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**Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO) Awards Four  
Scholarships**

WASHINGTON, DC (September 14, 2023) – The Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO) is pleased to announce the award of four \$1,000 scholarships to students of member institutions. Recipients of this year’s awards are:

- Lillian Bertram, University of Hartford- – Pat Woods Memorial Scholarship
- Madeline Granger, University of Hartford – COHEAO Scholarship
- Rhiannon Lara, University of Hartford – COHEAO Scholarship
- Julia Poleyestewa, University of Hartford – COHEAO Scholarship

Scholarship winners were selected based on academic achievement, community service and future goals that include public service or benefit to the community.

“All of us at COHEAO are pleased to be able to provide scholarships to help these very worthy students achieve their educational goals. It is an honor to be a part of an organization that supports students while providing assistance to our member institutions,” said Lori Hartung, COHEAO President.

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She continued, “These young people all had impressive academic records, extensive community service commitments and admirable career goals that will provide a benefit to the public.”

Lillian Bertram, University of Hartford, Pat Woods Memorial Scholarship said, “ *I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be awarded the 2023 COHEAO scholarship. It is a blessing that organizations like COHEAO exist to offer students like me financial support throughout our academic journeys. A special thank you to the scholarship committee for investing in my vision to support my community and break barriers for at-risk youth. This scholarship stands for a chance to make a profound impact, and I couldn't be more appreciative!* “

COHEAO’s primary fundraiser for the scholarship fund is a silent auction at its annual conference. Donations can also be made by sending a check to COHEAO Scholarship Fund to 777 Sixth Street NW, Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20001-4498.

**About COHEAO:**

Since 1981, COHEAO has served as a partnership of colleges, universities and organizations dedicated to promoting student-friendly, efficiently operated campus-based loan and tuition payment programs. COHEAO leadership and staff regularly meet with higher education policymakers and provide member support through various task forces and programs, including an extensive financial literacy initiative. COHEAO offers professional development opportunities and subject matter experts to members to assist institutions and their students with successful outcomes.

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