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**First County Bank Foundation Awards
Three High School Seniors
Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award Scholarships**

STAMFORD, Conn., JULY 18, 2016 — First County Bank recently announced this year's recipients of the [Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award](#) scholarships. This annual award honors high school students living in lower Fairfield County who consistently demonstrate good citizenship at school, at home and in the community.

The program awards scholarships to three deserving students and is designed to recognize and encourage young people who are honest, hard-working, helpful and fair. Each year, the foundation accepts student applications from the beginning of the year until the end of April; the recipients are notified in May. The award is named after Richard E. Taber who retired as chairman and CEO of First County Bank in March 2011. It is in recognition of Taber's 40-plus-year career at the bank and innumerable contributions to the community.

Each of the following students were chosen to receive a \$5,000 Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award scholarship: **Vanessa Giraldo** from Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk will attend Connecticut College where she will double major in Environmental Studies and Studio Art; **Douglas Raigosa** from Staples High School in Westport will attend Harvey Mudd College where he will major in Engineering; **Allison Tovar** from Academy of Information, Technology and Engineering (AITE) in Stamford will attend American University where she will major in Film and Media Studies with a Political Science minor.



Bottom from left: **Vanessa Giraldo** of Brien McMaon High School in Norwalk, **Douglas Raigosa** of Staples High School in Westport and **Allison Tovar** of Academy of Information Technology and Engineering in Stamford are recipients of the Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award scholarship which is administered by First County Bank Foundation. Top from left: **Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr.**, president of First County Foundation and chairman & CEO of First County Bank; **Richard E. Taber**, retired president of First County Bank Foundation and retired chairman & CEO of First County Bank; **Karen M. Kelly**, vice president of First County Bank Foundation and senior vice president & CMO of First County Bank.

“The Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award provides scholarships to exceptional graduating high school seniors who exemplify good citizenship and service to our local communities,” said Rey Giallongo, chairman and CEO of First County Bank, and president of



the foundation. “We are excited to present scholarships to these amazing students, knowing that we are supporting future leaders with a heart towards service.”

Richard Taber, a member of the board of directors at First County Bank, said, “I am very proud to have my name associated with three such community-minded and talented young adults. With the level of success they have already achieved, I’m certain they will have a successful future.”

Established in 2001 in honor of the bank’s 150th anniversary, the First County Bank Foundation was created to distribute funds annually to nonprofit organizations that support community and economic development for children and families. As a mutual bank with no shareholders, First County Bank considers contributions made by the foundation a means of paying dividends back to the local communities it serves.

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 165 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, wealth management, business banking services, mobile and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees, assets in excess of \$1.4 billion and is a 2016 Women’s Choice Award winner. For additional information, please visit www.firstcountybank.com . Become a fan by clicking “Like” on the bank’s Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow us on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank>, view our boards on Pinterest at <http://www.pinterest.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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