La Salle Academy Students Receive 2015 Armand E. Sabitoni Scholarship Award

The Armand E. Sabitoni/New England Laborers’ Scholarship Award was inaugurated in 2013 after Mr. Sabitoni received the La Salle Academy Distinguished Alumnus Award from his high school alma mater. The scholarships are awarded to La Salle Academy students who are academically deserving sons and daughters of any parent who is a member of the labor movement in Rhode Island.

“I am honored to be an alum of such a distinguished and extraordinary academic institution such as La Salle Academy. I am also proud to have established this scholarship which assists the sons and daughters of Rhode Island’s labor movement in reaching their academic goals as they pursue their dreams of higher education,” said LIUNA General Secretary-Treasurer and New England Regional Manager Armand E. Sabitoni.

The 2015 Armand E. Sabitoni/New England Laborers’ Scholarship Award recipients are Nina DiNobile (daughter of Local 271 member); Ciana Martino (daughter of Local 1033 member); and Victoria Calia (daughter of IBEW Local 99 member).

Connecticut Laborers’ Benefit Funds Office Named in Honor of Dick Weiss

With representatives from the Connecticut Laborers along with many other guests and attendees on hand, a ceremony was held at the Connecticut Laborers’ Benefit Fund Office which was named in honor of Mr. Richard Weiss who passed away earlier this year.

The office building, located in West Haven, Connecticut, was dedicated and named in honor of the late Mr. Weiss in recognition of his significant contributions to the betterment of union Laborers throughout the state of Connecticut. The late Mr. Weiss became the Executive Director of the Connecticut Laborers’ Health and Pension Funds in 1983, providing outstanding leadership and services to members and their families for 31 years until his retirement in early 2015.

“It is an honor to be a part of this ceremony to dedicate this building to a great advocate for Laborers and their families. Dick Weiss never wavered in ensuring that our union brothers and sisters receive fair and equitable treatment, and his leadership and dedication will never be forgotten. With his family and friends here at this wonderful ceremony, I am proud to have called Dick Weiss my friend,” said Charles LeConche, Business Manager of the Connecticut Laborers’ District Council and LIUNA Local 230.