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

**STAMFORD, Conn., July 12, 2017** — 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: **Katherine Tracey** of Greenwich attends Greenwich High School and will attend University of Notre Dame majoring in Neuroscience and Behavioral studies; **Luis Quesada** of Norwalk attends Academy of Information Technology and Engineering and will attend Norwalk Community College studying general engineering courses; **Hayley Smith** of Stamford attends Westhill High School and will attend Eckerd College majoring in psychology.



Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award scholarship recipients for 2017 are **Hayley Smith** of Westhill High School, **Luis Quesada** of AITE and **Katherine Tracey** of Greenwich High School with **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 and **Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr.**, president of First County Foundation and chairman & CEO of First County Bank.

“We are amazed at the caliber of graduating high school seniors applying for the Richard E. Taber Citizenship Award. These students 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 hearts for 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.”



### **About First County Bank Foundation**

Established in 2001 in honor of the bank's 150th anniversary, [First County Bank Foundation](https://www.firstcountybank.com/first-county-bank-foundation-inc) 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. For more information about the First County Bank Foundation, visit <https://www.firstcountybank.com/first-county-bank-foundation-inc>.

### **About First County Bank**

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 \$1.5 billion and is a 2016 Women's Choice Award winner. For additional information, please visit <https://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 and follow us on Instagram at <http://www.instagram.com/firstcountybank>, watch us on YouTube at <http://www.firstcountybank.com/camera> or connect with First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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