

2020 Scholarship Recipients

David Shiman Scholarship

Jacqueline Kasinskas is a graduating senior in the College of Education and Social Services at the University of Vermont. She is majoring in Social Work with a minor in Nutrition and Food Sciences. She has served as a Resident Advisor for the past three years and was the former President of the Campus Kitchens Project at UVM. Additionally, Jacqueline has been a member of the Food Insecurity Working Group and an Interfaith Student Coalition discussion facilitator. This year, Jacqueline was an intern at Connecting Cultures and New England Survivors of Torture and Trauma, where she provided case management services for individuals who are immigrants and refugees.

Jeffrey Brace Scholarship

Hannah Rose Arafeh studies English and behavioral change at the University of Vermont. She is of Syrian descent, and grew up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She is the President and founder of the Arab Student Union, a sitting member of the Muslim Student Association, a Resident Advisor, and an undergraduate Diversity Research Fellow. Arafeh is particularly interested in migrant justice, worker's rights, and Middle Eastern politics. Her focus is post-colonial theory, and she can be found reading Arabic poetry in Henderson's Café.

Catherine Dune is a junior in the College of Education and Social Services at the University of Vermont. She is studying Social Work and the Spanish language. Catherine was raised in Barre, Vermont. She is extremely passionate about immigrant and refugee justice. As a sophomore, she was elected as the Outreach Coordinator of the Human Trafficking Activism and Awareness Club (HTAAC), and as a junior, led the club as Vice President. Through HTAAC, Catherine has helped the club connect with community members like the Peace and Justice Center and has helped raise hundreds of dollars for survivors of trafficking, while spreading awareness about this understudied issue.