoke College, with a major in International Relations. Her father is a DOT employee, and a P-4 Council member in Chapter 15.

Andrew Fritzer is the son of Stephen and Lori. He is entering Marist College, majoring in Communications. His father is a retiree, and member of Council 400, Chapter 402.

Nicholas Furlani is the son of Dan and Gail. He is entering Eastern CT State, majoring in Sports Leisure Management. His father is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 44, working for the DOT.

Sara Gruner is the daughter of Julia and Hank. She's a sophomore at Muhlenberg College, majoring in Elementary Education. Her mother is a P-4 Council, Chapter 24 member, and works at the DEP.

Brittany Gustafson is the daughter of Brian and Maureen. She is a sophomore at Merrimack College, majoring in Athletic Training. Her father is a member of P-4 Council, Chapter 97, and is employed at the DOT.

Amy Hubert is the daughter of Susan and Charles. She is entering Gordon College majoring in Elementary Education. Her mother is a P-3B Council member, and works at the DMR.

Eliza Jones is the daughter of Mark and Ann. She is a student at Providence College majoring in Marketing. Her father is an Engineer in the DOT and a P-4 Council, Chapter 88 member.

Caroline Malcolm is the granddaughter of Don and Ann Cashman, both retirees and members of Council 400, Chapter 405. She is entering Stonehill College majoring in International Relations.

Allison McAdam is the granddaughter of John McAdam. She is a senior at Providence College majoring in History. Her grandfather is a member of Council 400's Chapter 414.

Kara McCann is the daughter of James and Sharyn. She is entering Boston College majoring in nursing. Her father is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 9, and works at the DOT.



Margaret Mennone, a First-Year Recipient in 2006, and Her Parents at Last Year's McCusker Awards Night

Margaret Mennone is the daughter of Diana and Anthony. She is a student at Clark University with a major in International Development. Her mother is a P-3B Council member and works as a State School Teacher at the DMR's Southbury Training School.

Krishna Mistry is the son of Harishchandra and Naynu. He is entering Central CT State majoring in Engineering. His father is a P-4 Council, Chapter 97 member and works at the DOT.

Lorraine Mobarak is the daughter of Arlene. Lorraine's a senior at UCONN majoring in medical technology. Her father, Simon, who passed away in 1997, was a long-time leader of our union, and served on the Legislative Action Committee in the 1980s and '90s, in addition to a variety of other key roles. Her mother is a retiree member of Council 400's Chapter 417.

Kaitlyn O'Donnell is the daughter of Eileen and Michael. She is entering St. Michael's, majoring in Biology. Her mother is a member of P-4 Council, Chapter 24, and employed at the DEP.

Dana Oullette is the daughter of Tom and Lisa. She is entering Hampshire College. Her father is a P-4 Council, Chapter 24 member and works for the DEP.

Shannon Packer is the daughter of Warren and Finuala. She is a junior at Union College majoring in Biology. Her father is a P-4 Council member in Chapter 148, employed at the State Dept. of Information Technology (DOIT).

Dennis Poulter is the son of Randy and Patricia. He is entering Western CT State, majoring in Communications/Journalism. His father is a P-4 Council member of Chapter 55, working at the State Comptrollers Office.

Sierra Raimondi is the daughter of Natalina and Michael. She's a sophomore at Elon University majoring in Anthropology. Her mother is a P-4 Council, Chapter 96 member, employed at the State Dept. of Public Works (DPW).

Joseph Reutt is the son of Charles and Stacey. He is a sophomore at UMASS majoring in Exercise Science. His father is a P-3B Council member working for the State Dept. of Correction (DOC).

Andrew Reynolds is the son of Mark and Janice. He is entering Keene State majoring in Communications/Journalism. His father is employed at DOIT, and a P-4 Council, Chapter 148 member.

Rebeca Ruitto is the daughter of James and Elizabeth. She is a junior at UCONN, majoring in Civil Engineering. Her father is a DOT Civil Engineer, and member of P-4 Council's Chapter 54.

Milena Rydzewski is the daughter of Renata and Janusz. She is a sophomore at UCONN with a Pharmacy major. Her mother is a Technical Analyst at the State's Office of Health Care Access, and a member of P-4 Council's Chapter 148.



Milena Rydzewski, a College Recipient in 2006, and Her Mother at Last Year's McCusker Awards Night

Daniel Sitcovsky is the son of Susan and Merrill. He is a junior at Clark University majoring in psychology. His father is a P-4 Council, Chapter 9 member and works for the DOT.

Ricky Song is the grandson of retiree Claire Gallant, a Council 400, Chapter 405 member. He is entering UCONN.

Rachel Stevenson is the granddaughter of retiree Salvatore Pitruzzello of Council 400's Chapter 406. She is entering the University of Hartford majoring in pre-dental.

John Wood is the son of John and Teresa. He is a Sophomore at Central CT State. His father is a P-3B Council member and works as a Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at the BRS.

Kelby Zimmerman is the daughter of Kathleen and Fred. She is entering the University of Pennsylvania majoring in environmental studies. Her mother is a member of P-4 Council's Chapter 9 and works at the DOT.



Our 2004 – 2006 Trustees Joined by Our Secretary-Treasurer Patrice Peterson and President Mike O'Brien at Last Year's McCusker Awards Night



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