

Two KFA Scholarships Awarded At 2018 KFA Reunion

Two young ladies were each awarded KFA Scholarships to be used towards their 2018-2019 college costs.

Ms. Olivia Thompson from Dunstable, MA was awarded a \$3500 college scholarship and a four year membership in the Kimball Family Association. Olivia is the granddaughter of KFA Member, Beverly Kimball Lamburn. She entered the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA in September 2018 as a freshman where she will be majoring in Computer Engineering. Olivia's submitted essay follows:

What it Means to Me to be a Kimball by Olivia Thompson

When most people think of Kimball Farm in Westford they think of a famous ice cream stand known for its spectacular frozen treats, huge portions, and abundance of things to do. However Kimball Farm and the Kimball name are much more than that to me. Some of the best memories I have with my grandparents and family were made at Kimball Farm. I happily remember it all, whether it was enjoying ice cream with my Grandma, driving to the four unique locations, or my grandfather showing me how the ice cream was made. Now that my grandparents struggle with mobility I cherish these memories and the fun we had. To me, being a Kimball represents the strong love in my family and the perseverance of my Great Grandfather and Great Uncles to turn something small into something amazing.

Ms. Kaia Herrin from Portland, Oregon also received a \$3,500 college scholarship and a four year membership in the Kimball Family Association. Kaia is the daughter of KFA Member, Gwendolyn Rector of Portland, Oregon. Kaia is in her second year at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. Kaia's submitted essay follows:

What it Means to Me to be a Kimball by Kaia Herrin

To me, being a Kimball means being able to connect with history through my own family, which is pretty amazing. For example, Richard Kimball, my 11th great grandfather, lived in Suffolk, England during the unification of the United Kingdom. In addition, he traveled by ship all the way to Boston, Massachusetts on the Elizabeth in 1634, just 14 years after the Mayflower. Richard, his wife Ursula, and seven of their children were on board for the almost three-month-long journey to North America. It's crazy to me how difficult and harsh the conditions in which Richard and family lived; I can't even imagine surviving the boat ride. To be able to trace back my family and my ancestors all the way back to the early 1600s and beyond is truly fascinating. It is my hope that our family can continue to record our histories with care and detail, so that hopefully one day my 11th, 27th, or even 35th great granddaughter can look back at my own life, at this time in history, and be able to have a great sense of pride.

Both scholarship recipients have outstanding lists of accomplishments in and out of school, in the community and internationally. They have demonstrated many skills and leadership qualities.

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In late Spring of 2018, a KFA Member offered to match all donations to the Scholarship Fund from that time to the end of December 2018 up to a maximum of \$5,000, which ever came first. The program was announced through the KFA Newsletter and the Fund improved dramatically. The results of this Matching Program allowed the 2018 KFA Scholarships to be raised from a typical award in the range of \$500 to \$2,000 in the past to the 2018 Reunion Awards of \$3500. There is still some room available to hit the maximum amount of matching donations before the end of December 2018.