



UniFirst Names 2019 Aldo Croatti and Ronald D. Croatti Scholarship Recipients

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WILMINGTON, Mass., June 17, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- UniFirst Corporation (NYSE: UNF), a North American leader in providing customized work uniform programs, corporate attire, and facility service products, recently announced the 2019 recipients of the company's Aldo Croatti and Ronald D. Croatti scholarships.



"UniFirst has always valued higher education and remains committed to helping our employee Team Partners and their families achieve their educational goals," says UniFirst President and CEO, Steven Sintros. "These scholarships honor the legacies of two former UniFirst leaders who were big supporters of continuing education and professional development for our staff. I'd like to personally congratulate UniFirst's 2019 scholarship recipients—we wish them all well in their educational journeys."

Named for Aldo Croatti, who founded UniFirst in Boston, MA, in 1936, The Aldo Croatti Scholarship was established in 2004 to encourage and assist children of UniFirst Team Partners in their academic pursuits. Since its inception, UniFirst has granted 191 of these scholarships totaling nearly \$400,000.

Each year, 12 Aldo Croatti scholarships are awarded to students enrolled or enrolling in full-time undergraduate studies at an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational/technical school. Applications are open to children of full-time UniFirst or subsidiary Team Partners who have a minimum of one year of employment with the company.

The 2019 Aldo Croatti Scholarship recipients are as follows:

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| 1. Nia Bard | Owensboro, KY | University of Louisville |
| 2. Rachel Cain | Dyer, IN | University of Indianapolis |
| 3. Kaycee Cross | Amarillo, TX | University of Texas—Austin |
| 4. Hannah Dorris | Sylvania, OH | University of Toledo |
| 5. Samantha Griego | Albuquerque, NM | University of New Mexico |
| 6. Victoria Kish | Salem, NH | American University |
| 7. Brina Linder | Holcomb, KS | Colby Community College |
| 8. Jacob Marcus | Manchester, NH | College of the Holy Cross |
| 9. Myah-Ray Vickers | Randolph, NJ | County College of Morris |
| 10. Alexandra Wilson | Waterford, PA | Gannon University |
| 11. Cortlyn Wolfe | Topeka, KS | Baker University |
| 12. Gabija Ziemyte | Owensboro, KY | University of Kentucky |

Established in 2015, The Ronald D. Croatti Scholarship was named after Aldo's son Ronald Croatti who took over executive leadership of the company from his father in 1991. He served as UniFirst's Chairman, President, and CEO until his passing in 2017. This scholarship offers financial assistance to full-time UniFirst Team Partners who enroll in full- or part-time undergraduate or graduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational/technical school for an entire academic year. To date, UniFirst has awarded 44 scholarships totaling about \$170,000 since it first began.

Congratulations to the following UniFirst employee Team Partner recipients of the Ronald D. Croatti Scholarship.

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| 1. Wilfrido Abreu | Watervliet, NY | Excelsior College |
| 2. Bob Bastien | Columbus, OH | Columbus State Community College |
| 3. Diann Cross | Birmingham, AL | Jefferson State Community College |
| 4. Todd Culberson | Ooltewah, TN | Bryan College – Dayton |
| 5. Jennifer Drane | Somers, CT | Asnuntuck Community College |
| 6. Kelly Fairchild | Summerfield, FL | Grand Canyon University |
| 7. Rochelle Gaudette | Fall River, MA | Southern New Hampshire University |

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| 8. Sarah Gillis | Wilmington, MA | Southern New Hampshire University |
| 9. Lori Hoagland | Owensboro, KY | Brescia University |
| 10. Robert Keiser | Seabrook, NH | Southern New Hampshire University |
| 11. Christine Tello-Lorenz | Groveland, MA | William James College |

"I'm so excited and thankful to receive my scholarship from UniFirst," says Victoria Kish, one of the 2019 Aldo Croatti Scholarship recipients. "College has become increasingly expensive and this scholarship will go a long way to help offset some of those costs."

About UniFirst:

Headquartered in Wilmington, Mass., UniFirst Corporation (NYSE: UNF) is a North American leader in the supply and servicing of uniform and workwear programs, as well as the delivery of facility service programs. Together with its subsidiaries, the company also provides first aid and safety products, and manages specialized garment programs for the cleanroom and nuclear industries. UniFirst manufactures its own branded workwear, protective clothing, and floorcare products; and with more than 250 service locations, over 300,000 customer locations, and 14,000-plus employee Team Partners, the company outfits nearly 2 million workers each business day. For more information, contact UniFirst at 800.455.7654 or visit UniFirst.com.

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