

SPEARHEADING COLLABORATION: UMASS AMHERST HONORS-TO-HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS



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opportunity has been about so much more than maintaining a high GPA or getting into selective honors courses. It has offered a valuable social network and sense of accomplishment that I didn't have access to in any other area of my life."

CFWM committed up to \$400,000 over four years to provide scholarships to low income and first generation students in this program. For many, the \$6,000 scholarships will cover the total cost for those two years.

CFWM is a central resource and lead provider of competitive scholarships in the Pioneer Valley. Each year we award grants and low interest loans to 800 local high school students, many of whom are from low income families and are the first in their families to pursue higher education.

For a variety of reasons, these students currently have low college graduation rates. CFWM is committed to helping improve these rates for our local students.

To that end, CFWM partnered with the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Amherst in 2016 to create the Honors-to-Honors program. The program supports students from our three community colleges (Holyoke, Springfield Technical and Greenfield Community Colleges) who have been accepted to UMass Amherst's Commonwealth Honors College to earn their bachelor's degree.

"The Honors-to-Honors program has helped me 'flip the script' on what I thought was possible in life," said scholarship recipient Joshua Freund. "The



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